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## MORE CONFIDENT TONE ADOPTED BY THE LONDON NEWSPAPERS

### German Repulse on Monday Most Costly Since Offensive Began March 21st--- Too Great Optimism Discouraged--- Situation Quiet on American Front.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 1.—The failure of the German attacks southwest of Ypres on Monday, with its immense losses to the enemy is commented on here in more confident tone, which is in marked contrast with some recent comments on news of the progress of the German advance toward the Channel ports.

The consensus of opinion is that the enemy on Monday suffered the most severe and costly repulse since he began his offensive on March 21, and it is contended that if the terms of victory and defeat are applicable to single phases of such a prolonged battle, then the Allies on Monday won a very substantial victory.

#### GERMAN EXPERIENCE ON THE VERDUN FRONT IS BEING REPEATED IN THE HILLS AROUND YPRES

Comparison is made between the present operations and the French defence of Verdun, and the opinion is expressed that the German experience on the Verdun front is being repeated in their effort to capture the group of hills southwest of Ypres. The enemy failure up to this time to achieve his object, and especially his bloody repulse on Monday, are regarded universally as a hopeful augury for the future of the Allied defence.

Nevertheless, the commentators warn against optimism. They remark that although the enemy has been foiled, it does not mean necessarily that the enterprise has been abandoned, but rather that it has been suspended in favor of an attack at some point where a successful defence seems less assured.

#### LONDON TIMES LOOKS UPON THE FAILURE OF THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE AS A HOPEFUL AUGURY

LONDON, May 1.—As the details of Monday's fighting are received, confirming the fact that it was the worst day the enemy has experienced since the opening of the great offensive the newspapers, hitherto reticent in view of the fluctuations of the battle, now comment on the operations in a tone of confidence they have not hitherto displayed.

The Times says: "Of all the violent combats witnessed in the last few weeks, we know of none which is a more hopeful augury for the Allies than this ten mile German failure."

#### SITUATION ALONG THE FRONT HELD BY THE AMERICANS IS RAPIDLY BECOMING STABILIZED

With the American Army on a French Battlefront, April 30.—The situation along the American sector is rapidly becoming stabilized. There have been no infantry encounters in the last 48 hours, although small patrol parties or outposts have men in the darkness and mist.

Despite rain and perversity, the American and French artillery have been most active in shelling enemy back areas. The German artillery is less active. The Germans, however, are throwing some gas shells.

#### Fighting in Italy.

Vienna, May 1.—Increased fighting activity on the Italian front is reported in the official statement from Austro-Hungarian headquarters today.

## CATHOLICS OF ENGLAND RE IRELAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, May 1.—The Catholic Union of Great Britain, an influential organization whose membership includes many titled persons and other prominent Catholics, has sent to Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, for submission to Pope Benedict XIII. a series of resolutions passed by it regretting the action of the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland in opposing Irish conscription, "thereby apparently supporting organized resistance to law."

The resolutions express the opinion that the Irish ought to share in the defense of the Empire and of the liberties of mankind from the grave peril to which they are exposed through a conflict forced on the world "by a cruel and unscrupulous enemy."

## TROTSKY URGES COMPULSORY SERVICE NOW

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Moscow, pr. 23. (Delayed in transmission)—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Minister of War and Marine, speaking at a meeting of the central executive last night, urged the issuance of a decree for compulsory military service.

"Fearing destruction, Russia must have an army," he said. "We do not know the hour when we will be openly challenged by the imperialist enemy threatening us in the east."

The central executive adopted a resolution to this effect. There has been a report that the Black Sea fleet has been captured by the Germans.

Mr. P. B. Healey of London, Ont., is a guest at the Barker House.  
Mr. H. P. Crouse of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.  
Mr. H. Bishop of St. John, is in the

## MR. O'CONNOR AND MINISTER OF LABOR

Cost of Living Commissioner Tells of Hitherto Unknown Difference with Hon. Mr. Crothers.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, May 1.—"Notwithstanding all the efforts to conserve wheat, flour and food, for some reason during February the consumption exceeded that of January," declared W. F. O'Connor, late cost of living commissioner for the Dominion, when interviewed by a local paper today.

"All the economists in the country can make all the claims they wish, but they cannot get away from the bare facts," he said.

