

THE DAILY NEWS

ALLIES SMASHING THE HINDENBURG LINE

TREMENDOUS ATTACKS BEING MADE ON THE GERMANS FROM LENS TO RHEIMS

HINDENBURG LINE GETS FIVE BLOWS

Allies Deliver Smashing Attack at Five Different Points—Counter Attacks Are Desperate.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 18.—Lens, La Fere, St. Quentin, Cambrai and Laon, which constitute the five key points of the vaunted Hindenburg line are being struck at so savagely by the Franco-British drive that their continuation in the hands of the enemy much longer seems impossible. Of the five towns, Lens, La Fere and St. Quentin may fall to the Allies at any minute. The onslaught of the Allies is in great force and the Germans cannot withstand the pressure. Cambrai and Laon are less closely enveloped, but the menace of the drive is none the less at these points. General Haig's latest report tells of another successful thrust being made to the south of Cambrai around Epehy. This attack was aimed at Le Catelet, about eleven miles to the south of Cambrai.

French Front.

Paris, April 18.—The official statement of the fighting more than confirmed the most sanguine hopes of success in the joint offensive entertained here. General Nivelle reported a desperate German attempt to stem the French forward rush to Laon. Their counter attack took place at Ailles which lies about seven miles to the south of Laon. The attack was repulsed by the French easily. At Courcy, four miles to the north of Rheims, General Nivelle's forces has to withstand another powerful German attack. These attacks were apparently made on two sections of the French wedge which has been driven into the German line. The losses of the enemy in dead and wounded have been enormous, while 2,500 more prisoners have been taken by the French. The German forces have been forced to vacate many miles of territory and the French soldiers are still sweeping onward.

Mesopotamia.

The Turkish troops in Mesopotamia are steadily retreating before the British advancing forces, who are meeting with slight opposition.

AUSTRIA MAKES PEACE OVERTURES TO RUSSIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 18.—The overtures which have been made to Russia by Austria-Hungary are considered here to predate the disintegration of the Germanic Alliance. The recent decisive battles heightens this belief. The Arras disaster may be the war's turning point in favor of the Allies.

ITALIAN ARTILLERY EXTREMELY ACTIVE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, April 18.—Advices from Switzerland have reported that the Italian artillery are extremely active on the Isonzo front. The large number of Austrians taken prisoner and sent behind the lines suggest that Italy may be starting her offensive, which has been so timed to catch the Teutons when they are direly in need of men to withstand the great British push on the western front.

WHAT VIMY MEANS TO OUR ARTILLERY

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, April 16.—The final phase of the battle of Vimy "proceeds," to use the words of the phrase-makers of Berlin, "entirely in accordance with our intentions," while our guns are avoiding doing any damage to the many coal mines and other industrial establishments in this neighborhood, they are destroying the enemy's defenses as thoroughly as they did his trenches and wire entanglements on this western side of the crest before the assault by our troops. The situation has changed remarkably in the last week. When the British and Canadian guns opened the preparatory bombardment in the offensive sector, the entire eastern section of Vimy Ridge, together with the crest and a strip, ranging from a thousand yards to a mile in width on the west slope, was in the enemy's hands. From Hill 145 and other commanding points, the Germans could look down on Lorette Ridge, the shell-scattered ruins of Souchez, Cerency, Ablain, Villers-aux-Bois, Nouville-la-Targette and Mount St. Eloi, as well as Zouave Valley and the Labyrinth. In this terrain our guns had to be placed to secure effective range. Some of them, by careful use and owing to the conformation of the ground could be concealed. Many others had, however, to take chances in the open, where every flash of their discharge, day or night, could be spotted from the ridge by German observation officers, with the result that they could accurately direct their return fire. Our only way of learning what was the result of our bombardment on the crest and the eastern slope of the ridge was by aeroplane observation and photographs. This was no use at night and at such times the gunners had to "go it blind," trusting to the previous work of the observers.

All this is completely changed. It is now the Germans who must shoot over the hill in the darkness, trusting to their air service to reveal the damage. That branch is now having a hard time in air fighting and is entirely too busy to "spot" for the enemy guns on this side of the ridge. The result of this artillery situation will be the speedy ejection of the Germans from the western part of the plain.

IRISH NATIONALISTS AND AN ELECTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 18.—Faced with the organized effort of the Irish Nationalists to force a general election by defeating the bill for the prolongation of Parliament, Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that a statement would be made outlining the Government's attitude regarding the Irish Home Rule Bill.

TELL OF LIVING IN PRISON CAMP

London.—Three Canadian escaped prisoners have reached London. They are Ptes. H. S. Kenyon, of Vancouver, captured at St. Eloi in April, 1916; G. Langalis, of Montreal, captured in April, 1915, and B. B. Gray, of the Mounted Rifles, enlisted in the West, captured at Ypres, in June 1916.

"In one prison four of us," Kenyon said, "were put in a dark cell seven feet by twelve. It was filthy. They turned on the steam until the place was so unbearably hot that we had to take off all our clothes and lie on the floor. Even then we could hardly breathe. For the first 24 hours of this we had neither food nor water. Then they gave us each a ration of about seven ounces to last three days."

Pte. Langlais was taken to So. (Continued on Page four.)

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.

Just arrived—100 tons Washed Nut Coal—Albert & McCaffery, Phone 116.



