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GERMANS FAIL TO TAKE FLANDERS RIDGES

CONCENTRATED ATTACKS FAIL TO BREAK THE BRITISH LINE--SEVERE FIGHTING

GERMAN ADVANCE IS SLOWED UP BY BRITISH TENACITY UNABLE TO BREAK THROUGH

BRIGHT DEFENCE BY GENERAL HAIG BEGINNING TO TELL --GERMANS ARE STRUGGLING DESPERATELY TO INCREASE THEIR GAINS, BUT UNABLE TO CAPTURE HEIGHTS

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, April 13.—The report of the operations received yesterday (Friday) from General Haig says that strong enemy pressure has been maintained to the south and southwest of Bailleuil. The British were slowly pushed back to positions in the vicinity of the Bailleuil railway. The enemy was heavily engaged, and suffering immense losses, too costly for the gains of territory they have made. Slight progress was made by the Germans between Clarence and the Lawe. On the remainder of the British front, the positions remain unchanged.

Pushed Back.
Being pushed back the British positions on a front of 25 miles north and south of Armentieres, to an average depth of a little more than two miles, the Germans are struggling desperately to increase their gains. The brilliant defence of Haig, however, is beginning to tell, and the enemy advance has slowed up greatly, although the German attacks have not diminished in intensity, especially on the north and the south. Messines Ridge and Wytschaete are the vital points on the battlefield and the Germans in two days have not been able to reach the crest of the hills.

By abandoning Armentieres the British have straightened out their lines.
The Official Announcement.
London, April 13.—Attacks yesterday in the neighborhood of Weststreet by the Germans pushed back the British to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise. Last night, the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting is continuing in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuf-Berquin. The announcement follows:—
"Severe and continuous fighting took place last night in the

neighborhood of Merville and Neuf-Berquin, in both of which localities the enemy is continuing his pressure and has made progress. Merville was captured by the enemy during the night.
"Attacks made by the enemy yesterday in the region of Ploegstreet succeeded, after heavy fighting, in pressing our troops back to the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise to new positions. On the front between Lys and the Lawe River and to the north hostile attacks have been repulsed. Fighting is continuing on the whole front north of Labasse Canal as far as Hollebeke. "On the remainder of the northern battlefield the situation is substantially unchanged. A part of our positions into which the enemy forced his way, north of Festubert, was regained by a counter attack."

Attempt on Messines.
London, April 13.—German troops made a determined attack along the Messines Ridge and succeeded in gaining some ground but the British once again drove them out by a counter attack.
The Germans are developing great artillery activity in the southern area. The Bray Corbier Road is being fiercely shelled, heralding, it is believed, further infantry attacks.

Picardy Quiet.
On the Picardy battlefield there has been no change in the situation. The British front is quiet and the French have repulsed two German attacks in the region of Noyon.

CLOCKS TO BE PUT FORWARD TONIGHT

Ottawa, April 13.—The Day Light Saving Bill, which was put through the committee stage and given its third reading in the Senate yesterday, will come into effect at two o'clock on Sunday morning, April 14.

HOW TO PENALIZE THE PROFITEERS

New York, April 12.—Chairman of the Federal Food Board John Mitchell and Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams has sent a telegram to United States Food Administrator Hoover recommending that Swift & Company, one of the largest wholesale packing and produce concerns in the country, be prohibited from buying or selling eggs from its New York branch for a period of thirty days; that the company be also required, through contributions to the Red Cross, to pay a total of \$6,000 obtained in excess charges on eight carloads of eggs and that Zinn & Company, brokers, who acted for Swift & Co. in this particular transaction, be also suspended from doing any egg business in New York for a period of thirty days.

Officials of the Federal Food Board declared that these recommendations represented the most drastic steps that have thus far been taken to suppress profiteering in food supplies.

BUILDING FOR SALE

Tenders are invited before 1st May for the purchase of buildings on Lot 24, Block 17, Section 1, by A. Newham, Receiver, the Westholme Lumber Company. Further particulars at Bank of Montreal, Prince Rupert. a30

FOCH'S CHIEF AIM IS TO SMASH UP ENEMY ARMIES

Paris, April 12.—Paris is now learning to neglect in the official communications smaller details, the significance of which appears only to those having the whole situation before them.

"People should not allow themselves to be hypnotized by the official bulletins," said a high official, whose advice seems to have been accepted. "In a battle like this," he added, "bulletins showing more or less important advances and retreats are simply geographical summaries which have a bearing only for those who are directing the operations."

