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## NORTHERN BATTLEFRONT COVERED WITH BODIES OF THE GERMAN DEAD

### Enemy Casualties Since the Big Push Started Have Been Enormous---Defending Artillery Playing Havoc With Advancing Huns--Exodus of Refugees.

With the British Army in France, April 19.—The Germans have been bringing up fresh divisions to the Bailleul sector, but the most promising sign is that they are beginning to use a second time the troops which had such hard fighting in the earliest days of the offensive. For the past few days the high command appears to have deflected from its usual methods. In order to save time and to push forward quickly before the Allies are able to get up more reinforcements, the enemy seems to have been sending troops into the attack without any more specific plans than they must get to certain general objectives.

Junior officers have been directing much of the fighting and going ahead on their own initiative. The result of this has been quite apparent, for the enemy undoubtedly has been messing affairs at numerous points.

### DOCUMENTS CAPTURED FROM PRISONERS TELL OF GREAT LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE ENEMY

The most noticeable feature of the conversations with German prisoners is contained in captured documents and letters, which contain continual reference to the great casualties ever since the Germans began the offensive. They certainly were excessive in the first days of the big push, and now the northern battlefields are covered with bodies of enemy dead.

The Germans are continuing to rush forward cautiously into the positions the British have evacuated east of Ypres, and the defending artillery has been playing havoc with the advancing troops. Twice the enemy massed to come into the polygon wood, and on each occasion they were smashed by the British artillery fire.

### THE COUNTRY EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH TROOPS DESCRIBED AS AN AWFUL MUD HOLE

The Germans did not actually get under way for the occupation of the Passchendaele defences for many hours after the withdrawal was completed. The country from which the British retreated is an awful mud hole and it will take the enemy a long time to man the new positions and get his artillery forward through the muck. The exodus of refugees in the fighting zone continues. This morning the correspondent passed a large number of cattle on the highway, being driven back by the military. The cattle had been abandoned when the shell fire began to plough up the pastures.

### FRENCH VILLAGES HASTILY EVACUATED BY THE PEASANTS AS MURDEROUS HUNS APPROACH

One scene which the correspondent saw today will serve to illustrate the rapid manner in which the villages are being emptied. He passed through a place which only a few days ago was filled with prosperous peasants, who went their way apparently untroubled by the war. The village schoolyard today was stacked with desks, with dog-eared readers and arithmetics lying where their owners had thrown them. The school had been deserted by the children, who had rushed away to their homes, where their parents were making hasty preparations to leave their dwellings. Mont Descaets, with its famous monastery, lying east of Cassels, has been shell by the Germans. Several shells have found a mark in defenceless homes of monks.

## TO LIMIT THE ISSUING OF RY. PASSES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, April 18.—During consideration of the consolidation of the railway bill, on motion of Sir Jas. Loughlin, to the section authorizing the railway board to disallow existing freight and passenger tariffs, offered an amendment stating that the powers of the "board to disallow any tariff shall not be restricted by any special suggestion heretofore passed, or any agreement heretofore or hereafter made."

Left for Clifton Springs.

Mr. Thos. H. Colter, recorder, and Mr. James Holland, registrar of probate who have been in ill health, left on Wednesday evening for Clifton Springs, N. Y., where they will remain for some time.

## GOV. WHITMAN GIVES SOME GOOD ADVICE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 19.—Governor Charles Whitman, of New York, speaking here last night, declared the people of the United States have not begun to make sacrifices in keeping with the sacrifice of the humblest soldiers. Urging his hearers to support the Liberty loan, the Governor pointed to the records of France, Canada and Great Britain as models for the United States.

Appointed Agent.

Mr. W. J. Southern has been appointed local agent for the Crystal Stream Steamship Company which will operate between this city and St. John during the summer. The Maritime is expected to arrive here next week.

## CANADIANS WERE READY TO FIGHT OR FALL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, April 19.—In anticipation of a tremendous assault against the Canadian lines, Lieut. General Sir Arthur Currie, K. C. B., K. C. M. G., commanding Canadian corps, issued a special order on March 27 and exhorted all ranks to advance or fall where they stood, facing the enemy.

