

GERMAN OBJECTIVE WAS CITY OF ARRAS AND VIMY RIDGE

Attack was Carefully Planned and Eleven Enemy Divisions Were Employed---British Stood Their Ground Nobly and the Attack Proved Futile.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Army Headquarters in France, Monday, April 1.—The German attack along the Scarpe river on March 28 had as its objective the city of Arras and the formidable Vimy Ridge. Careful plans were laid to carry out this ambition, and the attack was supported by a very heavy assault south and southwest of Arras. Units of at least eleven German divisions are being employed here.

At about three o'clock on the morning of the 28th, German artillery of large calibre opened a terrific bombardment against the British positions. It was obvious the enemy intended to attack and at 6.40 the British gunners unleashed an avalanche of steel against every known place of the assembly as Germans might be using.

THE HUNS ADVANCED IN FULL MARCHING ORDER AND WERE APPARENTLY IN DEAD EARNEST

Shortly after seven o'clock the enemy advanced. They came forward slowly and deliberately in full marching order. Each infantryman carried rations for six days, two blankets and an extra pair of boots, indicating that the attack was in deadly earnest. The company commanders were mounted and the infantry was followed closely by the artillery.

The Germans lost terribly in the heavy fighting, which lasted all day, during which the British fell back to a line between Bailleul and Willerval. The German attacks against these positions were futile. North of the river the British stood their ground and pushed forward slightly Friday.

South of the Carpet the Germans were held up for a time by a division which had been engaged against them for the previous week. After the first day the division retired somewhat and later was compelled to fall back behind Neuville Vitasse, on account of pressure to the south.

THE BRITISH AIRPLANES AND OBSERVATION BALLOONS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE OF LATE

LONDON, April 2.—The British official statement of aerial operations says:

"Our observation balloons and airplanes were active on Sunday, good visibility enabling the former to carry out useful work in conjunction with the artillery. The activity of our airplanes was chiefly centred south of the Somme.

"Very little fighting occurred in the air. Two hostile machines were shot down; another was driven to the earth out of control. Four of our machines are missing.

"Four British machines previously reported missing have since returned to their units. From midnight until dawn our bombing machines were constantly at work, twenty-four tons of projectiles being dropped on railway stations at Douai, Cambrai, Bapaume, Rosiere, Thorout and the docks at Bruges.

"Troops and transports in the neighborhood of Bapaume and Chaulnes were also attacked with bombs and machine gun fire. All our machines returned safely."

SIR WM. REID CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—An indictment charging Sir William Reid, former president of the Reid-Newfoundland Railways, with criminal libel, was dismissed by the grand jury today.

The charge was brought by Hon. Wm. Coaker, of the present government, and president of the Fishermen's Protective Union.

Mr. Coaker instituted proceedings against Sir William as a result of the publication of a letter from Sir William to Lord Shaftesbury in Montreal, stating that Coaker had been heard in discussion with political leaders on a plan to bring about confederation of this colony with the Dominion of Canada. Sir William was arrested on the charge on January 12.

The jury held today that the publication of the letter did not constitute a libel.

DEATH FOR GREEK TRAITORS.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Athens, Saturday, March 30.—Lieutenants Calamiras and Hodjopoulos, who came to Greece recently on a German submarine as agents of the former, were condemned to death by a court martial, and the sentence was carried out today.

YOUNG ALIEN WOUNDED HIS STEPFATHER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, April 2.—"I have just killed a man," said George G. Haas, a 20-year-old alien, as he stepped into the West St. Hyacinthe police station, with his mother, and laid a revolver on Lieut. J. Corbett's desk.

The mother was bruised and bleeding from beatings administered by her husband, stepfather of Haas, and the young man explained that it was because his stepfather had frequently beaten his mother that he tried to kill him.

The wounded man was found in the kitchen at his home with three wounds from the stepson's revolver, and was taken to a hospital, where his condition is regarded as serious. The young man was taken into custody.

Arctic Bowling Alleys.

The monthly bowling contest at the Arctic Alleys was held Friday night. J. Searies won the prize with a total pinfall of 1,129 for the ten strings. W. Foster had the highest number of pinfalls during the month, but on account of being in charge of the alleys, did not lay claim to the prize. There is to be a three-team match at the Arctic Alleys tonight and there promises to be some lively pinfalling.

BIDDING FOR HOMESTEAD LOT WAS LIVELY

Seven Lots of Crown Lands Put Up at Auction Today at Noon—All in the North.

