

## THE CANADIANS MAKE BRILLIANT CAPTURE

### FIERCE HAND TO HAND ENCOUNTERS MARK THE PROGRESS OF BRITISH ARMIES

#### THE ALLIES ARE STILL ADVANCING

The Oppy Line is Pierced and in Alsace, French Take Many Prisoners in Second Line Trenches.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 30.—The British troops in a desperate attempt to turn the northern wing of the Drocourt-Queand line, have advanced on a front of nearly ten miles. The village of Arleux en Gohelle nine miles to the west of Douai has been captured.

#### Counter Attacks.

Most violent fighting marked this battle, and the successive German counter attacks which were made with heavy sacrifices, failed to check the victorious advance of the British. Fierce encounters with the bayonet and the rifle butt were the order of the day. The British got close enough for hand to hand fighting. They sprang at the throats of their foes, and man to man, the Germans were no match. In further counter attacks, wave after wave of the grey coated enemy were shattered by the deadly British fire.

#### Canadians Forward.

The Canadians in a brilliant assault captured an important village. Progress was made everywhere and the German line was again pierced. Several Wurtemberg divisions were literally cut to pieces. The battle is still in progress in an easterly direction from Vimy Ridge southward to the Scarpe River. The so-called Oppy Mericourt line which protects the Drocourt switch to the Hindenburg line has also been pierced.

#### French Front.

Paris, April 30.—In Alsace, the French troops moved forward to the attack and carried the enemy's first line trenches completely on a wide front. In many places the second line trenches were also taken and over three thousand prisoners have already been counted.

#### French Official.

Paris, April 30.—Heavy artillery fighting is in progress between St. Quentin and the Oise. Since April 16 we have taken 20,780 prisoners, 175 guns, 412 machine guns, and 119 trench mortars.

#### HUNGER IN EUROPE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 30.—All nations in Europe are feeling the pinch of hunger. Neutrals and belligerents in common are faced by a shortage of the necessities of life due to the blockades. All are taking stock of the visible supplies. Britain is on her honor not to eat too much, but if the system fails, rationing will be adopted.

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#### CONSCRIPTION IS PASSED IN THE U. S.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 30.—The volunteer amendment to President Wilson's bill for selective conscription was thrown out on the first vote of the House. The Selective Conscription Bill was passed by a large majority, both in Senate and in the House. The vote was 397 to 24. The raising of the war army by selective draft will now proceed in every state.

#### LEAGUE OF NEUTRALS AFTER THE WAR

(Special to The Daily News.)

Stockholm, April 30.—Knut Wallenburg, the famous banker and foreign minister, has a scheme for a league of neutrals, which with fresh armies and new weapons, may be in a position to impose its will, when the belligerents are exhausted by war. This pro-Ally minister in a Germanophile cabinet, has managed to maintain his country's neutrality.

#### SOUTH AMERICA AND GERMANY

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Salvador, April 30.—Guatemala has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, and the German minister has been handed his passports.

Rio de Janeiro, April 30.—The Brazilian Government has decided that, following the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany, all former German consuls must leave the country. The late German minister is leaving for Uruguay.

#### PROTEST FROM SPAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)

Madrid, April 30.—The Spanish Government has sent another very strongly worded protest to Germany, following the news of attack by submarines on the Spanish steamer "Priana." The severance of diplomatic relations between Spain and Germany is considered probable.

#### REPRISALS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, April 30.—Germany threatens reprisals if the French carry out their threat to have German prisoners on board every hospital ship to protect them against German torpedoes.

#### WIRELESS PLANT FOUND

(Special to The Daily News.)

San Salvador, April 30.—A new and up-to-date wireless plant, complete in every particular has been found near the coast on a plantation owned by a German.

#### BAKERS ON STRIKE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Chicago, April 30.—The bakers are on strike here. The city may be without its million loaves, which are required daily, until the strike is settled. A bread famine is feared. The strikers ask for an increase of three dollars a week, and shorter working hours.

