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The Weather.

Maritime: Northwest to west gales, decreasing tonight. Fair and colder. Sunday, fair and cool.

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BRITISH WELL SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF FIRST STAGE OF ENEMY DRIVE

Fighting was Most Intense in Two Sectors --Airmen Made Good Use of their Machine Guns--The Huns Attacked in Mass Formation.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Army Headquarters in France, Friday, March 22.—British troops between the Scarpe and the Oise have fallen back in places, but the British generals had foreseen this eventuality and made preparations accordingly. In the face of a great attack it is not only impossible, but quite unsound to attempt to hold the front line trenches everywhere.

Good defensive tactics usually aim at organizing resistance so that the further the enemy advances the stronger will be the opposition he meets. Taking the situation as a whole, the British are well satisfied with the results of the first stage of the fighting. They have worked terrible slaughter among the attackers.

THE GERMANS SMOTHERED THE BRITISH WITH EVERY FORM OF HATE A GUN COULD THROW

Before they attacked today on the sector between the Canal du Nord and Croiselles, on the northern battle front, the Germans for four hours smothered the British with every conceivable form of hate which a gun could throw.

The enemy depended largely upon large numbers of trench mortars to cut the wire entanglements. The British had had warnings that the Germans would use great quantities of gas shells. This proved to be the case, although there was nothing new in the gas attacks, and the British gas masks appear to have been most effective.

The British fought for hours with gas masks on, but even this drawback could not dampen their jubilation at the havoc caused as the German infantry presented itself in the form of point-blank targets.

ENEMY ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION WAS THE GREATEST YET SEEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Nine German divisions negotiated the assault in this section, but they met with strenuous resistance. British machine gunners did terrible damage as the Germans moved forward.

At least forty German divisions have been identified and the German artillery concentration is the greatest that has been seen on the western front.

It is reported that in one section the Germans came across No Man's Land in regular formation and gaps in the ranks were quickly filled in to present a solid front. They are said to have stopped when they reached the barbed wire, and to have cut it by hand under a heavy fire from rifles, machine guns and artillery. However, the report is not verified; but it is certain that the Germans advanced in more dense formations than ever before, and naturally suffered grievous casualties.

British Hung to Their Position.

Six German divisions delivered a very heavy attack against the British south of St. Quentin. Despite the fact that the enemy had a superiority in numbers, the British hung doggedly to their posts, and it was only after the Germans had stopped the assault that the British withdrew their lines somewhat in order to give them protection by means of the Oise river and flooded ground around it. Further attack here will be exceedingly costly to the enemy.

MONEY VOTED FOR RAILWAYS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, March 22.—Railways and canals votes chargeable to income include in addition to the Intercolonial Railway and Hudson Bay Railway votes, \$700,000 for the Quebec bridge, \$1,860,000 for the Welland Ship Canal, \$500,000 for the Trent Canal, and \$250,000 for the National Transcontinental line.
Public works votes chargeable to capital include an additional \$1,500,000 to cover cost of construction of the new parliament building at Ottawa, and \$1,000,000 for the new departmental building at Ottawa.

THE U. S. BUYS RUSSIAN SHIPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, March 23.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Tokio says: "The newspaper Kokumin Shimbun announces that Admiral Knight, the commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, has purchased all the shipping on the Russia coast. This totals 650,000,000 tons. Admiral Knight is now at Vladivostok."

NOTED CANADIAN ENGINEER DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, March 23.—Sir Collingwood Schreiber, general consulting engineer for the Dominion government, died this morning at the age of 87 years.
Lady Schreiber and their two daughters, Mrs. Travers Lewis and Mrs. Lawrence Lamb, survive.
Mr. Schreiber was for many years chief engineer of the Intercolonial.

BROKERS TO SAVE DAYLIGHT

Montreal, March 23.—Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange appear to be pretty well agreed that, even if the Canadian daylight saving bill does not go through, the stock exchange will probably observe daylight saving hours, in unison with the New York market, and will open at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Ananias may have been the most prominent liar of his time, but in these days with the magic aid of the telephone, almost any normal husband could make him look like a mere bungler.

ANGLICAN SYNOD WILL OPEN HERE MON., APRIL 8

Service at the Cathedral That Night—First Business Session at Church Hall Next Morning.

