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## BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS ENGAGED IN SEVERE FIGHTING

### Germans Capture a Town From the French But Were Subsequently Dislodged by the British by a Surprise Attack.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, April 26.—The northern attack this morning was along a front extending from Wytschaete nearly to Bailleul, and it was carried out by at least four, and possibly six, German divisions. The infantry employed were largely picked hill troops, including the Alpine corps, the 117th division and the 118th Bavarians, with Jaegers in reserve. The brunt of the assault came against the French, who were defending Kemmel, which was the enemy's goal.

At two o'clock in the morning the German artillery opened a heavy bombardment of Kemmel and surrounding country with gas shells, and for more than an hour maintained a deluge of these poison bearing missiles.

Between three and four o'clock the German hillmen rushed forward and attacked the positions protecting Kemmel Hill. At the same time they began pushing further to the south in order to furnish a protecting flank.

### HUNS SWUNG A SALIENT ABOUT THE TOWN OF VILLERS-BRETONNEUX AND HELD THE TOWN

Simultaneously with their attack at Villers-Bretonneux the Germans began operations to the south against the French and north of the river Somme. At Sailly-le-Sec and Vaire several attacks were repulsed during the early hours.

The first drive against Villers-Bretonneux was made with two divisions, and this was thrown back. The Germans immediately at four divisions into line and again surged forward. Five tanks were sent to the north through the valley leading through the southern part of the town, and these engines were followed by large forces of infantry.

By noon the Germans had swung a salient about 6,000 yards wide and 4,000 yards deep about Villers-Bretonneux and were holding the town strongly. This they continued to do until ten o'clock last night, when the British delivered a surprise counter attack. There should have been a moon to assist the British, but the sky was heavily overcast and a dense mist hung over the region.

### TOWN WAS BOTTLED UP BY BRITISH TROOPS AND SIX HUNDRED PRISONERS CAPTURED

According to prisoners, the enemy had anticipated no further trouble from the British last night and were sitting snugly in their new position when the storm broke. The German artillery had perhaps been lulled into false security and doing little shelling. At the appointed hour the British gunners put down a sharp barrage and the British infantry drove forward. The attack was made from the southwest and northwest on Villers-Bretonneux, and these two forces drove in towards the eastern part of the town in a converging movement.

As a result, the British bottled the town up. The British infantry immediately rushed the town and heavy hand-to-hand fighting ensued, the bayonet being used freely. Six hundred prisoners were taken here alone and a great number of the enemy were killed. The town was virtually cleared, and today only a few scattered pockets of Germans are in the place.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, April 26.—Stocks in control of pools were again prominent at the opening of today's market, recovering part of yesterday's irregular setback. Sumatra Tobacco made initial gains of one to two points, with International Paper, Baldwin Locomotive, Reading, Philadelphia Co. and Peoples Gas. There was a fair inquiry for United States Steel, U. S. Rubber, General Motors and Central Leather.

### Late Miss Isabel Edwards.

The funeral of the late Miss Isabel Edwards took place Wednesday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Geo. W. Hodge, sister of the deceased. The service was conducted by Rev. J. S. Sutherland at three o'clock and interment was made in the Rural cemetery. The mourners were J. A. Edwards, M. B. Edwards, G. W. Hodge, W. P. Edwards, Luke Morrison, F. B. Edgecombe, W. S. Hooper, H. S. Campbell, J. H. McMurray.

### Ill in Sydney

Mr. D. Leo Dolan of this city, who is now city editor of the Sydney Record, has been seriously ill at Sydney recently. For the benefit of his health he may take an outdoor occupation.

## LORD RHONDDA HAS RESIGNED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, April 26.—Baron Rhondda, the Daily Mail says it understands, has resigned the office of British food controller, which he has held for the past ten months. Lord Rhondda has been absent from his post for some weeks owing to illness.

John R. Clynes, parliamentary secretary for the food ministry, has been in charge temporarily.

### More Recruits Enlisted.

Six more recruits were sworn in yesterday afternoon and one this morning by Sergt. Major Brower at the armory. They are Fred M. Kilburn, James E. McClusky and Bertram H. Cosman of this city, and Ernest Nason of Nasonworth, for the 65th Field Battery at Woodstock, and Loring Daley, R. E. Thompson, and Murray Kierstead for the 9th Siege Battery at St. John.

### Funeral of a Child.

The funeral of little Ethel Margaret Timms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Timms, took place Thursday afternoon from the home of the parents. The service was conducted by Rev. Canon Cowie and interment was made at Forest Hill cemetery. Besides the parents, two sisters and a brother survive.

## BANK LOGS ARRIVING AT SPRINGHILL

Local Drives Have Been Brought Out Safely—Bank Logs Bringing a Fair Price Now.

The first arrivals of bank logs were received at Springhill this week. The logs are coming in in fair quantities but the big run will not be until later in the season. So far the logs are on contract. The prices for other lots are firm.