#### CANADIAN CASUALTIES

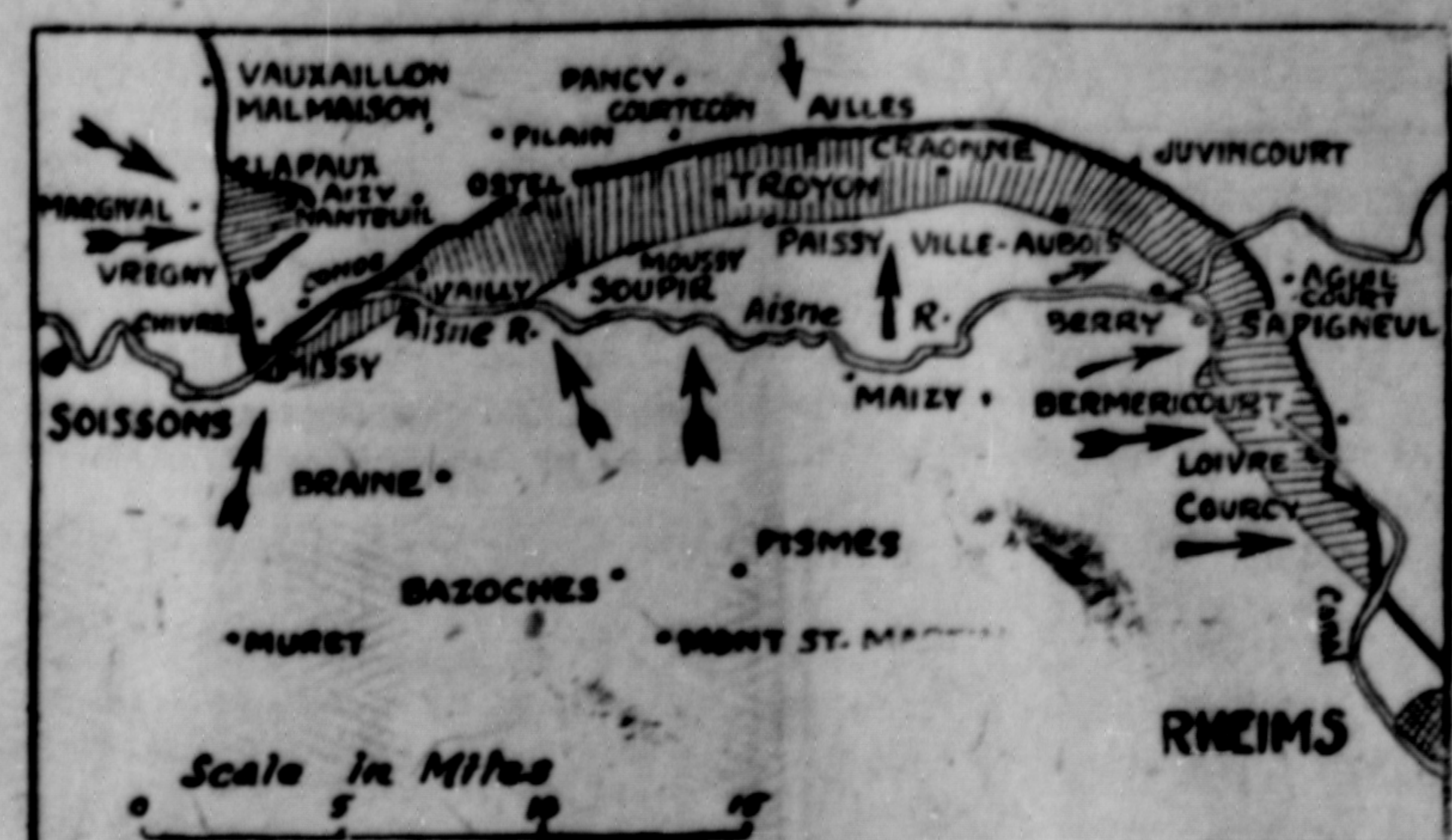
(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 30.—Yesterday's casualty list brings the total since April 9th, up to 14,770.