He felt that Canadians would repeat victories of the past.

A copy of the order has been received by an Ottawa woman from a relative overseas.

## CHANGES IN THE CABINET ENDORSED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, April 19.—With few exceptions, the British press supports the changes in the cabinet announced yesterday.

The Daily Mail, which is among the exceptions, says that in order not to embarrass the government, the Northcliffe press has refrained from criticism of many a matter that needed it, and it is protesting now against the political reshuffle which gives office to feeble politicians like Mr. Chamberlain who is publicly saddled with responsibility for the Mesopotamia failure.

"The Northcliffe press," it adds, "with every relative of boys whose names are published in the casualty list had expected better things from Mr. Lloyd George than indulgence in the old game of political juggling in such a tremendous way."

On the other hand, the Daily Telegraph says that the ability of Mr. Chamberlain will assuredly prove of great value.

## NOTHING DISQUIETING IN THE BATTLE SITUATION

### Noted French General Gives Expression to His Views--Huns Will Keep on Until Exhaustion Comes.

LONDON, April 19.—Telegraphing from headquarters this evening, Reuter's correspondent says: "I interviewed one of the foremost French generals who commanded three French divisions which held up thirty German divisions for ten days in the heavy fighting previous to April 7th. He declared unreservedly that there was nothing disquieting in the battle situation, but that on the contrary we have every ground for confidence both in Picardy and Flanders. The Germans would continue to fling wearied divisions into the battle until the moment of exhaustion arrived."

"The course of this battle, like all others, was essentially the same. Each side would continue to ply blow and counter-blow, endeavoring by weight of numbers or superior skill to find the weak points in the enemy's armor, and each endeavoring to retain sufficient reserves to turn the scale when the decisive moment was reached."

To Wear Down Enemy.

"After four years we are only now within sight of this decisive blow," the General said. He declared that as the Germans have still got in France unused reserves and fresh divisions, the battle would proceed and the next shock must be expected as soon as the flood pouring in through Bailleul up toward Hazebrouck was checked.

"The battle might continue a month or more, but the Entente would continue until the enemy reserves were exhausted and his numerical superiority worn down to vanishing point. Then our turn would come, with help of American divisions."

## FAMOUS CITY OF RHEIMS NOW BUT A MASS OF SMOULDERING RUINS

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

Paris, April 19.—Rheims, which has been on fire for a week, is now nothing but a great pile of smoking ruins, and the market place and the municipal house, which date from the sixteenth century, have been reduced to dust and ashes.

The vaulting of the famous Rheims Cathedral, the correspondent says, is falling stone by stone, and soon there will be nothing left of the edifice but the west front and the pillars. Shells are still bursting all around the building from view under the accumulation of debris.

## Huns Completely Repulsed In Fighting Near Givenchy

### NO SETTLEMENT RE POWER BILL

City Delegates Stick to Their Position—St. John Assessment Bill Through Committee.

The conference held in private between representatives of the New Brunswick Power Company and the city of St. John in connection with the Power Company's bill took place last night until a late hour and was continued this morning but according to the announcement at noon had not been successful, the representatives of the city not being willing to recede from their position.

The Municipalities Committee this morning passed the bill relating to rates and assessments in the city of St. John with some amendments. The assessment commission was congratulated by the committee upon having produced a bill concerning which there has been so little complaint. The section relating to the assessment of steam railways was amended so as to provide that there be no interference with concessions previously granted. The section relating to the taxation of moving pictures was amended so as to make the rate on houses with net receipts less than five per cent. of gross receipts three-quarters of one per cent, and on houses with net receipts five per cent. or more of the gross receipts one per cent. The city licenses are to be abolished.

The Doherty bills were passed with amendments.

## The Enemy Only Able to Secure a Limited Footing at Two Points in Advanced British Positions---Italians for the Western Front.