Seven lots of Crown Land were sold at public auction at the Crown Land office today at noon. In but one case was there any lively bidding. The sales resulted as follows: Restigouche, three acres, Grimmer Settlement, sold to the applicant, Hermengilde Boulay, at upset price of twenty-five dollars; Gloucester, five and a half acres, Pokesudie Island, sold to the applicant, Eugene Lanteigne, at the upset price, one dollar per acre; 4.8 acres, Pokesudie Island, sold to the applicant, Lange Noel, at upset price one dollar per acre; twenty-eight and half acres, Pokesudie Island, sold to the applicant, James F. Doucet, at the upset price one dollar per acre; ninety-five acres north of North Branch, St. Simon's, sold to the applicant, Frederick F. Doucet, at \$4.55 per acre; one hundred acres, Rose Hill Settlement, sold to the applicant, Freeman Goodwin, at \$1.00; Victoria, seven acres, southern side Tobique River, Big Island Brook, sold to the applicant, Archie C. Smith, at the upset price, two dollars per acre. The Pokesudie lots all were fishermen's lots and the others in Gloucester were homesteads. There was lively bidding for the homestead on the St. Simon's between the applicant and Thomas Sivert, both represented by deputies.

FRENCH PREMIER IN HOT CORNER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Paris, April 2.—Premier Clemenceau while making his daily visit to the front yesterday, ventured so near the first line that his automobile was shelled vigorously by the German artillery. All the windows were broken but M. Clemenceau was not hurt. The premier returned to Paris enthusiastic and full of confidence in the favorable issue of the present great battle.

Route March.

The draft from the Central Ontario Regiment, now stationed in this city, held its usual route march about the city this morning.

STERN METHODS EMPLOYED TO CRUSH QUEBEC RIOT

Soldiers Were Sniped at From House Tops During the Night---New Brunswick Battalion was Pelted With Ice.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Quebec, April 2.—Fighting between the rioting element in Quebec and the military forces here continued into the night. After midnight the firing died down to a very great extent, but men on house tops sniped the soldiers for hours.

All night Quebec resounded with the tread of marching men and the hoarse commands of officers. The guard placed on the public buildings and in the area where fighting took place was maintained all night.

It was hoped by the military authorities that, now that it has been demonstrated that no more breaches of the law will be tolerated, the disorderly factions will remain quiet today. The holiday season ended with last night and it is thought by the military that the men returning to work the tendency to get together will be diminished. However, no relaxation of the stern methods which the military have inaugurated to crush the rioting will be seen.

Innocent Persons Killed.
 So far the killed and wounded appear to be innocent citizens who were not connected with the disturbances in any way. The soldiers used every care to protect the lives of citizens, but with thousands of persons in the region where the sniping was being carried out, they could not fire without a chance of hitting some innocent person.

The soldiers behaved with quiet courage and calmness. The most of the men have only been with the colors a few weeks, but their behavior under the sniping was exemplary.

As they stood out in the open street under the strong electric lights, they presented an excellent target for the snipers, but even when men began to

become casualties the soldiers stood stoically on guard or undertook the dangerous task of searching for shooters with energy.

Sixty-Two Arrested.
 The military authorities had sixty-two men under arrest this morning in connection with last night's clash between the rioters and the soldiers.

They have been arrested on charge of frequenting an illegal assembly.

This morning General Lessard consulted with the civil authorities as to their prosecution. The official casualty list of last night's battle, handed out by the military authorities this morning shows that the civilian dead are three, Arthur La Perriere, George Hamel, and B. Demelle.

The number of wounded soldiers remains at five. The number of civilians wounded was placed at four this morning, though more cases may be reported during the course of the day as doctors who treated them are heard from.

Soldier Casualties.

Quebec, April 1.—The list of soldiers injured in tonight's riots were: Private Jack Martel, Halifax, injured ears, bullet wound over right eye.

Private J. L. Pelerin, Guysboro, N. S. hit on head with brick.

Private Maybe, Toronto, hit on head with brick.

Private St. George Checkley, Greenwich, Conn., shot in leg.

Private Leroy Johnston, Toronto, bullet through jaw.

The work of escorting the prisoners to headquarters was carried out by a New Brunswick battalion. They were pelted with ice as they passed through the streets but none of them were severely hurt.

Lull in the Fighting on The Western Battlefront

FLYING CORPS SOON TO RETURN TO TORONTO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, April 2.—An Associated Press despatch from Fort Worth, Tex., today says:

"The British Royal Flying Corps, Commanded by Brig. General Hoare of Indian jungle campaign fame, which has been training here since October, will soon be starting back to Toronto. The training will be resumed in Canada.

The British, thousands strong, came to Fort Worth and shared the three American fields at the invitation of the United States government. It was a return compliment for the British invitation last summer to the Americans to train in Canada.

THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, April 2.—Early dealings on the stock exchange today were unusually quiet, many active issues remaining unquoted in the first half hour. The uncertain and superficial tone of the market was indicated by a 1½ gain in Colorado Fuel and a decline of as much in Miami Copper. In consequence of the reduced dividend, U. S. Steel reacted a small fraction and St. Paul preferred was heaviest of the rails, losing 1½ points. Liberty bonds were irregular.

