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DESPERATE FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION OF KEMMEL HILL

PIERCE FRENCH COUNTER ATTACKS LAUNCHED FOR CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT POSITION--TREMENDOUS GERMAN LOSSES, GREAT HEROISM OF THE FRENCH REGIMENT HOLDING MOUNTAIN

With British Army in France, April 26.—The French troops are today fiercely counter-attacking Mount Kemmel in an attempt to reclaim the positions taken by the Germans. Yesterday's fighting was of a most desperate nature, and any gains made by the enemy have been gained at a fearful cost. During the attacks, the usual massed formation was used by the Huns, and wave after wave was shot down by the Allied troops. Artillery of all calibres, machine guns, Lewis guns and rifle fire sprayed the oncoming Germans with a hail of lead. Wave after wave broke before the tremendous fire of the Entente forces, but still there was always another wave behind the dust to absorb the fragments of the preceding ones.

Immortalized itself. The French regiment to whom had been entrusted the crest of Mount Kemmel with orders to hold to the last man, did so, and immortalized itself throughout the entire day of the great attack. The Frenchmen clung to their posts throughout all the weary hours, suffering a terrific fire, and many casualties. Still the survivors held on, sending swirling streams of death from machine guns into the struggling masses of the German infantry. The carnage on the lower slopes of the hill was frightful, and for the progress made by the enemy, he has had to pay a terrible price.

Ypres Safe. General Radcliffe says that the Ypres sector can be held even with Mount Kemmel gone. It is not convenient, however, to have the enemy in possession of this hill, and it is hoped to have them ejected.

French Surrounded. With the British Armies in Flanders, April 27.—The French soldiers holding the crest of Mount Kemmel were entirely surrounded, but are still fighting. After eight hours' fighting yesterday of a most ferocious nature, the German storm troops finally breached their way between the French and the British flanks. They crossed the Kemmel-Ypres road, where a terrific allied fire held them up for over two hours.

then they turned southward and poured down the valley to the west of Kemmel Hill, surrounding the French regiment who were still fighting atop of the height.

Although the Germans reached the crest of the hill, the French soldiers were still there, and the French also hold the village. In fighting during the night, Mont Descats, five miles to the west, was also attacked. The French forces raked the slopes with machine guns and held out against terrible odds, preferring death to capture. Today, the German lines apparently run west of Kemmel, but that they will be the ultimate winner of this territory is still a matter of doubt.

Dear Territory. London, April 27.—The readjustment of the British lines around Kemmel means the temporary abandonment of positions dear to every Canadian heart, and which is equally enshrined in the memory of the British people. There are many Canadian graves in the abandoned territory. These have been definitely marked. Even though the fighting should injure the surface of the graves, careful surveys made months ago will render possible the relocation of the positions later.

Big Casualties. London, April 27.—The official casualty list of officers issued since April 6, including today's totals 7,417, of whom 1,460 are dead, which indicates the terrible nature of the fighting.

GREAT WAR VETERANS PASS RESOLUTION

Vancouver, April 26.—At a meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association on Thursday night, a resolution was adopted to force the dismissal of P. Lorenzen, of Prince Rupert, an alien born in the German province of Schleswig-Holstein and former president of the German Club in Prince Rupert, now holding a government position. Above association to furnish a suitable man for the position.

FRUIT HOARDING IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, April 26.—Winnipeg has another "food hoarding scandal." An order to storage houses to put on the market at once all apples "of varieties that will not keep for a long period" was issued the other day by the Food Control Board. Consumers who have been buying paples like oranges, by the dozen, at high prices, appreciate this. The food board has discovered approximately 21,000 boxes of British Columbia and Washington apples and 5000 barrels of Nova Scotia with a few Ontario apples held in storage in Winnipeg. Discovery led to the issuance of the order.

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.

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FINED FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION

A sequel to the case of Oscar Strom, who was charged in the police court yesterday with failing to register, was seen in the police court this morning. Oscar, although a naturalized British subject, had been living for some months away up Tuck's Inlet all alone in a little shack, presumably with the intent to evade military duty, although he was a Class A-1 man. He was a big husky fellow and had large supplies of food, enough to last for several months.