The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton will meet in this city April 8th to 12th. Rev. Canon Sisam of Moncton is to be the synod preacher. On Monday, April 8th at 8 p. m., there will be a service for the clergy at Christchurch Cathedral. At 10.30 the following morning Holy Communion will be celebrated and the first business session will be held in the Church Hall at 2.30 p. m. the same day. At 3.30 the synod service will be held. On the succeeding days Holy Communion will be celebrated at 3 a. m. with business sessions beginning at 10 a. m. On Wednesday evening His Lordship the Bishop and Mrs. Richardson will give a reception for the visiting clergy. On Friday the various committees will meet.

At the Police Court.
At the police court yesterday Alfred Goodwin of Kingsclear, was convicted of violating the fishery regulations by illegal fishing and was fined \$50 or two months in jail. The fine was allowed to stand, the defendant paying the costs. He also was convicted of attempted assault on a fisheries warden and was fined \$20 or two months in jail. A charge of violation of the Game Act was also laid against him and Joseph Kennedy for carrying firearms in the woods of York county during the closed season. It will be remembered that some time ago Mr. Frank Cassidy of Kingsclear, had a valuable horse shot. It would appear that the parties accused were out hunting and shot Mr. Cassidy's horse by mistake, thinking it was a deer. The convicted parties were fined \$10 each. Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon was the informant.

FEELING OF CONFIDENCE PREVAILS IN ENGLAND

Great Pride Felt in the Noble Men Who Are Defending Democracy Against Autocracy---Newspapers Optimistic.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 23.—The attention of all England was centred today on the western front. There was no boastfulness, but the feeling was one of supreme confidence and pride in the army, which stands on the first line of defence between democracy and autocracy. The newspapers warn against undue optimism, but they point out that the fighting instinct still lives in the British breast, notwithstanding the long years of peace and ignorance of military training, and that when that fighting instinct dies the world will see the death of the British nation. Since it has developed that this is indeed the great heralded German offensive, the most colossal struggle in the world's history, the public and press are unanimously of the opinion that its failure will mean the end of the war.

Germany Staking All.

The Times says Germany evidently is resolved to stake all her chances on the western front, and adds: "She has committed herself to the greatest gamble in history. We believe she will fail, and it is precisely because the failure of the present attack must react disastrously upon Germany that we desire encouragement from the military position today."

The Morning Post begs the nation "to keep a cool head and allow no plausible argumentation upon scanty facts to persuade it to premature conclusions."

The Manchester Guardian says: "If the Germans persist in attacks at great losses, they will have lost the war."

HEBEAS CORPUS DECISION IN HALIFAX CASE TO BE REVIEWED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, March 23.—In the Supreme Court this morning before Chief Justice Harris and Judges Longley, Drysdale, Ritchie and Chisholm, Crown Prosecutor Cluney moved to fix a day for reviewing the decisions of Mr. Justice Russell granting habeas corpus applications made on behalf of Aime Lemedec and Francis Mackey, master and pilot respectively of the Mont Blanc, who were charged with manslaughter in connection with the Imo-Mont Blanc collision here, which resulted in the disastrous Halifax explosion on December 6th. The Chief Justice named Tuesday, April 2nd, for the hearing of Mr. Cluney's application. L. A. Lovett, K. C., acting counsel for Captain Lemedec, said that the captain, having been granted his discharge, and not having been notified of any possible review of the decision, had left the city and the jurisdiction of the court.

Huns Break Through British Line West of St. Quentin

RETURNED MEN ENTERTAINED BY THE COUNTESS

Turkey Supper Last Night to Thirty-four Members of the Great War Veterans' Association.

The Countess of Ashburnham very pleasantly entertained about thirty-four returned soldiers at a turkey supper at her residence last evening. During the evening His Lordship the Bishop Fredericton addressed the men in a very pleasing manner mentioning particularly his recent trip overseas and his visit to France. He praised the Canadian troops to the highest pitch and spoke of the kind words of the British and French officers in reference to the Canadians.

The Bishop's speech was excellent and full of feeling and was greatly enjoyed by those present. A staff consisting of eighteen young ladies assisted the countess in her task of serving the supper. The Earl of Ashburnham presented the boys with cigars and cigarettes.

