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TERRIFIC FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

KEMMEL HILL REPORTED CAPTURED -- BRITISH MAKE GAINS EAST OF AMIENS

BATTLES ARE AGAIN RAGING IN FLANDERS AND PICARDY

HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST MOUNT KEMMEL AND EAST OF AMIENS—VIGOROUS BRITISH COUNTER ATTACK REGAINS VILLERS-BRETTONEAUX TEN MILES FROM AMIENS

With the British Armies in France, April 25.—Strong German attacks against the Franco-British lines on the northern front are continuing. The chief point of attack in the line from the village of Dranoutre to Kemmel. The enemy's attacks on this sector have been renewed with great force, his objective evidently being the strong natural position on Mount Kemmel. This hill is the dominating feature on the sector west of Messines Ridge, there being no higher point further to the north. The British are holding their ground with great tenacity, and are exacting a great toll in casualties for every attack the enemy makes. The German losses in these continued attacks are equally great with those of last week.

In Picardy.
Vigorous British counter attacks in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux, which is only some ten miles due east of Amiens, resulted in the recapture of that village, together with considerable territory in the vicinity, which the Germans succeeded in gaining temporarily yesterday. Intense fighting is still in progress, and the German high command in throwing his troops forward with a total disregard for losses. Tremendous execution has been inflicted by the British Lewis and Maxim guns with which the troops are well armed. Heavy fighting is taking place over the entire Amiens sector, and both the British and French lines have had to withstand strong pressure from the Germans. The enemy gained a footing in the Daquenne Wood, and were later counter-attacked by the British who drove them back to the fringe of the wood. Southeast of Amiens, attack after attack was made against the French lines, and the French troops were forced to give up the village of Hargard. This village was regained during a brilliant counter attack. Hand to hand fighting took place for its possession, and there were no prisoners to take on the French becoming masters of it again. Being exposed, however, to a tremendous German bombardment, and after other strong attacks

being made by the Germans, the Frenchmen were once more compelled to give it up.

London, April 26.—Villers-Bretonneux has been recaptured by Australian and English troops, along with some six hundred prisoners, according to the statement of Field Marshal Haig, issued by the War Office here. A considerable part of the territory lost to the Germans yesterday has also been regained. The fighting is still in progress and has reached to a great pitch of intensity. Some five tanks were employed on each side in the Villers-Bretonneux fighting, as supports for the infantry. The crews of the British tanks were experienced in the handling of their charges, and when two of the British tanks got among the enemy troops, they crushed their way forward, shooting down the hostile infantry with rapid fire guns, and doing great execution.

In Flanders.
London, April 26.—The German attacks against the French and British lines on the northern front on the Dranoutre-Kemmel sector are continuing. The Teuton assault here was intended to pave the way for the capture of Kemmel Hill. The French positions north east of Baillieu were violently attacked yesterday by the Germans. The French were able to maintain themselves, while causing large losses to the attackers. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and again at the British positions further east.

Bottled Up.
London, April 26.—All the enemy's onslaughts hitherto have failed to attain their objective on account of the impossibility of the German reserves being utilized. All the enemy attempts to widen the salient to permit of this being done, have ended in failure. According to a Reuter dispatch, the result is that the enemy have one million and a half men bottled up in the triangle formed by Hazebrouck, Amiens and Noyon. These troops were originally supplied with rations for one week, and are now virtually starving in the devastated regions, which it is very difficult to revictual. There are no roads left, and transport is a very hazardous matter.

KEMMEL HILL CAPTURED.
Vancouver, April 26.—(Flash, 2 p.m.) The Germans have captured Kemmel Hill in Flanders.

TENDERS WANTED
Tenders are solicited immediately for the purchase of the McCaffery, Gibbons & Doyle, Ltd., office building.
Tenders are also invited for the removal of the Prince Rupert Bazaar building from its present location to Lot 20, Block 34, Section 1.
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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
For New Wellington Coal and Lumber of all dimensions, phone 116.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY IS ADDRESSED BY MR. FRED STORK

Last evening in the St. Andrew's club rooms, Mr. Fred Stork delivered the closing address of the season, in the series which the Society had arranged. Looking back over the syllabus, the St. Andrew's Society can point to one of the best, most interesting and educative series of addresses yet delivered in this city. Their open evenings have become most popular; both among the members of the society and their friends, and these by-monthly meetings have been looked forward to during the past six months.