Sub-Inspector A. D. McLean, who is looking for just such people, was making enquiries about this Oscar Strom. He questioned Mr. E. Hellman, of this city, regarding the missing man, who denied all knowledge of him for months past. A little later, however, the inspector was able to convince Mr. Hellman that he could locate Oscar all right, if he only would. And at last, the inspector persuaded him to do so. So setting out in a launch, Mr. Hellman guided the inspector right to the spot where Oscar was. He knew, all right, where to go, as he had been there himself not so long before.

Oscar was gathered in, and this morning he was ordered to be handed over to the military authorities. For giving false information to the police, E. Hellman was also fined \$40 and costs.

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ONE LONG RANGE GUN DESTROYED

Paris, April 27.—One of the three long range guns which have been bombarding Paris has been destroyed.

BARON RHONDDA RESIGNS

London, April 27.—Baron Rhondda, it is understood by the Daily Mail, has resigned the office of British Food Controller, which has been held by him for the last ten months.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett were among the arrivals in town this morning. Mr. Pickett is on his way across to Naden Harbor where he will reopen the cannery there. Mrs. Pickett is accompanying him. She is well remembered in town, being at one time one of the popular members of the hospital staff here. She was the daughter of the late Neil J. McLeod, the well known contractor.

The board of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association met last night for the usual business meeting. The meeting was a short one, there being practically only routine matters to deal with. It was agreed that the hospital acquire a high frequency electrical machine.

The Supreme Court Civil Sittings will be held here on Wednesday, June 19, although no information has yet been received as to which judge will hold the court. There will be some six or eight civil cases.

CLEAN-UP DAY

The City Council has appointed Wednesday, the 1st May, as clean-up day. Citizens are requested in the interests of Public Health and the appearance of the City, to thoroughly clean up their premises and back yards, and remove all ash heaps.

CRISIS IN IRELAND COMPELS ATTENTION

London, April 27.—Interest in the events of the western front is being overshadowed by the growing concern over the Irish crisis, which is developing with great rapidity. The attitude of the Irish is one of defiance. Many Irish members have quit the British parliament, some declaring that they will never return. The Catholic Hierarchy has placed itself dramatically at the head of the resistance, and every Catholic church is the centre of organization against conscription.

EVERY LABOR-SAVING DEVICE IS USED AT SEAL COVE SAWMILL

The plant of the Prince Rupert Lumber Co., at Prince Rupert, is said to be as nearly automatic as to operation as any plant ever built, practically every labor-saving device known to modern mill equipment having been installed. The output of the entire plant, lumber, timber, lath and fire wood, is handled by means of an overhead monorail system, not a single lumber truck being used around the mill. The lumber will all be stored under roof, two immense monorail storage sheds being provided for this purpose. The logs are brought into the mill by means of a log lift, the well being located between the two decks, and the log lift arranged to deliver logs on either deck. This required an unusually heavy roof construction, as the log lift shaft is placed centrally on the roof truss.

The mill is built on a solid rock foundation, blasting being necessary to get the mill site to a level. The plant is a combination saw and shingle mill, having both departments under one roof, and separate log decks for each department.

The mill was designed and constructed for the Prince Rupert Lumber Co. by the Sumner Iron works, and will have a daily capacity of 125,000 feet of lumber, and 150,000 shingles on a single shift basis. The plant includes saw mill, shingle mill, planing mill and dry kiln. It is planned to later add a box factory to the plant to take care of the demand for boxes for the fish trade. The mill is controlled by Mr. J. S. Emerson, of Vancouver, and Mr. E. F. Duby will act as resident manager.—Pacific Coast Lumberman.

FISHERY COMMISSION COMING NEXT WEEK

The members of the International Commission appointed to investigate into fishery questions is expected to arrive here next week some time. The Commission is composed of a distinguished personnel. From the United States there is the Hon. W. C. Redfield, secretary of commerce; Mr. Edwin T. Sweet, assistant secretary of commerce; Dr. H. M. Smith, commissioner of United States Fisheries; Mr. Maitland Dwight, of the Department of State, and Mr. Ed. T. Quigley, solicitor of the Department of Commerce.

The Canadian members of the Commission are the Hon. J. D. Hazen, late Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and now chief justice of New Brunswick; Mr. G. J. Desbarats, C.M., C. G. C., Mr. Wm. Found, superintendent of Fisheries, and Mr. Arnold Roberts, first secretary of the British Embassy.