#### FLOODS IN RUSSIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, April 30.—A large part of Rostov is flooded. Many persons have perished. The situation of the survivors is critical.



SAUSAGE LOOP EAST OF SOISSONS.

This map shows some of the most recent captures by the Allies. At some points east of Soissons the French advance reaches nearly three miles. The Germans are holding tenaciously at some points in the face of a terrific fire.

#### RUPERT OLD TIMER IS BADLY WOUNDED

The wounds sustained during the fighting at Vimy Ridge by Lt. E. O. Reitel are more serious than were at first reported. According to a cable received by Mrs. Reitel, who is presently living in Victoria, he was hit in both legs and has been removed from France to the 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell, where he is making satisfactory progress. It was previously stated that only a slight wound had been sustained in one leg. Lieut. Reitel, it will be remembered, left Prince Rupert with the first contingent, as a private, and was later transferred to the Canadian Scottish with which unit he served in the attack on Festubert in the spring of 1915, when he was first wounded. He returned to the front only last November, and has been in charge of a machine gun section since that time.

#### THE MACLEAN KILTIES' REGIMENTAL MAGAZINE

The News has received from Captain Percy F. Godenrath, of the 236th O. S. Battalion—New Brunswick Kilties—a copy of the first issue of that unit's paper. It will be remembered that when in France with the 16th Battalion the Prince Rupert man was editor of The Brazier, and now he is mainly responsible for a new publication for a regiment that is shortly to leave for the front. The Breath of The Heather is a sixteen page journal, with two splendid photographic supplements, one of Colonel Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean, Chief of The Macleans of Duart, whose tartan the Kilties wear, and the other of Brigadier General Hugh H. MacLean, M. P., honorary colonel of the battalion. The literary contents feature a capital military novelette entitled "The Incompetent," by Sergt. T. J. Wren, a graduate of Mount Allison University, that is worthy of a standard magazine. There is a Chronological history of the Kilties by the orderly room sergeant; a sketch of the honorary colonel of the regiment; an introduction by Lieut.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie, O.C. of the Kilties, who will be remembered in Prince Rupert, and a story on "C. E. F. Papers Published on Active Service," by Capt. Percy F. Godenrath. Under the caption "Ricochets by the Sniper" there is a page of humor relating to members of the Kilties. The illustrations include the two senior non-commissioned officers of the battalion and the Queen St. Barracks, Fredericton, built by the regulars in 1791. The Kilties also boast of having a family of fighters represented by three generations in its ranks.

#### SUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY THE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

The girls of the High School held a very successful Russian Tea on Saturday afternoon in the rooms of Killas Brothers. Over \$50 was made for the school patriotic fund. Had the weather been as good as usual, a very much larger sum would have been secured. The girls are to be congratulated on their businesslike arrangements on this occasion, and Prince Rupert is to be congratulated on its girls.

#### BALFOUR AND VIVIANI WILL SPEAK IN SENATE

Washington, April 28.—Arrangements are being made to have Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, the British Foreign Secretary and head of the British mission to the United States, and M. Viviani, former President of France and head of the French mission, address the United States Senate.

The favorite household Coal is Ladysmith Wellington. Phone 15, Prince Rupert Coal Co. (Continued on page three.)

#### HOME RULE AND THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

Ottawa, April 24.—Fears are expressed here that Premier Borden, when titled and influential Organic Unioners like Milner and Curzon get at him, may promise first and think afterwards. The Organic Unioners have no particular goodwill toward Canadian Home Rule unless it can be pared down to fit in with the scheme of a centralized Downing Street government for the British Empire.

It is safe to say that ninety-nine per cent. of the Canadian people, regardless of party differences, are thoroughly in favor of the Home Rule we enjoy now and of the British Empire as it is constituted at present. The Organic Unioners want to stick the British Empire together with Imperial Councils and such, but the Canadian people are content to have it knit together as it is now by time and good will. This is the better way, but the Organic Unioners do not look at it in that light. Neither do a certain few Canadians who chase titles and borrow money in England. They want a consolidated Empire that will make their titles more significant and their borrowing operations more convenient. To these may be added a few more who suffer from megalomania, delusions of grandeur which only an Imperial Council will satisfy.