"If the various government activities will devote themselves to their proper sphere, not overlap and at the same time keep as clearly to the point as I did in my line, I can promise a considerable success," he said. "My efforts were successful when one considers what my duty comprised. I have built up a practical system of application and do nothing by theory."

When asked if his resignation resulted from differences with the minister of labor, Mr. O'Connor stated that at no time was he an employee.

"On several occasions the Minister of Labor informed me that I should not publish this thing or that thing, and the answer I made to him was that I proposed to go right on publishing things that I should discover. Indeed, I gave him my answer in terms less formal than that."

In these words did Mr. W. F. O'Connor, late cost of living commissioner for the Dominion, indicate hitherto unrevealed differences between him and Hon. T. W. Crothers.

The time, place and circumstances of such revelations were last night at the Carl-Ritz Hotel, when Mr. O'Connor addressed the Toronto Press Club.

## PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE IS FIRM ON IRISH CONSCRIPTION

### Operation of Act in Ireland Postponed Further---May Forecast Presentation of Home Rule Bill---Premier States Ireland Must Bear Equal Responsibility.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, May 1.—Members of the labor deputation who waited on Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons on Monday in regard to the Irish conscription proposition, admit, says the Daily Telegraph, that Mr. Lloyd George spoke frankly and firmly and listened patiently to the statement prepared by Arthur Henderson upon representations made by a deputation of Irish trades unionists and the lengthy explanation of J. H. Thomas M.P. for Derby, who had been in Ireland on business for the Railwaymen's Association. Premier Lloyd George promised that the cabinet would consider fully the representations of the labor delegation, but he held out no hope so far as he was concerned personally for any change in the policy of the government.

In a speech the Premier insisted that equal rights of citizenship involved equality of duty and responsibility and that Ireland cannot take all the advantages accruing to its association with Great Britain while refusing to bear a share in the burdens and sacrifices of the United Kingdom of which it is a part. The Daily Telegraph recalls that Ireland did not refuse the gift of old age pensions from an English parliament, nor the advance of money for the purchase of land and the building of laborers' cottages.

Many laborites who oppose conscription in Ireland do so not from principle, but because they believe it is not wise in existing circumstances.

#### OPERATION FURTHER POSTPONED.

An order-in-council has been issued further postponing the operation of the National Service Act or conscription act, as respects Ireland, beyond May 1, to which it had been postponed previously. Some of the morning newspapers say the postponement is due to the government's wish to introduce a Home Rule bill and to see what measure of success it gets before proceeding to enforce conscription in Ireland, which, it is said in some quarters, is not likely to be attempted in the next few weeks.

Opinion in the lobbies of Parliament is that a Home Rule bill will be presented in the House of Commons, but the difficulties of drafting it have not been overcome entirely.

## VON HERTLING FAVORS ELECTORAL REFORM TO AVOID REVOLUTIONS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

AMSTERDAM, May 1.—Declaring that plutocratic suffrage, giving political rights to wealth, is "no longer possible in our nation," Chancellor Von Hertling has informed the Lower House of the Prussian diet that it must pass the electoral reform bill or give up more rights to the people through force. The Chancellor threatened the Prussians with revolutions if they did not meet the demand speedily. Apparently the Chancellor feared grave disorders if the reform bill, which he admitted was hedged around with safeguards, is not passed. A motion to postpone action was defeated by five to one.

## Yesterday Was Allies' Day All Along the Line

### GERMAN PEACE IN ITS TRUE MEANING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington May 1.—Domination of the coast of Flanders, colonization of Courland, Lithuania and a large part of Poland and possession of the coal and iron mines in France and Russia would be the fruits of "the true German peace," as outlined in a political catechism which has been delivered to the German soldiers on the western front, according to an official despatch received here today from France.

#### PERSONAL.

Mr. T. H. Bresie of Montreal, is in the city.

Mr. E. S. Carter of Rothesay, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Harvey Mitchell of Keswick, is a guest at the Queen.

"But I said 'I'll tell you what I'll do,'" proceeded Mr. O'Connor. "It may be embarrassing for you to know of these reports, so I'll publish them before showing them to you."

"A stage had come where my utterances were attempted to be controlled," declared Mr. O'Connor, unfolding further hidden causes of his resignation. "A stage had come where I was expected to anticipate what other departments of the government might think of my reports. A stage had come where I was supposed to anticipate what other people might think or say of my reports. So I said to myself, 'This is not place for a minister's son.'"

