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BRITISH WAR CABINET BEING CRITICIZED BY MILITARY EXPERTS

The Past Few Days Have Been Anxious Ones in the United Kingdom---Situation on the French Front is Un- doubtedly Serious.

LONDON, April 18.—The past five days have been the most anxious British people have known since the beginning of the war. The first phase of the German attack was directed against both the British and French fronts, and British troops have had to bear the whole force of the attack.

There is no lack of confidence that the British soldiers will do all any men can do and there is the greatest pride in their gallantry and their stubborn defence with backs to the wall against great odds, but as the Germans have continued day after day nibbling away sectors of the Flanders front, regaining towns small and unimportant in themselves but which were the scenes of bloody and successful battles waged and gained in the past two years by British, Canadians, Australians and South Africans with tremendous costs, the position has forced the problem on the public whether it is fair to expect them to continue fighting indefinitely against superior forces.

SOME BRITONS THINK THE BLAME FOR PRESENT REVERSES SHOULD REST IN HIGH QUARTERS

Another question is whether blame does not rest in high quarters that the soldiers are placed in the position of being outnumbered constantly. There is great anxiety for news of French reinforcements which Field Marshal Haig told his army were coming to his support.

General Maurice, director of military operations at the War Office, yesterday likened the battle to a Waterloo, where all depended upon the arrival of a Blucher. If a Blucher should fail to arrive, is a contingency hardly discussed, but last night's announcement that the French are co-operating with the British in the north gives hope as far as it goes.

REPINGTON THINKS THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN INCREASE IN MAN POWER MONTHS AGO

In the meantime the newspapers are discussing the situation with the greatest freedom. The War Cabinet is being criticized sharply by some military experts and editors.

Col. Repington, in the Morning Post, says the British forces are greatly inferior in numbers to the Germans, and says this inferiority is due to the refusal of the War Cabinet to act on the advice of the general staff and the French staff for an increase in man power months ago.

Several papers are calling for the return of Sir William Robertson, former chief of the Imperial General Staff. The retirement of General Robertson was followed during the past week by that of Major General Trenchard, chief of the air staff. He goes because of differences with Lord Rothmore, the civilian head of the air commission, as General Robertson was supposed to have gone after difficulties with the Premier. "Bring back Robertson," is the appeal with which the weekly paper, John Bull, having a great circulation among the masses, has placarded the country. It would be no surprise if that becomes a general demand tomorrow.

SOME RIOTING HAS OCCURRED AT BELFAST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, Apr. 18. — Rioting attended the breaking up of an anti-conscription meeting in Belfast yesterday, according to a despatch to the Daily News. Revolvers were used and baton charges were made by the police, who were pelted with heavy stones. Virtually every plate glass window in the street was smashed. Fifteen thousand persons participated in the meeting which was called by the labor party. The trouble was precipitated, the despatch says, by two hundred young shipyard workmen.

SHIPPING LOSSES.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Paris, April 18.—During the week ending April 13 German submarines did not succeed in sinking any French ships more than 1600 tons. One ship under that tonnage, however, fell a prey to the enemy.

HONORARY DEGREE FOR EARL READING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Toronto, April 18.—The Senate of the University of Toronto will confer at the convocation on May 17 the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Right Hon. the Earl of Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England and Ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, and upon Hon. Elihu Root of New York, formerly Secretary of State in the United States government and chairman of the International Commission.

REPLACED BY THE FLAG.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
St. Paul, Minnesota, Apr. 18. — German mottoes on the walls of the state capitol basement are to give way to the American flag. It was announced today that decorators are to repaint the basement cafe which was copied after a noted German restaurant.

MR. MILNER APPOINTED WAR SEC'Y

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, Apr. 18. — Viscount Milner has been appointed secretary of state for war in the British cabinet, according to Le Matin. The Earl of Derby, who has been war secretary, the paper says, will come to Paris as ambassador in place of Lord Bertie, who retires. Premier Clemenceau had a long conference last night with Lord Milner.