It is no great trouble to smell the Organic Unioners' plan. They want a centralized government for three reasons—to confirm class privileges in England, to inoculate the colonies with titles so that if the English aristocracy is ever expatriated it will feel at home in other parts of the Empire, and to shift a large part of Great Britain's war burden to the Overseas States, either in the shape of direct annual contributions to the Imperial Navy or as an Imperial tax which would be a first lien on Canada's assets until paid. There may be other reasons, but these are the chief ones. The Round Table crusaders, Mr. Lionel Curtis and his ilk, own up to all three.

Premier Borden may or may not approve of these schemes. If he does approve of them he differs from ninety-nine per cent of the people who chose him as Prime Minister. The Home Rule our fathers won is good enough for us. Whether he approves or not Premier Borden certainly understands the Organic Unioners' schemes, and if he makes promises that Canada will help it will not be because his intelligence is dull, but because his spine is weak. It must be remembered that under the spell of greater minds than his own Premier Borden has done that very thing—promised first and repented afterwards. He did it some four years ago when he promised Winston Churchill three dreadnoughts which he couldn't deliver.

Premier Borden is a quick and pliant promiser and it sometimes happens that he promises more than the Canadian people will stand for. Just before the war broke out Premier Borden promised the British Government, off his own bat, that Canada would stand by the Mother Country in the war and Parliament was glad to ratify that promise. Later on, he promised five hundred thousand men—with a mental reservation—and Parliament was again happy to back him up. But the Premier mustn't think that he can swing Parliament by the tail like that all the time. This country is glad to implement his promises so far as helping the Mother Country in her mortal throes, but when it comes to promising our Home Rule away

#### DISSATISFACTION WITH FISHERY REGULATIONS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, April 30.—The salmon canners in Vancouver say disaster threatens their business as a result of the new regulations. They are opposed to any change being made in the existing laws, and declare that a Royal Commission should be appointed before alterations are made in order to ascertain what are the proper requirements of the industry. They point to the fact that millions of dollars have been invested and that a thorough investigation should be made first. They allege that discrimination has been shown in favor of the halibut fisheries, and assert that the Government must take immediate action if the business is to be preserved.

Here in Prince Rupert considerable has been heard from the trollers, who under the new regulations, are to have close time of two days per week, the same as the net fishermen.

This they claim is unnecessary, as trolling is carried out in the open sea. The close time for the net fishermen in the rivers was put on to give the fish a chance to get up the rivers, but this cannot apply to trolling in the open waters.

#### GERMAN SCRAMBLES ARE STILL MILITANT

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 30.—No sign of a chastened spirit is to be observed in the accounts of the speeches of the leaders of the German Agrarian Junker party. They still insist that Germany must have the French coal fields of Longwy and Briey. The Government is in a difficult position between the Socialists and the reactionaries. The Junkers believe that the submarines will win victory for the Huns, and oppose the return of any of the occupied territory.

#### NO TRADING IN FUTURES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Winnipeg, April 30.—Following the soaring prices of wheat, trading in "futures" has been prohibited on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on Saturday.

#### STRIKE OF PRISONERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Kiev, Russia, April 30.—The prisoners of war employed upon municipal work here have gone on strike. They demand an eight-hour day and better working conditions.

#### MILLIONS OF EGGS HELD AT CHICAGO

(Special to The Daily News.)

Chicago, April 28.—Herbert A. Emerson, who has been to the Pacific Coast investigating food conditions for John J. Dillon, commissioner of the State of New York, says there are between 30,000,000 and 36,000,000 eggs on the tracks in Chicago, held by speculators to keep up the high prices.

The latest casualty list carries the name of A. O'Reilly, of Metlakatla, as wounded.

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