Great Grandson of the "Iron Duke" of Waterloo, Attached to the Royal Flying Corps of Canada.—Lord George Wellesley, fourth son of the present Duke of Wellington, with Lady Wellesley and their two daughters, Miss Pamela and Miss Mary, who are at present in Toronto. Lord Wellesley arrived in New York early last month, and was married in New York to Lady Louise Nesta Pamela Wellesley, widow of his brother, Lord Richard Wellesley. Lord Wellesley will make an extended tour of Canada in the interests of the Flying Corps.

HOW THE P. G. E. CAME INTO BEING

For his services in securing the Pacific Great Eastern Railway franchise and a traffic agreement between the Pacific Great Eastern and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Mr. Darcy Tate, vice-president and general counsel of the Pacific Great Eastern, received by agreement with J. W. Stewart \$500,000 in cash and 25 per cent of the capital stock of the company.

Out of this sum he made disbursements to the Conservative campaign fund, according to statements which were made at the P. G. E. enquiry in Victoria last week.

Contributed for Years.

"It was understood when Gen. J. W. Stewart made the agreement to pay me \$500,000 to secure the franchise and traffic rights that out of it I was to take care of the campaign funds as far as the Conservative party was concerned.

"The understanding was that I was to get the franchise and traffic rights and make the customary contributions. We all know that these contributions are customary. I have made contributions to campaign funds for the past fifteen years," said Mr. Tate.

He told Gen. Stewart that he thought he could get the franchise and also the traffic rights over the Grand Trunk Pacific.

"I don't want to appear egotistical, but it is necessary for me to make this explanation," continued Mr. Tate. "I do not think that any other person but myself could have secured the passage of the acts because no one but I could have got the traffic arrangement with the G. T. P. that Sir Richard McBride insisted upon. Norton Griffiths tried to get it, but failed. The Norton Griffiths people, in fact, were willing to pay more than \$500,000 if they could get the franchise.

WOMEN MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO VOTE

Now that the woman's suffrage measure has become law, every woman, who is over twenty-one years of age, and is a British subject, is entitled to a vote at parliamentary elections. But while she is entitled to a vote, there is one thing necessary on her part and that is, that she must appear before a duly appointed commissioner and register her name, for inclusion on the voters' roll. This is necessary.

Special commissioners have been appointed to accept such registrations, and these commissioners include the government agent as registrar of voters, notaries public, justices of the peace, aldermen and numerous others.

Several ladies have also been appointed as commissioners and they will be prepared to accept such registration very shortly.

The second Monday in May is the last day on which registration can be effected before the sitting of the first court of revision of the voters' roll. This makes the matter urgent for the women of British Columbia. This registration is a very simple thing, but is one that is apt to be overlooked, and put off until it is too late.

With the probability of a Dominion election this summer every woman duly qualified should see to it that her name is registered for inclusion in the provincial voters roll.

White canvas footwear—Wallace's.

FIRST SHOTS BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY

Germany Fired Her First Shot at United States—Missed It—Submarine Attacks Destroyer.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 18.—Official information reached the Navy Department shortly after noon yesterday that the United States destroyer Smith was fired upon by a German submarine at 3:30 a. m. The torpedo launched at the destroyer by the U boat missed the Smith, which immediately gave chase to the submarine. The enemy vessel by submerging was enabled to make good her escape. For naval reasons the Navy Department refuses to disclose the location of the encounter.

THE NAVY GETS "PRINCE JOHN" OFFICER

Mr. John Baillies, who has plied for years on the British Columbia coast, has received instructions to report to the senior naval officer at Esquimalt for appointment under the new regulations, whereby master mariners are taken into the naval reserve with the rank of "skipper."

Captain Baillies is a deep sea man, but for the last few years has been in the coasting service and was one of the officers of the "Prince John."

Captain Baillies has led an adventurous life, and has been to sea since he was a boy. His first voyage was to Australia and back many years ago, when the return trip in a sailing vessel took between one and two years. He also was under Admiral Seymour in the Boxer rising in China and has been in South America during some of the frequent revolutions in some states there. For all round adventure, his experiences have been very interesting. The navy has got a good man.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

Tonight at the Westholme Theatre "Madame X" will be the title of the photoplay screened. This is a play of exceptional power. It is full of exciting episodes and thrilling incidents. Dorothy Donnelly is the star artist, who is admittedly in the front rank of her profession, and she is supported by a splendid cast. The plot, from the beginning of the story until the climax is reached, holds the interest of everyone. The last tragic scene is a very strong one and is beautifully acted. "Madame X" will surely rank among the triumphs at the Westholme.

Word has been received in town that Carlyle Brand who was wounded recently at the front, has recovered and has rejoined his company.

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

LONDON CAFE AND GRILL

Third Avenue Prompt Service of the Best there is to eat at all hours.

BOXES FOR LADIES

WESTHOLME
OPERA HOUSE
Tonight and Tomorrow
DOUBLE ATTRACTION
Henry W. Savage presents
Dorothy Donnelly
—IN—
"Madam X"
In six acts.
Fifth Episode of the
"SHIELDING SHADOW"
Admission 10 and 25 cents.

La Casse Domestic Bread

Do not just order "a loaf of bread"—Make it a point to get **La Casse Domestic 16 oz. Bread**

Get the most for your money—Get full food value—best Materials—Purest Ingredients. Bread is the world's cheapest food—Eat plenty of it—And see what it is

LA CASSE'S DOMESTIC BREAD, 16 OZ. LOAF
Get La Casse Bread from your Grocer or Telephone 190.
THE LABEL PROTECTS YOU