Complain of Condition of Roads

Searle & Lamson Limited have complained to the City Council that during the months of March and April they will be obliged to discontinue the removal of the manure from their stables as ordered by the Board of Health because the condition of Poor House Hill and the first cross road is such that their wagons sink to the hubs in the mud if loaded to capacity. The matter has been referred to the Street Committee and the complainants probably will be told not to load their wagons so heavily.

Mr. T. B. Mullin of Montreal, is among the commercial men at the Barker House.

Mr. L. C. Leighton of Woodstock, is in the city.

Mr. J. K. King of Ottawa, arrived in the city last night.

British and French Official Statements Announce That the Night Was Fairly Calm---Artillery is Active at Some Points---Bombardment of Paris.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, April 2.—In the sector between the Avre and Luce rivers yesterday, the British took fifty prisoners, the War Office announces. Thirteen machine guns were captured.

Near Hebuterne the British made a successful attack, capturing a machine gun and prisoners. A German counter-attack was repulsed. The statement follows:

"In the course of the fighting yesterday in the area between the Avre and the Luce rivers, we captured fifty prisoners and 13 machine guns. A large number of German dead were found on the ground in this locality by us, and two counter attacks attempted by the enemy later in the day were broken up with heavy losses by our artillery. A German battery in action in this area was successfully engaged at short range and silenced by our machine guns.

LOCAL RAID CARRIED OUT BY BRITISH RESULTED IN CAPTURE OF MACHINE GUNS AND PRISONERS

"A successful local enterprise carried out by us in the neighborhood of Hebuterne resulted in the capture of 73 prisoners and three machine guns. Many Germans were killed in the operation also, and a hostile counter attack during the afternoon completely repulsed.

"On the remainder of the front successful raids, in which we secured several prisoners and killed a number of the enemy, were carried out in neighborhood of Acheville and Hollebeke."

ANGLO-FRENCH TROOPS MADE SOME PROGRESS DURING NIGHT BETWEEN THE SOMME AND DEMUIN

PARIS, April 2.—French and British troops advanced last night between the Somme and Demuin, it is announced officially in a statement as follows:

"The night was relatively calm on the front between the Oise and the Somme. The artillery fighting became rather heavy along some parts of the battlefield. Franco-British troops made some progress during the night between the Somme and Demuin. In the region of the Colonne trench and at St. Ban de Sept, the French made two successful raids and took prisoners. At Chambrettes a German attack on small French posts was repulsed."

Daily Bombardment of Paris.

PARIS, April 2.—The eighth long range bombardment of Paris began at ten o'clock today, when a projectile exploded in the region of the city. Four persons were killed and nine were injured yesterday by shells from the long range cannon.

The Pope Lodges a Protest.

LONDON, April 2.—A despatch from Rome says that the Pope has lodged a protest with Berlin against the bombardment of Paris, and especially the destruction of churches and wholesale massacre of non-combatant people.

Airmen on the Alert.

Paris, April 2.—An air raid warning was sounded at 3.45 this morning. Anti-aircraft guns began to fire immediately and a continuous curtain of fire was placed around the capital. At 4.25 it was announced that all danger was over.

THE CELTIC TORPEDOED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, April 1.—The steamship Celtic, one of the big White Star liners, was attacked and sunk by a German submarine, according to reliable information received here today in marine circles, during a voyage from England to America. Efforts are being made to save the vessel which, it is believed, carried no passengers.

The Celtic has a gross tonnage of 20,904, and has for years been one of the largest steamers in transatlantic service. She was built at Belfast in 1901 and flies the British flag.

Tithonus Torpedoed.

London, April 1.—The British armed boarding steamer Tithonus was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on March 28, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty. One mercantile officer and three naval ratings were lost.

Has Purchased Residence.

Mr. L. A. Gagnon, formerly of Edmundston, Chief Game Warden of the province, has purchased the brick residence in George street, formerly owned by the late Hon. P. G. Ryan. Mr. Gagnon will reside there.

TWO INJURED IN COLLISION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, April 2.—The conductor and engineer of a C. P. R. passenger train from Quebec were slightly injured when the express collided with a freight train in the St. Vincent de Paul yards at 5.50 this morning. No other casualties were reported to the C. P. R.

The cause of the accident is yet to be determined.

West End Bathing Beach

An early start is being made this year by the City Council in regard to the West End bathing beach which was exceedingly popular last summer. A special committee composed of Ald. Shea, Ald. Walker and Ald. Burpee was appointed last night to take up the matter. The erection of shelters will be one of the matters considered and also the clearing of the beach of snags which will be left after the freshet. Ald. Davidson made the statement that moral conditions were not all that they should be and it is probable that they will be improved if there is ground for the complaint.

Won Weekly Roll-off.

Mr. George W. Brown was the winner of the weekly roll-off at the Queen Hotel Bowling Alleys last night. His total was 266.