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FRENCH TROOPS SWEEP OVER GERMAN LINE

FOR A START, FRENCH TROOPS TAKE OVER TEN THOUSAND GERMAN PRISONERS

FIGHTING IS FIERCE AT ST. QUENTIN

The Gaps in the Hindenburg Line Being Widened—St. Quentin City Burning—Germans Are Desperate.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 17.—The British troops are continuing to gradually widen the second of the gaps in the famous Hindenburg line to the north of St. Quentin. They have captured the positions known as Trois Sauvages, and East Gri-court. The city of St. Quentin has been fired and continues to burn.

Lens Holds Out.

Away to the north, the German troops are still holding on grimly to their positions in Lens. The outskirts of the city are in the possession of the British, but the German higher command has apparently rushed their reserves there and are putting up a desperate resistance, apparently to gain time to enable their engineers to complete the destruction of the numerous coal pits and factories, with which the town is surrounded. The Germans have made full use of the coal resources of that part of France they have been in possession of for so long. They will do their best to render the use of the coal mines impossible for the Allies for some considerable time.

Counter Attacks.

The counter attacks which the Germans have launched at Monchy and Lagnicourt, where the British have driven deep wedges into their line, suggest that their communications are threatened by the swift advance, and it is possible that Lens may be cut off. There are several strong positions still about Lens to which the German troops are yet clinging, although their main defences have been reduced to dust by the fire from the British batteries. The tremendous losses of the German forces in their counter attacks at Lagnicourt shows that they are unable to stem the tide of the British advance.

Mesopotamia.

The British attack on the Turkish forces has been successful, and the enemy has been driven back to the Jebelsamin Hills.

YUKONERS ARE NOW RETURNING HOME

The Princess Sophia on her arrival here yesterday afternoon from the south had on board a full passenger list, composed chiefly of Yukoners going home to the Northland after sojourning over the winter in the south. The White Pass and Yukon Route was well represented in the personnel of the crews of their steamers. There are many men in Prince Rupert today who are intending going north at the first opportunity.

Invictus, Corona & Bell's shoes for men—Wallace's.

THE WAR CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 17.—The Right Honorable Arthur Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has arrived in United States waters and is expected to arrive in Washington this afternoon. The governor of the Bank of England, and a representative from the army and navy accompanied Mr. Balfour and a similar commission from France, headed by M. Viviani, Minister of Justice is also expected to arrive, when questions pertaining to the conduct of the war will be discussed, with President and his cabinet. The first conference is expected to take place tomorrow.

A Memorable Week.

This will prove to be one of the most memorable weeks in American history. President Wilson has appealed for the co-operation of every man, woman and child of the nation for waging a successful war, and is bringing the conflict home to every farm, factory and household. The events of the next few days will move the United States rapidly forward in her participation in the struggle with Germany.

CASUALTY LIST WILL BE HEAVY

Ottawa, April 16.—Commencing today, two lists of the casualties are being published daily by the military authorities, one in the morning and one in the evening. For several weeks past the lists have been comparatively light and only one list has been made public daily.

The Canadian troops have been fighting steadily for more than a week now, and have made big advances in the face of stiff opposition, and it can only be assumed that the losses will be heavy. The losses are probably less than in any previous fighting of a like magnitude, owing to the larger part of high artillery plays in present day fighting.

CRITICS TRY TO EXPLAIN DEFEAT

Copenhagen, via London, April 16.—German military critics are still endeavoring to convince their readers that the battle of Arras is only of tactical, not strategic importance and without effect upon the general situation. They are occasionally betrayed, however, into making damaging admissions.

Captain von Salzmann in the Vossische Zeitung says the events prove the correctness of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's decision to shorten his line, since nothing can be done against superiority in heavy artillery.

Admits Shortage.

He speaks of German inferiority in material as well as in numbers—a noteworthy admission, in view of Germany's unprecedented efforts to manufacture munitions under industrial mobilization. Captain Salzmann concludes:

"Germany cannot expect always to go with flying banners from victory to victory, but, despite her inferiority in men and material, she has the nerves which will prevent the British from breaking the line."

First Line Shaken.

Major Morant says the British have succeeded in shaking the first line but that the assault has been stopped by the German support and main reserves. The latter statement is interesting if it means the strategic reserve which von Hindenburg mentioned recently as being accumulated for a striking force in this year's campaign.



UNITED STATES SENATORS WHO OPPOSED THE DECLARATION OF WAR.—Senators Stone, Lane, La Follette, Gronna and Vardman, shown from left to right. Senator Norris was the sixth of the filibusters, whose picture is not included here. Of the six obstinate ones, Stone and Vardman, (Democrats) have announced that hereafter they will support war measures.

DENMARK UTTERS WARNING TO HUNS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Copenhagen, April 17.—The official government organ here today utters a warning to Germany. Denmark is heartily sickened at the ruthlessness and wantonness of the Germans in their conduct of the war. Their discreditable policy is described as aimless and mischievous. Germany is asked to pause and consider the issues.

THE CITY COUNCIL

The meeting of the city council last evening was of short duration. In reply to an enquiry by Alderman Casey at the previous meeting, the city solicitor brought in his report regarding the right of corporations to vote at municipal elections.

According to the act, the duly qualified agent of a corporation who complies with the necessary requirements, is entitled to a vote. On the motion of Alderman Casey, seconded by Alderman Nelson, the report was filed.

NEW WIRELESS STATION ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Washington, April 16.—Woody Island, near the Alaskan town of Kodiak, will be the site of the big radio station which the Navy Department is about to establish to connect Alaska with the chain of wireless stations on the Lower Pacific coast. This will insure against interruption of communication through loss of cables by the act of an enemy or by accident.

