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MORE PRISONERS FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE CANADIAN TROOPS

British Troops Have an Acknowledged Superiority in Air Fighting---Enemy Resorting More Persistently to the Use of Gas.

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Corr. in Flanders.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, March 11.—Since the last big raid, as detailed in my despatches, more prisoners have fallen into our hands. The history of doings of the front recently has been one of slowly increasing activity. With the advent of fine spring weather there has been constant fighting in the air, in which the British machines have gained an acknowledged superiority. No fewer than eighteen enemy airplanes have been brought down in one day. As the enemy is inferior in the air, so the winter record of trench raiding finds the balance strongly in favor of Canada, and our guns dominate.

A hostile party of six which attempted to raid one of our posts south of Lens yesterday morning was driven off with machine gun fire, leaving one wounded prisoner. While the enemy was failing in his raid, a patrol of one officer and a score of other ranks of an eastern Ontario battalion was encountering a hostile scout party. It drove it back in disorder towards the German lines and captured one prisoner.

HUNS DISCHARGED TWO THOUSAND ROUNDS OF GAS SHELLS AT THE CANADIAN TRENCHES

Another patrol with double its number bombed its way back to our trenches, inflicting losses on the Hun and sustaining no casualties itself.

With trench warfare so strikingly in our favor, the enemy is resorting more persistently to the use of gas. Yesterday morning he opened a concentrated gas bombardment against our lines west and south of Mericourt. In the bombardment, lasting two hours, it is estimated that he fired about two thousand rounds of gas shells, consisting of all calibres up to 15 cm. with a percentage of shrapnel also.

SUCCESSFUL RAID WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE BRITISH, SAYS TODAY'S OFFICIAL BULLETIN

LONDON, March 11.—"A successful raid in which several of the enemy were killed or taken prisoner, an d two machine guns captured, was carried out by us last night south of St. Quentin," says the official statement of Field Marshal Haig today. "A party of the enemy which approached our lines northwest of La Bassee was driven off by artillery and machine gun fire." This is the first report of any British activity on the line south of St. Quentin since the British took over the sector from the French several weeks ago. Previously the British front had extended only to St. Quentin.

THE COST OF LIVING IN GERMANY IS STEADILY CLIMBING UPWARD

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The cost of living in Germany is increasing at the rate of 42 per cent. a year, requiring the average German family to go into debt for the necessities of life. According to figures gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, average expenditures of families having incomes ranging from 100 to 200 marks is 22.05 marks. Rigid economy is practiced everywhere and the average family only spends twenty-six cents a month for amusements.

NOTRE DAME WAS IN DANGER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March 11.—Fire this morning destroyed property valued at \$25,000 in the warehouses of Samuel Fisher & Co., St. Sulphur street, engineers' supplies. The firemen had a hard task preventing the flames reaching Notre Dame Church, which was seriously threatened at one time.

Big Blaze at Saskatoon. Saskatoon, March 11.—J. H. Ashdown's wholesale hardware house was totally destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss is estimated at \$600,000.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March 11.—Sixteen Irish societies in Quebec have sent a cable of sympathy to Mrs. John Redmond. Requiem masses were celebrated in a number of the Catholic churches for John Redmond yesterday.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, March 11.—Casualties among Maritime men are thus reported:

Killed in action—W. B. Smith, Fredericton, N.B.; C. Parent, Lower Dumfries, N.B.

Wounded—J. W. Mahoney, St. John; A. M. McLeod, Victoria, N.S.

Gassed—H. C. Buck, Upper Dorchester, N.B.; G. M. Daniels, address not stated.

Ill—G. S. Keating, Truro.

CLERGYMAN PASSES AWAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, March 11.—Rev. Richard Robinson, after fifty-one years of active ministry in the Methodist church, died here yesterday. His entire life in a ministerial capacity was spent in the province of Quebec. He was 73 years old.

COTTON MILL FIREMEN GO ON STRIKE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Fall River, Mass., March 11.—Most of the cotton mills here were in operation today notwithstanding a strike of union firemen which became effective last night. Reports to the Manufacturers' Association showed that the plants of the American Print Company and the American Thread Co. were closed, but that in other mills the places of the strikers had been filled.