Alfred Milner, first Viscount Milner, has been a member of the British war cabinet without portfolio, since December 10, 1916. The Earl of Derby has been at the head of the war office since the Lloyd George cabinet took office in December, 1916.

Announcement was made some time ago that Lord Bertie was about to leave his post in Paris, where he has been ambassador since 1905.

WAS NOT DUE TO NEGLIGENCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, April 17.—The Admiralty branch of the Federal Court had a hearing here today on the motion of the Cunard Steamship Company to be relieved of all liability in damage suits for \$6,000,000 resulting from the sinking of the steamship Lusitania by a German submarine, or at least to have its liability limited. The company contends that the sinking of the vessel was not due to negligence. The hearing will be resumed tomorrow.

PATROL WITHDRAWN.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Winnipeg, Apr. 18. — The Northwest Mounted Police patrol charged with the task of patrolling the border between Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the United States has been withdrawn.

A NEW YORK NEWSPAPER PRAISES THE CANADIANS

Thinks the Great Republic Should Play a Large Part in Financing Its Northern Neighbor.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The Sun this morning in a lengthy editorial says: "While Canada is preparing for her new war credit we here in the United States can do nothing better for that heroic member of the Allies, and nothing better for ourselves than to play a large part in the financing of our neighbor. We need not do this to sustain one of the strongest arms raining blows upon the advancing Germans in France; but we need to do it to preserve a foreign trade which, in peace or war, is worth more to us, with the single exception of the United Kingdom, than that of any other domain on earth. Consider Canada's population, her cash assets, her distance from the fighting zone, and what she has done on the battlefield is one of the marvels of the war."

A Wonderful Showing.

With a population of only about 7,000,000 in number—lower by 3,000,000 than the population of the State of New York—she has maintained an army of three hundred thousand men, whose fighting power, man for man, has been unexcelled by any in the war. She has poured into the struggle upward of a billion and a half of funded treasure. And now she has begun the raising of another five hundred millions, or two billions within four years. Our work for Canada is cut out for us both as a war measure and as a foreign trade measure. Why not finance Canada, heroic fighter and splendid ally, with loans to be spent in this country? Why not finance her above any other country? We lend Great Britain credits to spend in this country. We lend France, Italy, Belgium, for the same purpose. We aided Roumania and Greece. For all these nations \$5,285,000,000, and not a penny yet for Canada.

Canada a Noble Ally.

"Why not, in truth, Canada, trusted as a good debtor, esteemed as a near neighbor, honored as a noble ally? Certainly we can do no less for Canada than we do for the others. Undoubtedly we ought to do more for her war making as an ally, for her industry as our neighbor and next of kin, and we must lend to Canada willingly, generously, as long as we can lend a cent to any other power."

Little Change Reported Today on British Front

AIRMEN FOUGHT THEIR WAY OUT OF RUSSIA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
A Canadian Pacific Port, April 18.—Five Russian aviators, officers of the Russian Flying Corps, arrived here today on a trans-Pacific liner to offer their services to the British Royal Flying Corps.

They have served on the Austrian and Roumanian fronts and all have been decorated for bravery. Colonel Duklan, who heads the party, has been wounded three times.

When Russia lapsed into anarchy, the aviators said, they resolved to come to Canada. They practically fought their way out of the country, they asserted, and after weeks of hardships reached Japan, where British consular officers arranged their passage overseas.

Meeting of Firemen.

A meeting of the firemen was held last night at the hose station, King street, to consider the application for a raise in pay which has already been made to the City Council. The petition was presented on March 21st last. The committee appointed to present the petition has received no word in regard to the matter and therefore no action was taken at last night's meeting. It is expected that a definite answer will be received by the committee in less than a week's time.

The Budget Debate.

It is stated unofficially that the end of the debate on the budget in the Provincial House of Assembly will come tonight. The speakers are expected to be Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, on the government side and Messrs. B. F. Smith and J. A. Murray for the opposition.