STATIONERY FOR THE CITY HALL

Tenders for the supply of certain stationery requirements of the city hall were opened at the meeting of the city council last night. K. L. Raak, for envelopes only, tendered for \$164; for the whole order the News Job Press tendered for \$164; McRae Bros., Ltd., figured at \$190, and A. O. Franks at \$176. As every tender was not detailed, they were referred back to committee for tabulation on the motion of Alderman Montgomery.

The favorite household Coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15, Prince Rupert Coal Co.

PREMIER BORDEN AT WINDSOR CASTLE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 17.—Sir Robert Borden, with his colleagues from the other self-governing dominions, now in Britain to attend the Empire conference, were the guests of King George for the weekend at Windsor Castle. Sir Edward Morris, of Newfoundland, Premier Massey, of New Zealand, General Smuts, the South African representative, and the Archbishop of York made up the party.

GENERAL STRIKE IS ON IN GERMANY

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 17.—Travellers arriving from Germany in Holland say that a general strike has commenced in Berlin. Numerous riots have occurred in the German capital. The troops have been called out and sanguinary encounters have taken place.

GRUESOME FIND ON ARISTABLE ISLAND

In a deserted shack, in the bush on Aristable Island, near to Surf Inlet, Captain Tom Peterson found the dead body of a man. There was no stove, nor utensils in the shack, and judging from the clothing worn by the dead man, it is probable he had been there since last summer.

He had no gun, although there were empty shells lying around outside, but his clothing carried two watches. There were some papers on the body too, but they had got wet, and were undecipherable. Such was the story told by Captain Tom Peterson last night. The matter has been reported to the provincial police department. Captain Peterson buried the body, before he left the island, and judging from the length of the dead man's hair, which was five or six inches long, he must have been away from the centres of civilization for some considerable period.

Brighten the home! Wall-paper—Wallace's.

NEW WELLINGTON COAL. Albert & McCaffery, phone 116.

WHEAT IS PLACED ON THE FREE LIST

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 17.—The government has announced that wheat, wheat-flour, and semolina have been placed on the free list, thus opening up markets to Canada in the United States and Canadian markets to the Americans in these products.

SOUTH AMERICA AND GERMANY

La Paz, Bolivia, April 16.—The German minister and his staff have been handed their passports by the Bolivian Government, with a note declaring diplomatic relations between Bolivia and Germany have been severed.

Brazilian Action.

Rio de Janeiro, April 16.—It is officially announced that the government has decided to arm the Brazilian merchantmen which propose to make voyages into the German submarine zone. The ships, however, will be provided with instructions of a purely defensive character. It has been decided to seize for their own protection the damaged German interned ships in Brazilian ports.

Peru's Reply to U. S.

Lima, Peru, April 16.—The reply of the Peruvian Government to the note from the United States announcing the existence of a state of war with Germany, says that Peru deprecates the fact that the United States was compelled to take such a course and expresses the hope of a speedy ending of the war. No reference is made to the neutrality of Peru.

AN APPEAL TO THE LADIES

Prince Rupert, April 17, 1917. To the Editor,

Sir:—As Regent of the Queen Mary Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, I would urge upon all women over twenty-one, who are born British subjects, to register before May 1st, in order to counter balance the large foreign male vote in this province. In Alberta and Saskatchewan it is feared that the German and Austrian vote will hold the balance of power while our soldiers are away at the front.

Yours truly,
STELLA DU VERNET.

FIRE ON THIRD AVENUE

There was quite a little excitement yesterday afternoon for a few minutes on Third Avenue, between the News office and McBride Street. Some children, it is said, had got hold of a match, and as a result of their seeing how it went alight when struck, the dry brush and grass caught fire, and in a short space of time the whole hillside was blazing. The fire spread very quickly, but was quickly put out on the arrival of the fire department.

FRENCH TAKE TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS

Great French Offensive Commences Between Soissons and Rheims—Fighting on Whole Front.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, April 17.—After several days of preliminary artillery preparation, the great French attack began yesterday morning, on a front extending from Soissons to Rheims. On the first forward sweep of the French several lines of German positions were taken and over ten thousand Germans were taken prisoners. The fighting has been described as of the utmost violence. It is understood that the great offensive of the French army, which was timed to synchronise with the "big push" of the British forces farther to the north, may now be starting.

Official Report.

Today's official report indicated that the artillery preparation has spread all along the Champagne front, and a series of terrific smashes against the Germans is in progress all along the French front far down to the south in Alsace and Lorraine. The French drive towards St. Quentin has increased in pressure against the enemy, and south of the Oise fighting of a very bitter nature is in progress.

In Champagne.

Great numbers of prisoners have been taken in the preliminary reconnaissance raids undertaken by the French troops against the German lines. The artillery bombardment is terrific.

THE RETAIL CLERKS

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Retail Clerks Association was held last evening. The membership is increasing, there being three new members for initiation. Arrangements are in hand for a picnic being held on the 24th of May, Victoria Day, and a committee of the whole are considering the matter.

MORE FORESTERS WANTED

Ottawa, April 16.—About 12,000 more men are required from Canada for overseas forestry battalions. They will be sent overseas in drafts of 100 as soon after enlistment as possible. In Western Canada recruiting depots will be established at Winnipeg, Prince Albert, Edmonton, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme Theatre tonight will be repeated the great photoplay entitled "Witchcraft." Miss Fannie Ward, who is the star artiste, certainly lives up to her reputation in this production. The story of the play deals with the trials and tribulations of the early settlers in America, and their genuine belief in witchcraft. Puritans and Huguenots both are included among the characters, and as a picturization of old days that will never return, this photoplay is very interesting.

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