Local drives in this section of the province have made good progress within the past few days and conditions are reported to be good. The drives on Greer's Creek, the Dunbar and the Nashwaaksis for Fraser Companies, Ltd., are in safety.

## TO DEPORT A SINN FEINER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Dublin, April 26.—Diarmid Lynch, Sinn Fein food controller, who has just completed a term of two months' imprisonment for seizing and slaughtering pigs, will be deported.

Lynch, who is an American, probably will be put on an American-bound ship. He took a prominent part in the rebellion of 1916 and was sentenced to ten years penal servitude at that time, but was later released.

## AUSTRALIA REPRESENTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, April 26.—The Australian navy was represented in the raid on Zeebrugge by one officer and eleven men. They were on ships which entered the canal. Six of them were among the men who landed and fought on the Moie. All twelve escaped injury.

### Defaulters Under M. S. A.

Constables George Clynick and Judson Stackhouse journeyed to McGivney Junction and Boiestown yesterday in search of defaulters under the Military Service Act. In all they secured seven who were brought to this city last night and held here until this morning. They were taken to St. John under escort by the military authorities.

## THE ADMIRALTY REPORT ON THE RECENT NAVAL RAID

### The Harbor of Zeebrugge was Sealed by Block Ships---A Daring Achievement by the British Navy.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 26.—The official Admiralty report on the sealing of Zeebrugge harbor says: The Thetis led the block ships Intrepid and Iphegama. Her propeller fouled and she became unmanageable. The shore batteries pounded her back into the channel, where, she signalled invaluable information. The report says: "The Intrepid, smoking like a volcano, with all her guns blazing, was followed her motor launch, which failed to get alongside the place where she stood, her smoke blowing back into the Iphegama's eyes so that the latter was blinded, and going a little wild, rammed a dredger with a barge moored beside it, which lay in the western arm of the canal. She got clear through and entered the canal, pushing the barge before her. It was then that a shell hit the steam valve of her whistle, the escaping steam which followed driving off some of the smoke and enabling her to see what was doing. Lieut. Stewart Carter, commanding the Intrepid, steered the nose of his ship neatly on the mud of the western bank. Here he ordered the crew away and blew up the ship by switches in the chart room. Four dull booms was all that could be heard. Immediately afterwards there arrived on the deck the engineer, who had been in the engine room and reported all was as it should be. Lieut. Hillyard Leake, commanding the Iphegama, by arrangement, blew her up and saw her drop nicely across the canal, and left her there with her engines still going, to hold her in position until she should have settled nicely on the bottom."

## ONE OF THE GERMAN LONG RANGE GUNS IS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

PARIS, April 26.—One of the three German long range guns which have been bombarding Paris has been destroyed, according to Deputy Le Boucq. "As one of the deputies of Paris," said M. Le Boucq, "I was anxious to assure myself personally with regard to measures taken to counteracting the cannon bombarding Paris. I went to see the general commanding a certain sector, who showed me photographs and gave me all the information he had."

## Heavy German Attack on The Northern Battlefront

### SIR ROBERT ON A TRIP TO NEW YORK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, April 25.—Sir Robert Borden left for New York this afternoon and it is generally understood here that his trip has been undertaken in view of the negotiations with respect to questions of finance which have been in progress between the Canadian and United States governments, and the British government, represented by Lord Reading, the British ambassador at Washington. The Prime Minister will meet Sir Thomas White, who recently travelled east from Pasadena, California, to represent Canada in the negotiations.

LATE D. M. RICHARDS.

The funeral of the late David M. Richards took place yesterday. The service was conducted at the late home in North Devon Wednesday at 7.30 p. m., by Rev. G. C. Warren. Appropriate hymns were sung by the Devon quartet. The body was taken to Boiestown yesterday morning, accompanied by relatives and many friends of the deceased. A short service was conducted at the grave by Rev. Mr. Warren, interment being made in the Baptist cemetery there. Among the beautiful and numerous floral tributes were the following:

Pillow, family.  
 Wreaths—Mr. J. Holt, Mr. A. B. Holt, Daniel and Joseph Richards, Mr. D. E. Richards, Mr. Frank Richards, Mr. Thomas Sansom, Worshipful Master of L. O. L. No. 20.  
 Anchor—Mrs. H. Gunter, Mrs. Dell Gunter, Mrs. H. McLean.  
 Crescents—Masonic Order of Eastern Star, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison, Miss Hodge, Brunswick St. Baptist Philahtea Class, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goodspeed, Brunswick St. Baptist Mission Band.  
 Cross—B. Thibodeau and family; Red Cross Society.  
 Sheaf of Wheat—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gunter.  
 Flat Bouquets—Mr. Wendall Gunter, Bnsy Bee Club, Mrs. Thos. Rutter, Mrs. N. Kierstead, Miss Helen Parker, Miss Maud Camp, Miss Lena Cook, Miss Ada Schleyer, Dr. and Mrs. Mulh, Mr. H. B. Colwell, Miss E. Colwell.  
 Baskets—Mr. and Mrs. C. McGibbon, Capt. and Mrs. Ray McGibbon.