LONDON, April 19.—The Germans were completely repulsed in the attack they launched yesterday around Givenchy, on the southern side of the Lys battle front, the War Office announced today. When the assaults ceased, after heavy losses, the enemy had only been able to secure a limited footing at one or two points of the more advanced British defences.

Six different German divisions, it has been determined, were engaged in the unsuccessful attack in the Givenchy-St. Venant sector. The enemy launched further attacks last evening south of Kemmel. These were broken up by the British artillery and machine gun fire. The statement follows:

### FIGHTING ON THE GIVENCHY-ST. VENANT SECTOR OF A VERY COSTLY NATURE FOR THE HUNS

"The hostile attacks reported to be in progress yesterday morning south of Kemmel were successfully repulsed, and other attacks launched by the enemy in this locality during the evening were broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire. With the exception of artillery activity on both sides the night passed comparatively quietly on the British front. We captured some prisoners and machine guns as a result of minor enterprises. Regiments from six different German divisions are now known to have been engaged in the unsuccessful attacks. The fighting ended in the complete repulse of the enemy, who at the end of most determined and costly assaults was only able to secure a limited footing at one or two points."

### ITALIAN TROOPS TO BE DESPATCHED TO THE AID OF BRITISH AND FRENCH ON WESTERN FRONT

ROME, April 18.—Premier Orlando announced in the Chamber of Deputies today that Italian troops would be despatched to the battle front in France. The announcement, which was received with a storm of applause, was as follows:

"Italy, which follows with admiration the heroic efforts of the Anglo-French troops on the western front, could not remain absent from the battle fields of France. She wishes to bring her allies tangible proof of solidarity and very soon the colors of Italian regiments will fly over the fields of Picardy beside those of the French, British, American, Belgian and Portuguese, thus sealing the union which exists between the Allied peoples and governments."

French Troops Active.

Paris, April 19.—The French last night reduced German machine gun nests on the front in yesterday's attack southwest of Amiens, the War Office announces. There was heavy artillery fighting in this region.

## DEFAULTERS ROUNDED UP IN THE WOODS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, April 19.—Fred and J. B. Wissel, who are alleged to have attacked Dominion Officer McLeod at their home near Espelona, a village some distance from Sudbury, when the officer sought to take them into custody as defaulters under the Military Service Act, were arrested today by Inspector Piper and are now in custody in Webbwood.

The Wissels, when arrested, were living in a tent in the woods some distance from Webbwood. They were awakened by a posse composed of six officers and four Indians. Finding resistance useless, they submitted to arrest.

## FUEL CONTROL CAME HIGH

Ottawa, April 18.—A return report in parliament today shows that the total cost of the administration of the office of the fuel controller throughout Canada has been \$168,334. The employees number 104.

Financial Success.

The bean supper and sale conducted at the Church Hall, Devon, Thursday afternoon and night by Talent Chapter of St. Mary's Parish church was a decided success. The net receipts amounted to seventy dollars and probably will be used for improvements on the rectory.

## COMPANION OF MISS CAVELL IN PRISON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Geneva, April 19.—When Miss Edith Cavell was executed in Belgium by the Germans, a girl friend, Miss Julia Wyss, aged 20, of Geneva, was sentenced to 25 years penal servitude for the same offence. She is now in a Swiss prison.

A petition for pardon, signed by 2,000 women of Geneva, was sent to the Crown Princess of Germany nearly a year ago. A cold, almost brutal reply, signed by Baron Von Stulpnagel, secretary to the Crown Princess, has just been received. It states briefly that the petition cannot be taken into consideration by the Crown Princess.

## WOMEN TO JOIN MILITARY FORCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Albany, N. Y., April 19.—Women are to be allowed to join the military forces of the state, becoming commissioned officers and members of the ambulance corps of the home defence reserve, according to official orders issued today by Adjutant General Starrill.

Wild Goose in River.

A flock of wild geese were seen in the river above the highway bridge this afternoon and were receiving much attention.