"People ask if the Boches will get Amiens. My reply is that perhaps they will if General Foch can smash more divisions by letting them in than by keeping them out. Unbeaten armies are more important than are towns, and what has happened in this battle does not show on the map."

"Germany's gains look like a fat, juicy pear to the newspaper readers, but the Kaiser knows how hollow it is at the core. General Ludendorff is being fenced with and hustled, not by our main forces, but by little

more than our covering troops, and if it is no time for bragging and over-confidence, neither is it a time for nervousness over little fluctuations in the battlefronts."

All those in touch with the General Staff share the confidence of this official.

Will Not Be Drawn.

Paris, April 12.—General Foch, it is now generally understood, will not be drawn by the Germans, but will hold his reserves for the moment chosen by him.

"Wait a bit—only wait a bit." Thus the Entente supreme commander replies with a characteristic sweep of his arm when asked about the future. Gen. Foch's calm deliberation is compared with the bearing of Marshal Joffre before and during the Battle of the Marne, and this contributes not a little to general confidence in his battle plans.

Premier Clemenceau, returning from his almost daily visits to the field of operations, unfailingly brings back a note of confidence, and he has earned a new title, that of "Confidence Barometer." For many days that barometer has been fixed at "fair," and now it is rising.

JOHN DILLON FEARS TROUBLE IN IRELAND

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, April 13.—John Dillon, in the House of Commons yesterday, said he understood that motor cars, machine guns and tanks already had been shipped and were sailing away from the battle front toward Ireland. Mr. Dillon pleaded strongly against what he termed the Government's "Guillotine methods." The promise of a Home Rule Bill by the Government has not had the slightest effect in easing the way to conscription in Ireland, says special despatches from Dublin.

RUSSIA MUST PAY GERMAN SUBJECTS

London, April 12.—Reuter's Moscow correspondent quotes the editor of the German newspaper Volkerfuende, published in Petrograd by the Soviet, as declaring at a meeting of representatives of maximalists and commercial and industrial interests in Petrograd that the time was approaching for beginning to indemnify German subjects for the losses incurred by them through the war in accordance with the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty.

The government, the correspondent adds, estimated the sum at 5,000,000 roubles.

The correspondent also reports M. Radek, one of the Bolshevik delegates to the recent peace conference, as saying the government was looking forward to the reopening of the Russo-German frontier and the flow of Russian raw material into Germany, and that it would shortly decree a state monopoly in order to safeguard Russian trade.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burns, of Telkwa, who have been spending the last few days in town, left home by this morning's train. Mr. Burns owns the Telkwa Hotel and the Hudson's Bay ranch, which is one of the best in the Bulkley valley.

Mr. J. A. Heaman, chief engineer of the G. T. P., who arrived in the city yesterday morning from the east, left again this forenoon. Mrs. Heaman arrived from Vancouver today, and went east with Mr. Heaman.

RUSSIAN FLEET ESCAPES GERMANS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Petrograd, April 13.—The Russian fleet at Helsingfors, aggregating two hundred vessels, apparently has escaped from the menace of capture by the Germans. The first squadron, composed of battleships and cruisers, has arrived safely at Kronstadt, the naval base of Petrograd.

ANOTHER BIG GUN

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, April 13.—It was announced in the House of Commons here yesterday that steps had been taken to construct a British gun capable of throwing a shell for a distance of over eighty miles.

SELL OUT HOLDINGS OF ALVENSLEBEN

Vancouver, April 12.—The holdings in this province of Alvo von Alvensleben and his German clients are gradually being closed out. The sale through the courts to the Red Cliff Company of immense timber limits on Vancouver Island lately held by one of his companies was recently completed, and today arrived the news of the sale under execution of some 2,000 acres of ranching land in the interior, which Alvensleben had sold to Count Victor Voss.

The lands in question, it is stated, consisted almost entirely of ranch land, situated in the Kimberley district, up the Goldwater River. The sale was held at Kamloops by the Sheriff of Yale, and the purchaser was M. L. Grimmett, barrister, of Merritt, who it is understood made the purchase for an English client.

Wm. C. Weeks, civil engineer, of Vancouver, was the judgment creditor.

Among the arrivals by the Prince Rupert this morning was Private M. Inoue, who has gone up river to visit friends. Private Inoue is a Japanese and looked a sturdy fighter in his uniform. He has been overseas, where he lost part of his hand.