Strike leaders reported that every union man had remained away from work and that every mill was feeling the effect of the walk-out.

The strike was called Saturday after the Manufacturers' Association had declined to grant demands for a closed shop and shorter hours.

Death at Fredericton Junction.

Leonard Mersereau died at Fredericton Junction Sunday, aged seventy-seven years. He was one of the prominent citizens of that place and highly respected by all who knew him, having served many years as secretary of the Fredericton Junction school board.

He is survived by four sons, David W. Mersereau, M.P.P., Leonard in the Canadian west; Harry, in Cape Breton, and Alex., an operator at Brownville Junction, and three daughters, Mrs. Havelock Hoyt of Victoria Corner, Carleton county; Mrs. Bartlett, living near St. Etienne, and Mrs. Minnie Murray, widow of Dr. A. J. Murray of Fredericton Junction.

Late John W. Godard.

At an early hour this morning John W. Godard, a well known commission merchant died at his home, St. John, following an illness of a month's duration. Born in St. John sixty-three years ago, Mr. Godard lived there all his life and he had a most successful business career. He leaves to mourn his widow, one son, A. J. Godard of St. John, and four daughters, Mrs. L. W. Sanford, of Walpole N. H., Mrs. L. A. Atcheson and Misses Vera and Frances at home. Three sisters, Mrs. S. D. Hunter, Mrs. S. T. Vaughan of St. John, and Mrs. R. D. Taylor of Fredericton, also survive.

Dumfries Man Killed in Action.

The casualty list today contains the name of Private C. Parent of Dumfries, killed in action with the Canadian Infantry in France.

Heavy Artillery Fire Along the Western Front

HUNS FIRED ON BOATS FROM HOSPITAL SHIP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Liverpool, March 11.—The Evening Express says it is authoritatively informed that the body of one of the junior officers of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle, which was torpedoed in the Bristol Channel on February 6th by a German submarine, was picked up a short distance from the spot and was found to have two gunshot wounds, one in the neck and the other in the thigh. There was a life belt on the body.

While there have been no reports that the Germans fired on the escaping crew of the hospital ship at the time of the torpedoing, this discovery leads to the belief that an attack was made subsequently on some of the boats.

RECALLS FIGHT IN MANILA BAY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, March 11.—Admiral Von Dierichs, commander of a German squadron off Manila during the Spanish-American war, and who clashed with Admiral Dewey, commander of the American squadron in the Philippines, is dead.

N. B. POTATOES IN ONTARIO

Windsor, Ont., March 11.—Four carloads of potatoes from New Brunswick have just arrived here. The price in New Brunswick was 65 cents a bushel, but the rate here is about 50 cents a peck.

COOPERATION IN GREATER PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS

Basis of an Agreement Made Between the Food Board and Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 11.—The general basis of plans for co-operation between the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Canada food board on the one hand and the Departments of Agriculture of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in an extensive and intensive campaign for greater production in 1918 were agreed upon at the recent conference of provincial ministers of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Dr. James W. Robertson was appointed by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture and the Canada food board to co-operate on their behalf with these provincial governments.

Definite plans of organization are now in process of completion and application. Ontario has set for itself an objective of one million additional acres of cereals and other cultivated crops, and also the greatest possible production per acre on all cultivated land. Quebec will do her best to pass her objective of six hundred thousand additional acres.

The three Maritime Provinces are depended upon for increased crops to the extent of four hundred thousand acres, or an increase of five acres per farm on the average.

LAWYERS WELL REPRESENTED IN CANADA'S NEW PARLIAMENT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 11.—One-third of the members of the new House of Commons five their professions as lawyers. Of the remainder one-sixth are farmers; one-tenth each physicians, merchants and manufacturers and one-fourteenth brokers and agents. The occupations, according to figures compiled by W. F. O'Connor, general returning officer, are:

Barristers, 73; notaries, 4; conveyances, 1; physicians, 23; veterinarians, 2; dentists, 1; farmers, 39; rancher, 1; publishers and journalists, 11; educationists, 2; manufacturers, 23; lumber operators, 17; contractors, 2; merchants, 22; brokers and agents, 17; plumber, 1; railway conductor, 1; land surveyor, 1; military officers, 4. In addition to the four members who are designated as officers or soldiers, there will be about a dozen others in the House who have served in the war.