Mr. Stork took as his subject last evening "Thirty Years' observation in the Canadian West," and his address was in a very happy vein throughout. Possibly in no country in the world has development proceeded at such a rate as in Western Canada during the past thirty years, and many great changes have taken place during that period. The picturesque features of the earlier days have now given place. The large ranches, the exuberant cowboy, the Red River carts with their steers and attendant Indian each, which used to line the streets of Winnipeg have all gone, and no longer do the Indians hold their two weeks races in Calgary as they were wont. A definite chapter in the opening history of Western Canada seems to have just recently closed. It is practically the first chapter, for in this country there are no shrines of tradition whose history extends into the dim lights of past centuries. The immediate past is as far back as Western Canadian history goes.

Mr. Stork gave many little sketches of some of the outstanding figures of that immediate past in this western country, who have left their mark in the remembrance of their fellows. He told of Donald Smith, who arrived in Canada a poor Scots lad of sixteen years, and who died, full of years, as Lord Strathcona, and possibly one of the richest and most powerful men Canada produced. His connection with the Hudson's Bay Company and the C. P. R. were strikingly told. The circumstances leading up to the founding of the Royal North West Mounted Police were most interestingly brought to the attention of the listeners. There were tales of John Black, of Fort MacLeod, Uriah Nelson of the Cariboo, Soapy Smith of Skagway, who was "boss" there until his duel with Frank Reade. Coming nearer home, there were stories of Port Essington, and Port Simpson, when these were the important places in this then northern part; of Archdeacon Collison, Father

ENGINEER M'INTYRE INJURED WHEN HIS LOCO. HITS MUDSLIDE

A journey of one hundred and foggy-six miles was performed during the night by a locomotive with a caboose attached, in record time, to bring Engineer McIntyre to the hospital here. The injured man was engineer of the train which left here last Saturday for the east. It was first held up by slides at Kitwanger, and eventually made its way into New Hazelton. Being unable to get any further on its way east, the train was being brought back to Prince Rupert last evening, when around Woodcock, the locomotive ran into another gumbo slide. On feeling the footplate beginning to rise beneath his feet, showing that the heavy locomotive was going to turn over with the impact Engineer McIntyre prepared to jump to save himself, with the result that his right leg got broken in two places. Less than a year ago, Engineer McIntyre spent three months in the hospital here with a fracture of his left leg. This time it is the right one which has sustained a compound fracture. The locomotive is now standing at an angle of forty-five degrees to the track, stuck in the stiff gumbo slide.

Mrs. Norrie-Lowenthal, who happened to be on the train, being a doctor's daughter and having medical training, immediately took charge of the injured man. Another engine and caboose were procured and the patient and his nurse came to town, picking up Dr. Cairns, of Terrace, on the way. Taken immediately to the hospital here, Engineer McIntyre is progressing as well as can be expected this morning.

Duncan, and Dr. Robertson, the missionary. John Houston, of newspaper fame right here in Prince Rupert, and the Rev. Dr. Grant, as the prototype of Ralph Connor's novel, "The Syk Pilot," were also among the men who had made their mark in this country, and whose names would always be recorded in the history of the pioneers in this Canadian West. The attraction which this country has for novelists such as Service, Jack London, Kipling and others consisted largely in its virile manhood.

Mr. Stork's address was well received and it was with a certain measure of regret that it was realized that, with his speech, the series of addresses was closed for the season. As usual, the evening was enlivened with music and song, contributed by the members which so largely helps to make St. Andrew's open nights the best entertainments possible.

HUN INVASION OF HOLLAND IS FEARED BY THE DUTCH

London, April 26.—Germany's mailed fist threatens to drive Holland into the maelstrom of war. Strong forces of German cavalry have appeared along the Westphalian borders of Holland, although in the past this section of the border between the two countries has been guarded only by German Landsturm or home defence forces.

A strongly worded note demanding a quick reply to the Teuton demand for the transportation of war materials and supplies through Holland for the Flanders front has reached The Hague,

says a dispatch this morning, and considerable apprehension exists in Dutch diplomatic circles.