Huns Pressed Back the Line Slightly but Ground was Recovered by a Counter Attack---Lull in the Fighting on the French Front.

LONDON, April 18.—Southeast of Kemmel hill, on the northern battlefield, the Germans pressed back the British line slightly, but the situation was restored by a counter attack, the War Office announces. During the night there was no change in the British front. In the Bailleul sector the Germans made three attacks before noon yesterday and in each case suffered a complete repulse. The Germans opened a heavy bombardment of the British positions on the southwestern part of the Lys battlefield between Locon and Robecq, during the night. The bombardment was still in progress at dawn today.

A CESSATION OF INFANTRY FIGHTING REPORTED ON THE FRENCH PART OF THE BATTLE FRONT

With the French Army in France, April 18.—While the cannon continue to roar along the battle line, there has for some days been a virtual cessation of infantry combats, especially on the French part of the front. No one in the Allied camp, however, regards the German push as being terminated. It is believed that the lull will prove temporary and, despite their terrific losses and the exhaustion of many of their divisions, it is considered possible that the German general staff is merely pausing to gather forces for another effort and will try to go yet further in the hope of eventually breaking through.

GREAT BATTLE NOW RAGING WILL HAVE A DECISIVE INFLUENCE ON RESULT OF WAR

Any such effort is waited confidently by the Allies, whose commanders feel certain that it will meet a similar lack of success. The correspondent has been able to glean the prevalent views of the Allied side as to the situation. Almost without exception it is thought the present battle will have a decisive influence on the result of the war, but it would be an error to regard it as the last battle.

There has been a campaign on the German side to proclaim a decisive influence on the result of the war, but it would be an error to peace, but they had not counted on the tenacity of either the Allied armies or nations.

HUNS NOW IN AN INFERIOR POSITION TO THAT OCCUPIED BEFORE THE OFFENSIVE BEGAN

As far as it has gone, the German offensive may be looked on as a failure, since none of its objectives have been attained, and the Allied armies are still intact, while the Germans now, owing to the diminution of their forces through casualties, are in an inferior position to that which they occupied before the battle began. The only result they can show is the recapture of a large tract of country they themselves devastated, where they may be compelled to dig themselves in.

In consequence of the Germans felling all the trees in the Somme sector before they retreated last year, the French and British runners have a perfectly clear view of working parties. The Germans may decide to remain there until all is favorable for an Allied advance through the increase of British strength from the arrival of American contingents.

CANADIAN GUNS POUNDING AWAY AT ENEMY

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, April 18. — All night long, Canadian guns, both heavy and light, have been active against the enemy positions, shelling hostile batteries, routes, railways and dumps, while time after time hostile infantry positions, assembly areas and communications have been swept with a harassing fire. Indeed, since my last cable artillery activity has been the main feature on the Canadian front. There have been constant duels between our own and enemy batteries. A considerable amount of gas has been used. Early this morning we carried out a small projector gas bombardment against the enemy position to which the Huns replied with gas shelling, but neither operation approached the magnitude of our heavy gas shell bombardment reported in my cable of April 8, in which over 9,000 shells were fired on hostile artillery positions.

RAILWAY STRIKE ORDER SUSPENDED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Montreal, April 18.—Representatives of the International Brotherhood of Railway Stationmen and Railroad Employees' Alliance of North America, said last night that the strike order which was issued on Tuesday night to take effect on Saturday on the Grand Trunk system, has been temporarily suspended, pending the appointment of a conciliation board by the Labor Department at Ottawa.

New Brunswick Regt.

The London Gazette recently contained the following items: New Brunswick Regt.—Temp. Capt. C. F. Leonard, D.S.O., relinquishes act. rank of maj. To be act. capt.: Temp. Lt. R. A. Major, M.C. (while spec. empd.). Temp. Lts. R. B. Campbell, A. W. Gregory, M.C., R. W. B. Coster and H. G. Ashford to be act. capt.