Indications That the Germans Will Soon Start Their Long Expected Offensive ---British Pull off a Successful Counter Attack on the Enemy.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France and Belgium, Sunday, March 10.—Heavy artillery fire was proceeding at various points along the tense British and German battle lines today, but there has been no infantry action of importance since yesterday morning, when the British, in a violent counter attack, hurled the Germans from the posts they succeeded in capturing in the region of Poelderhoek region Friday evening.

The British defences here and south of the Houtholst forest, where the Germans also succeeded in taking a trench on Friday morning, have been re-established completely after severe fighting in which the Germans lost heavily.

Further south attacks were but apologies for what the Germans had planned originally. They had intended to make a prefrontious assault on the northern sector south of the Houtholst forest on February 20, to pinch off the British salient, and gain a number of important positions. This became known to the British, however, through a deserter, and they buried the Houtholst front under such an avalanche of shells that the enemy was forced to abandon his scheme.

GERMAN PLANS TO ATTACK A BRITISH POST WERE DIVULGED BY AN ENEMY PRISONER

The Germans decided, nevertheless, to make a similar attack Friday morning, which gained them six posts temporarily.

The final result was that they were driven out with severe losses and also forced to abandon some of their own forward positions. A strong attack had also been planned for February 28, against the important high ground held by the British in the region of Polderhoek and southwest of that place.

A prisoner taken by the British is said to have divulged the German plans. The British artillery effectively prevented the carrying out of this programme, and later German prisoners said their regiments had been paraded and informed that the attack had been postponed because the British had learned of it. They said the attack had been put off until March 8.

THE OFFICERS OF A BRITISH COMPANY BURIED BY ENEMY SHELLFIRE, BUT NOT ONE OF THEM HURT

Thursday the British gunners put down a terrific barrage and the Germans did not attempt to advance. Friday evening, however, they moved against Poelderhoek ridge under a smoke barrage and to the accompaniment of a heavy bombardment of the British positions. The enemy occupied a number of posts along a narrow front, and a hard fight followed.

Early Saturday morning the British organized a counter-attack which was without the desired result. A second counter-attack was completely successful.

One of the freaks of the war occurred near Poelderhoek on Friday. The headquarters of a British company sustained three direct hits from German heavy guns and the building was demolished over the heads of the entire staff. When the infantry had cleared away the debris it was found that not a single officer had been injured, although some of them were suffering from shell shock.

Roads Becoming Dry and Dusty.

This has been another magnificent day. The balmy weather of the past few days, which might properly belong to April or May, has brought out the leaves of the pussy willows and many woodland flowers. The ground still contains some frost, but the roads are dry and dusty.

THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, March 11.—Coppers furnished the basis of strength at the firm but dull opening of today's stock market. Anaconda and Inspiration gained a point each, Mexican Petroleum and Southern Railway preferred scored similar advances, and coal shares indicated further accumulation under lead of Reading, Lehigh Valley and Chesapeake and Ohio. U. S. Steel reacted a fraction, but immediately recovered. Further general improvement was made in the first half hour. Liberty bonds were steady.

WAS A NOTED MEDICINE MAN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

West Palm Beach, Fla., March 10.—J. M. Munyon, a medicine manufacturer of Philadelphia, died today at a Palm Beach hotel. Heart failure was said to have been the cause.

HONORS FOR CANADIANS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, March 11.—Col. Edward B. Worthington, of Sherbrooke, has been created a companion of the order of St. Michael and St. George. The Distinguished Service Order has been awarded to Major Frederick Rush, of New Brunswick and Majors William Forrest Cooke, Kenneth McDougall and Garnet Strong, of the Forestry Corps.

HUNS WILL PAY BIG DAMAGES

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, March 11.—The Hamburg prize court has ordered the German Empire to pay 1,318,800 marks damages to the owners of the Dutch steamer Gamma, which was sunk by a German submarine in February, 1917. The vessel when torpedoed was carrying a cargo of linseed cake from the United States to Amsterdam.