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CANADIAN CAVALRY SWEEP THROUGH GERMAN DEFENCES

Ottawa, April 11.—Premier Borden issued another story dealing with the work of the Canadian cavalry in the recent heavy fighting in France. It is from the pen of Roland Hill and is as follows:

War Correspondent's Headquarters, France—In brilliant April sunshine the Canadian cavalry swept through the heavy constructed German defences and onto their objectives astride the Amiens-Loys highway. Sir Douglas Haig's communique says: "In the course of some very hot attacks which were made in the region south of the Luce, the Canadian cavalry brigade has particularly distinguished itself, both mounted and dismounted."

Started Action Dismounted.

This commenced as a dismounted action with the horses and reserve squadrons silently waiting behind cover, hoping that the cavalry might be used. The

ST. ANDREW'S HAVE INTERESTING LECTURE

Last evening took place the regular monthly business meeting of the St. Andrew's Society, and after the business was transacted, the meeting was open to the friends of the members. This is the second last of the series of lectures which had been arranged by the St. Andrew's Society, and which has been second to none ever arranged here. The high standard of excellence attained by the different speakers on a wide variety of subjects has been the chief feature of this series, which has been of a distinctly interesting and educative nature.

Last evening Mr. J. G. Steen read a paper upon the "Chemistry of Nature" which was delightfully interesting. Mr. Steen showed how chemical changes and reaction was going on at all times, and in the economy of nature, there was no such thing as waste. While matter might change its form from liquid, solid or gaseous states, yet it was indestructible. Mr. Steen gave many illustrations of Nature's chemical action which was apparent to everyone, did they notice it, and these were very apt. Mr. Steen's paper was very well received. Mr. A. C. Garde was also present, and added a few words upon the same subject, promising at some further time to take up the matter more fully with the Society in a more detailed fashion.

Both before and after the paper there were many musical numbers given by the members and their friends, which made the evening pass all too quickly.

PRICE OF COAL WILL SOON BE INCREASED

Vancouver, April 12.—An increase in the price of coal in British Columbia anywhere from 60 to 75 cents on the ton will probably go into effect on April 17, following announcement to this effect which will be made from the office of the Fuel Controller at Ottawa.

On that date provincial representatives of the Fuel Controller will gather at the Federal Capital to discuss the fuel situation in general, and more particularly an application from the operators for permission to bring the stated increase into effect.

The raise in the price of coal will be authorized by the Fuel Controller, it is stated, following the additional cost to the operators occasioned by granting the demands of men in the mines for an increase of 50 cents a day in wages.

action commenced at ten o'clock, our batteries firing from unexcelled positions, and the German balloons soon spotted our flashes. Their guns were not long in replying, although they put none of our guns out of action. The Canadians dashed up a mild slope. Some could be seen to fall and then limp back to the trenches. Two German machine guns were slowing up the attack on the left but suddenly above the line of the fight came a new sputter of fire. It was the arrival of the Canadian armored cars, whose guns swept the Hun's outposts and finally silenced them. The wavering Canadians rallied and dashed into the Huns. The cars proceeded along the road and kept back the German reinforcements that attempted to come out of the wood south of Demuin.

By half past four all objectives had been taken and the line joined up with the British on the left.

Wounded are Exchanged.

That night the Canadians came back into the woods. Not all of them, for some had been left behind in that valley where Canada had bitten into a large chunk of Hindenburg's offensive. Some of our wounded, who had advanced too far and were captured, were brought in by Hun stretcher bearers. They told of being well treated with good medical attention. "We Saxons admire brave Canadian fighters," was the message that came with them. Not to be outdone the Canadian doctor loaded up a similar convoy and sent them back for value received.

Their enjoyment was complete when the Canadian mail reached them, the first since their adventures in this greatest of battles.

AT THE WESTHOLME

"The Velvet Paw" is the title of the play to be screened at the Westholme Theatre this evening, and the names of the stars, House Peters and Gail Kane, are sufficient in themselves to guarantee the excellence of the production. This is a tale of politics across the line, in Washington, D. C., the capital city of the great republic. It deals with the great affairs of the nation, and the part taken therein by a woman. The whole play is a marvellous picture, and House Peters and Gail Kane demonstrate the power of Right and Love. There is also a fine comedy, and a war gazette, each of which are well worth seeing, and combining to make the programme for this evening one of the best yet.

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