The countess expects to receive a large silk Union Jack from the Old Country and will present it to the C. W. V. A. in Fredericton for its rooms. The affair last night was made the more enjoyable by piano solos by Mr. Trapania and songs by Sergt. Nolan.

Heavy Fighting With Fresh Enemy Forces is Going on---British Fall Back in Good Order to Prepared Positions---Situation Looks Serious.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 23.—Enemy attacks delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery have broken through the British defensive system west of St. Quentin, the War Office announces. The British troops on the northern portion of the battlefield are holding their positions. The British west of St. Quentin are falling back in good order to positions further west. Very heavy fighting with fresh enemy forces is in progress.

The War Office statement follows: "Heavy fighting continued until late last night on the whole battlefield. During the afternoon powerful hostile attacks, delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery, broke through our defensive system west of St. Quentin. Our troops on this part of the battle front are falling back in good order across the devastated area, to prepared positions further west. Our troops on the northern portion of the battlefield are holding their positions. Very heavy fighting is in progress."

BREAK IN LINES MAY CAUSE A WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH TROOPS ON A WIDE FRONT

For the first time in the war on the western front since the opposing armies established themselves in their trench systems, the defensive zone has been broken through. In other great attacks the British, French and Germans have been able to bend back the line, but not to strike through the zone of defence.

Many military critics had reached the opinion that on account of the strength of the lines it would be impossible to break them until one side or the other had been worn down to such a point that it would be no longer able to man it strongly. Unless the British are able to restore the situation by a counter attack, a withdrawal on a wide front may be necessary, with open field warfare. The point at which the British line has been broken is near the southern end of the German attacking front, which extends from Arras to LaFere, 15 miles below St. Quentin. Below this sector is the great arc in the front, where the line, approaching nearest to Paris, turns sharply to east.

GERMAN AIRPLANES CROSS LINES AND DROP BOMBS IN COMPEIGNE AND OTHER TOWNS

The German offensive has developed with almost unparalleled rapidity. One reason for this is indicated in Field Marshal Haig's reports, showing that the Germans are constantly bringing up fresh bodies of troops.

At nine o'clock last night a group of enemy airplanes crossed the lines and a certain number of bombs were dropped on Compeigne and different towns in that region. Several machines advanced further to the south, but were forced to turn back by the fire of French artillery. Apparently the Germans had intended a raid on Paris itself, but French airmen rose to meet the oncomers and not one enemy machine succeeded in reaching the capital.

DECISION IS AGAINST THE EXPRESS CO.'S

Ottawa, March 22.—The board of railway commissioners have decided against the claim of the Dominion Express Company in regard to express rates on fish. The Dominion Express Company in the past has made deliveries of fish by cartage to consignees. By supplements to the tariff the company sought to cancel all cartage delivery applying to fish in carload lots from the Atlantic to Pacific.

CAPT. REDMOND WAS ELECTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, March 23.—Captain William Redmond succeeds his father, John E. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, in parliament.

Results from the election for the seat for Waterford show that Captain Redmond received 1,243 votes, as against 764 for his opponent, Dr. White, a Sinn Feiner.

When a hole is accidentally made in the paper screen panels in a Japanese house it is not mended with a piece of paper glued over the hole. The tear is mended by placing over it a piece of paper cut in the form of a cherry or other blossom, or else in the form of a bird.

DYNAMITERS' TRIAL NEARING THE FINISH

Montreal, March 22.—In his charge to the jury in the case of the alleged dynamiters in the court of King's Bench here this evening Mr. Justice Belletier expressed the opinion that detective Charles DesJardines and Eli Lalumiere were guilty of the charge of having conspired to blow up Lord Atholstan's summer residence at Carterville last August and to kill Lord Atholstan and his family. There was absolutely nothing in Lalumiere's favor, his Lordship said, while the conduct of DesJardines, as a government detective, was shameful. As to Joseph Tremblay, who had confessed that he had taken part in the dynamiting of the Atholstan residence, the judge said Tremblay had rendered a great service to the public by giving evidence against his companions. The evidence against Chagnon, Cyr, Goyer, Bolduc, Paquet and Wisintainer was weak, the judge told the jury. His lordships address this evening was in French and tomorrow he will address the jury in English.

HEAVY FINE WAS IMPOSED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, March 23.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says the city of Brussels, Belgium, has been fined 2,000,000 marks for a recent demonstration by anti-Flemish agitators.