Yesterday, the Hetvolk announced that the German minister to the Netherlands had departed for Berlin, and that the Dutch minister at Berlin is on his way to The Hague.

From this state of affairs, it has been considered that diplomatic negotiations are in danger of breaking, which may be the prelude to warlike actions. The Dutch army has been mobilized since the first months of the war, and the entire border is well guarded.

GERMAN PRISONERS IN SIBERIA CONSTITUTE GRAVE MENACE

Harbin, Manchuria, April 26.—The German and Austrian prisoners of war now at large in Siberia are estimated to number more than one hundred thousand, and in official circles here it is held that they constitute a grave menace to the allied positions in the far East. With the German organization controlling the Bolsheviks, it would be possible for a huge army of Russians, stiffened by these German forces, to be raised in Siberia. It is held here that such a force would be in a position to do incalculable damage.

It is not known exactly just how the relations are between the

Bolsheviks and the Germans, but enough is known to make their co-operation in warfare a matter of extreme difficulty for the allies. German officers are known to have penetrated throughout Russian and Chinese Turkestan far to the south of Siberia in an endeavor to stir up the tribes in these regions to make trouble on the Indian border, and in a few instances, Bolsheviks and German soldiers are already known to have combined in some of the military actions recently. Should this course of action become general throughout Siberia, the military machine of Germany might cause very much trouble.

S. S. ADMIRAL FARRAGUT COLLIDES IN ALASKA

Seattle, April 26.—The Pacific S. S. Co.'s passenger steamer, Admiral Farragut was in a collision early today near Petersburg, Alaska, while en route to Anchorage, according to a wireless message received here. The message did not state the exact nature of the accident. Company officials asserted they believe the boat had hit an ice burg.

SHIPPING SECURED FOR UNITED STATES

Tokyo, April 26.—Negotiations which have been in progress for some time between Roland S. Morris, the American ambassador to Japan, and the Japanese government and ship builders, have been concluded. Sixty-six steamers, aggregating 514,000 tons deadweight, will be turned over to the United States for use in the war.

Deliveries of the ships will begin in April of this year and will continue until June, 1919.

FIGHTING IN ARMENIA

London, April 25.—Reuter's Moscow correspondent says the Bolsheviks' Armenian information bureau has received a wireless despatch through Tabriz saying that the Armenians have recaptured the town of Van, in Turkish Armenia, after heavy fighting. The despatch says also that Musselman attacks on Baku have been repulsed by the Armenians and the populace of the town.

AT THE POLICE COURT

Before Magistrate Carss this morning in the police court, Oscar Strom, a naturalized British subject, was charged with failing to register under the provisions of the Military Service Act. The accused had been apprehended while living out in the bush, and located some way up the inlet. He had a plentiful supply of provisions with him, enough to last for several months. On being asked by the magistrate if he were willing to join up, the accused answered "no."

THE CRADLE

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THE Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN IS ENDORSED BY THE GREAT WAR VETERANS

An address was delivered to the local branch of the Great War Veterans Association on Wednesday night by Mr. William Boulton, military secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for northern British Columbia. The War Veterans endorsed the mission of Mr. Boulton by the following resolution:

"The Great War Veterans Association of Prince Rupert heartily endorse the efforts of the Military Department of the Y. M. C. A. in its attempt to raise the \$2,000 required from this city for work among the troops overseas, and pledges its co-operation throughout the campaign."

AT THE WESTHOLME

The star actress in the photoplay at the Westholme Theatre this evening is Valeska Suratt, one of the great favorites. The photoplay, "The Soul of Broadway," is one in which most people will take a great interest, and with the stellar role in the capable hands of Miss Suratt, the best which the opportunities afford may be looked for. It is one of those plays which stimulates the imagination and which helps to make people see things as they really are, quite apart from what they would want them to be. Then there is as well one of the two-reel Fox comedies. This is another of the series which have been running every week for some time past, and which many of the patrons of the Westholme would not miss for anything. These two-reel comedies have certainly become popular and "His Merry Mix-up" tonight, fully justifies the appreciation of the audience.

NOTICE

Oddfellows Anniversary
Service will be held on Sunday evening, April 28, at 7:30 o'clock at the Church of England. All Oddfellows in the city are requested to meet at the K. P. Hall at 6:30.
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