Mr. Williams, inspector of fisheries, is also expected to be in town next week. The Commission will proceed north from here to Alaska.

BRITAIN'S RESERVES CAN MEET ANY STRAIN, SAYS CHURCHILL

London, April 26.—"The enormous strain thrown on us during the present battle and the destruction of material have been great, but we have enormous reserves, capable of meeting any strain," Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, declared in an address to the American labor mission last night.

"We are able to arm and equip any Americans sent temporarily to serve with us."

"The enemy's territorial gains do not affect our, or our Allies' powers to continue the war at maximum capacity."

"We have no reason to be discouraged by the course of the German offensive," added Mr. Churchill. "We have had very heavy losses and have inflicted very heavy losses."

LITHUANIAN SCORN GERMANY'S OFFER

Washington, April 26.—Germany's offer to assist in the work of reconstruction of Lithuania on condition that the country would take "a share of Germany's war burdens," is denounced by the Lithuanian National Council in a statement issued here today.

"Sharing in the burdens of Germany," says the statement, "means a contribution of three things—money, munitions and men. The first we have not, as Germany has already impoverished us. The second we have no means of supplying, because we lack the first. Men from a self-declared democracy to fight in the ranks of autocracy? Unthinkable! Lithuania would not consent."

SAYS BRITAIN HAS NO RESERVE ARMY

New York, April 25.—"Great Britain has no reserve army to send to France," declared Lieut.-Col. Fraser Hunter, British provost marshal in the United States.

"The 7,500,000 men enrolled by her since the war began have fought and died on thirty-seven fronts. When Field Marshal Haig said she had her 'back against the wall,' he meant just that."

University of Toronto men today were still amazed at Hunter's speech, made last night at their annual dinner at the Yale Club.

AT THE WESTHOLME

There is a very full programme arranged for the Westholme this evening, when "Man's Woman," a strong photoplay, will be one of the three attractions. This is one of the World Brady Made productions, which assures a high standard of excellence. The tale is of one woman, and two men. One is a district attorney, who is investigating the gambling situation of this particular city. There is a most realistic raid on one of the gambling houses, which constitutes one of the big scenes in this play. It created so much excitement in the district where the film was taken, that the police had to be called to handle the crowds of spectators, who were under the impression that it was the real thing. How the reactionaries are defeated in their attempts to break the law is well worth seeing. There will also be an official war gazette, while Charlie Chaplin, who was responsible for a full house this week already, will again be shown at the second house by request.

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FIRST WHALES OF SEASON CAPTURED

Victoria, April 26.—Kyuquot has taken the lead in the whale hunt. During the week, S. C. Ruck, manager of the Victoria Whaling Company, was advised that four whales had been taken by the fleet operating out of the Kyuquot station on the west coast of Vancouver Island. As yet no direct word has been received from the Queen Charlotte Island stations at Rose Harbor and Naden Harbor but reports of catches from these points is expected daily. Last season the Kyuquot station established the record, and by getting away to a good start this year the west coast plant already has the advantage over the other stations.

Development of Industry.

With the acquisition of the Aleutian Island station and plant of the North Pacific Sea Products Company, the Victoria Whaling Company is now in a position to develop the industry on an unprecedented scale. In addition to operating eight steam whalers out of the British Columbia stations and four vessels out of the Washington plant at Bay City, three whalers will this year be employed in the North Pacific with a base at Akutan, on the fringe of the Aleutians.

Canned Whalemeat.

Apart from oil and bone production the whaling concern is now directing more attention to the whalemeat industry. The novelty stage has passed and whalemeat has now become recognized as a staple food with a large and growing market.

This end of the whaling industry is now being scientifically developed. A large whalemeat cannery has been erected at Kyuquot and within the next week or two will be put in operation. This cannery was built under the supervision of J. E. Gilmour, a cannery expert, who, it is understood, will have charge of the plant.

Only the youngest whales, and the choicest cuts therefrom, will be used for canning purposes. The nutritive properties of whalemeat are unquestioned, and it is claimed that canned whalemeat is temptingly delicious.

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. McCaffery, Gibbons & Doyle, Ltd. Real Estate and Insurance.

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. R. WALKER, N. G. W. BARRIE, Secretary.

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