## Allied Troops Congratulated in Message ---British Regained Ground North of Kemmel in Counter Attack---Germans Cleared From Positions by French.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, April 30.—Up to noon today the badly punished German troops along the Flanders front had made no further attacks against the Allied lines, which held so brilliantly throughout yesterday's intense fighting. The German General Von Arnim was busy reforming his broken divisions and presumably bringing up reserves to replace the great numbers of men who gave their lives in fruitless assaults, by which they had hoped to wrench away more of the hill positions and thereby gain a dominating position, with the idea of forcing the Allies to pull back their lines to the north. Yesterday was a great day for the Allies, and today those divisions which were engaged in the sanguinary struggle received a message commending them for the magnificent defence they had made.

#### BRITISH RECLAIM CONSIDERABLE GROUND AND THE FRENCH DRIVE THE ENEMY FROM LOCRE

Not only was the Allied line practically intact at all points today, but the latest reports show that the British during the counter attack yesterday afternoon north of Kemmel, reclaimed considerable ground which the Germans had held since Kemmel was taken.

At the cross roads between Schenpenberg and Montrouge and about Loere the fighting was particularly fierce. Loere changed hands several times during the day, and at nightfall the Germans had a hold on the place. In their counter-attack during the night, however, the French cleared the Germans from their positions between the two hills and thrust them back from Loere, thereby regaining ground to a depth of nearly a mile.

#### GERMANS ADVANCED WITH FIXED BAYONETS, BUT INTENSE MACHINE GUN FIRE DROVE THEM BACK

The German attack against the British was from the south-east, toward Ridgewood, between Dickebusch Lake and Vormezele. At Ridgewood, where the fighting was very bitter, the Germans at the outset advanced with bayonets, but they came under such intense machine gun fire that they were not able to come close enough to employ their steel.

The work of the British troops all along the front was magnificent, and especially noteworthy because of the fact that some of the men had been fighting steadily since April 9.

#### IN A BRILLIANT LITTLE CAMPAIGN 21 BRITISH TOMMIES SURROUNDED AND CAPTURED 58 HUNS

They still had a hold on the northern ridge of Vormezele today, as they had at the beginning of yesterday's assault. The spirit of the British troops is shown by an incident that occurred Sunday near Vormezele. Three German machine gun companies, which held posts near this place, were causing the British much trouble. Three parties of British, each composed of six Tommies and a lance corporal, were assigned task of clearing up these posts.

The corporals laid their heads together and planned the campaign, which they carried out so successfully that the Germans were surrounded and 58 of them captured by twenty-one men. The machine gun posts were cleared.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 1.—Casualties among Maritime Province men are listed as follows:

#### Infantry.

Died: F. Gallant, Paquetville, N.B.

Missing: D. J. Duguay, Robertville, N.B.

Wounded: T. E. Burke, Malepeque, H. J. Douglas, Mount Stewart, H. McCormick, Ebbsfleet, P.E.I.; K. Steeves, Hillsboro, N.B.; C. B. Devile, Halifax; G. H. McKenzie, North Sydney; W. C. Quigley, Halifax; A. R. McDuffie, Selmah, N.S.

Ill: D. B. McDonald, Leitches Creek, N.S.

#### Mounted Rifles.

Wounded: W. E. Taylor, W. H. Brett, address not stated.

#### Artillery.

Wounded: H. W. Herwill, Halifax.

Messrs. E. Faulds of Toronto, and R. N. Fraser of Ottawa, are registered at the Queen.

Mr. W. J. Bowlen of Toronto, is at the Barker House.

Capt. G. H. Boyd of St. John, is in the city, registered at the Queen.

## HULL, P.Q., HAS BECOME DRY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, May 1.—John Barleycorn was given his knockout in the city of Hull, Que., across the Ottawa river from Ottawa, at nine o'clock last night, and thus the third largest city in the province of Quebec is "dry." By an overwhelming majority a year ago the residents of the city voted to eliminate intoxicating liquors after April 30, 1918.

## CONFERENCE OF EMPERORS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, May 1.—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, accompanied by Baron Burian, the foreign minister, and their staffs, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Zurich, will proceed almost immediately to German headquarters to confer with the German emperor. Ukrainian and Balkan affairs, it is added, will be discussed.