## Allied Forces Engaged All Day Yesterday With Vastly Superior Forces---Were Compelled by the Enemy to Yield Some Ground.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 26.—A footing has been obtained on Kemmel Hill by the Germans in their attacks on the northern front, the War Office announced today. The fighting is still progressing in this region. The Allied forces were engaged all day yesterday with greatly superior enemy forces along this front, from Bailleul to Hollebeke, and finally were compelled to give ground. German posts which were holding out southeast of Villers-Bretonneux, on the front south of the Somme, after its recapture by the British, were cleared up.

### ALLIED TROOPS GAVE GROUND AND THE ENEMY OBTAINED A FOOTING ON KEMMEL HILL

The statement follows: "On the Bailleul-Hollebeke front, after severe fighting lasting throughout the day against a greatly superior force, the Allied troops were compelled to give ground, and the enemy obtained a footing on Kemmel Hill. Fighting still continues in the neighborhood of Dransart, Kemmel and Vierstraat. We carried out a successful minor operation during the night west of Merville, and captured fifty prisoners and three machine guns. The hostile artillery has been active along our front from the Lys river to Civate. South of the Somme, hostile posts which were holding out southeast of Villers-Bretonneux have been cleared by our men."

### THE FRENCH WAR OFFICE REPORTS HEAVY ARTILLERY FIGHTING SOUTH OF THE SOMME

PARIS, April 26.—Heavy artillery fighting south of the Somme is reported by the War Office in a statement as follows: "South of the Somme violent artillery fighting occurred during the course of the night. We carried out a number of raids at different points on the front, especially in the region east of Lassigny, between the Meuse and the Aisne, near Bezevaux, in the region of Eparges, in Lorraine; and in the Vosges we took prisoners. Elsewhere the night was calm."

### ENGLISH AND AUSTRALIAN TROOPS BY COUNTER ATTACKS GAVE THE HUNS A SEVERE REPULSE

LONDON, April 26.—The battle now in progress shows the Germans maintaining the plan of striking in two directions simultaneously. Their immediate object is the capture of the ports and Amiens. Thanks to the magnificent counter attack of the Australian and English troops yesterday, they received a severe repulse in the southern area. The English troops engaged were regiments which recently gallantly held Villers against an inferno of gas shelling until overwhelmed by an assault of five divisions of the enemy.

The Germans seized and established a permanent hold on the village, which they packed with machine guns. Consequently it was necessary that yesterday's counter-attack should be a surprise and it was accordingly decided to make a night attack with bombs, bayonets and machine guns.

## SUNKEN LINER BEING RAISED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

An Atlantic Port, April 26.—The work of raising the American liner S. Paul, which sank at her dock here yesterday, was progressing rapidly today. The ship had no cargo and a from damage to the machinery furnishings, the loss will be confined to the cost of salvage operation.

### In the County Court

In the York County Court this morning the adjourned case of Buskirk vs. The Dominion Company was completed. Hughes appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. P. J. Mr. C. D. Richards for the company. The action was for the recovery of sixty-five dollars for goods lost while in transit. The company has a counter claim for \$49.50 leaving a balance of \$15.50 which the plaintiff paid in full. The company's claim was dismissed and the plaintiff's claim was allowed with costs of \$33.

### Fire

The fire at about 11 sent in from King and the fire by Mr. King.

### This Afternoon.

en responded to an alarm at 1 o'clock this afternoon from box 17 at the corner of Northumberland streets. A Northumberland fire was in the dwelling occupied by James Delong and was soon extinguished by the use of chemicals.

### Here Attending Funeral.

Among those here attending the funeral of the late Thomas Powers are Mrs. E. L. Perry of Cody's Station, Oneida county and Miss Annie Powers and Rev. Father Ryan of Woodstock.

## THE PLAY AT OPERA HOUSE

"Her Unborn Child," Howard K. Kent Barnes' now famous drama created much enthusiasm last evening at the City Opera House and proved itself to be one of the most entertaining plays and moral uplifts yet given on the English speaking stage.

A laugh, a tear and strong emotion came and blended one after the other and kept the audience always interested. The four weeks' run of this play in Montreal can be easily understood.

It is hoped that Mr. Driscoll (who by the way, is a New Brunswick boy) and Paul Cazeneuve, who has appeared here in the great romantic play and who are producing this play, will be given two large houses today.

The company interpreting the play all have appeared in New York productions and include Miss Orpington, as the mother, who appeared in as Mrs. Cazeneuve's ingenue in a City Opera House twenty years ago and gives a masterful rendering of the leading role; Miss Alice Be as "Miss" Livingston, Miss Be as key in the dramatic part of the Miss Robinson as Beth and Houghton as the Brat. Messrs. Houghton, Cowan and Patton played male roles in a high standard.

The production is genuine, in Broadway style. A matinee tomorrow and tonight's performance complete the engagement of "Her Unborn Child," a play that all should