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ALLIED TROOPS ARE BEATING THE GERMAN FORCE BACK

Have Regained Some of the Ground Lost Around Ypres, by Determined Counter Attacks

GERMANS ARE USING ASPHYXIATING BOMBS

The Full Force of the German Attack is Being Disclosed Against the British Front, Where the Canadian Troops Have Distinguished Themselves—No Notable Change in the Situation in the Carpathians—German Newspapers Still Insist That the German Fleet Has Been Cruising in the North Sea, Vainly Seeking the British Fleet—Italy Maintaining an "Armed and Watchful Neutrality."

Although spring has failed to bring the long-expected "big effort" of the allies against the German lines in France and Belgium, it has furnished three of the most important engagements of the war. The first was at Neuve Chapelle, where, in three days fighting the combined forces numbered 80,000 or more, with victory resting on the British arms. The second took place southeast of Ypres, when the British captured the important strategic point known as Hill No. 69. This involved the most furious kind of shell and hand-to-hand fighting and, after the hill was taken, a bombardment by the Germans for several days.

Germany at Ypres Reinforced. Then, bringing up heavy reinforcements, the Germans began an attack around Ypres, which is described as one of the fiercest of the war. This movement was partly in the nature of a surprise and resulted in pushing back the allies for a considerable distance estimated in some quarters as several miles. Some of the ground has been regained and according to the French official report, not only were the Germans beaten back, but determined counter-attacks continue to force their adversaries back.

SEVERE FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN BELGIUM Near Poelcappelle and Langemark, with Many Killed and Wounded.

Amsterdam, via London, April 25.—The Telegrams correspondent at Brussels reports severe fighting on the line of Moorslede and Passchendaele, in Belgium, near Poelcappelle and Langemark, with numerous wounded and killed. Near Moorslede a great military cemetery has been located where thousands of British and German soldiers were killed. The church at Moorslede is filled with wounded. German field artillery is posted south of Moorslede with its horses for each gun in constant readiness to move to another place, owing to the successful reconnoitering of the allies. The heavy guns are north of Moorslede.

ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE CONTRABAND FOR GERMANY, Seventy Truck Loads Held Up By the Police at Naples.

Naples, April 25.—The police discovered today an attempt to smuggle out of the country a large quantity of contraband goods, which apparently were intended for Germany. Seventy trucks loaded with merchandise were brought into Naples from some point to the north. The goods were placed on the steamer Cornello Scuto and were said to be intended for shipment to Germany. In reality, the police say these goods, which have been shipped to some Austrian port and thence forwarded to Germany.

BERLIN TELLS OF FURTHER RESULTS NORTH OF YPRES Still Retain the Ground Captured on April 25.

Berlin, April 25.—(By Wireless to London.) The German official report gave out today the following: "Western theatre of war: We obtained further results at Ypres. The ground captured on April 25 north of Ypres was still retained yesterday. In further east we continued our attack in spite of the heavy rain. The enemy took to the Solferino farm, southwest of St. Julien, as well as the villages of St. Julien and Kerseleire. Our advanced victorious troops advanced Gravenstafel. During these engagements about 1,000 Englishmen were taken prisoner and several machine guns captured.

German Batteries Successfully Replied to Along the Whole Front.

London, April 25, 5 p. m.—The following statement was issued this afternoon at the Belgian legation: "Lizierne (Belgium, west of the Ypres canal) which was taken by the enemy on Friday night, has been retaken today by Franco-Belgian troops. The enemy artillery has replied successfully to a fire directed at the whole length of our front by German batteries. Notwithstanding a very strong wind, our aviators have been able to make useful reconnaissances."

Cabled Paragraphs

Cotton Steamer Detained at Kirkwall. London, April 25, 3:20 p. m.—The steamship Marie, from Galveston for Malmö, Sweden, with a cargo of cotton, being detained at Kirkwall, Scotland, pending the purchase of her cargo by the British government under the cotton agreement.

Captured Ships Flying American Flag. London, April 25.—An Athens despatch to the Evening News says it is reported in shipping circles at Piræus that warships of the allied fleet have captured and taken to Lemnos the Hadji Dacot Line steamers Virginia and Magda, which were flying the American flag. The carried cargoes which were declared to be contraband of war.

German Fleet Now Willing to Accept Battle. London, April 25.—In a despatch from Copenhagen the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that leading German newspapers, including the Berliner Tageblatt and the Deutsche Zeitung, declare that the German fleet is now willing to accept battle in the North Sea. The German fleet, the papers declare, have been several times cruised over the North Sea vainly searching for the British.

Prospect of Italian Intervention. Paris, April 25.—The prospect of Italian intervention is a subject of extensive comment by the Paris press. The trend of despatches from Rome, Milan and elsewhere is that Italy is ready for the conflict and has decided upon the publication of a letter by Deputy Istrat of Rumania confirming the treaty of alliance between Italy and Rumania which will join her as an ally when Italy gives the word.

Kitchener Wants More Men. London, April 25, 8:23 p. m.—Admiral Kitchener, chief of staff, today Dr. Thomas J. McNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, said: "I am not sure that the British fleet is not only gratified but satisfied with the response to the call for volunteers you fall into a very serious error. We want more men. We want them now, so that they may be properly trained to play an effective part in the struggle."

BUDGET OF WAR NEWS FROM FRENCH WAR OFFICE. French Making Progress on the Right Bank of the Ypres Canal.

Paris, April 25, 2:40 p. m.—The war office statement of this afternoon is as follows: "The French army has continued to employ asphyxiating gases during the day. Some of the gas was blown into the trench by the wind. The British troops, notwithstanding the violence of the attack, were able to maintain all their positions."

KILLED HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS AND THEN SHOT HIMSELF—DEED OF FARMER NEAR SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Springfield, O., April 25.—Clarence Walters, aged 24, a truck farmer, shot and killed his wife, Jessie, aged 22, and his two daughters, Ruby, aged 2, and Virginia, aged 2 months, at his home near here last night. He then shot himself in the head, although conscious, remained in the room with the bodies of his wife and children until taken away by the police today.

KILLED IN AN UNUSUAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. Stamford Man Struck by One Machine and Knocked in Front of Another.

Stamford, Conn., April 25.—Robino Roberto, 20, a student, was killed last night in an unusual automobile accident. He was walking along the Boston post road in West Stamford when he was struck by an automobile driven by Charles F. Krage of New Rochelle and knocked directly in the path of another automobile driven by Bonanni of New York. The latter automobile passed over him, causing a fracture of the skull which resulted in death.

HAITIEN HEBELS HAVE ENTERED CAPE HAITIEN Without Firing a Shot—Revolt Against President Guillaume.

Cape Haitien, April 25.—Generals Morency and Petion, leading forces of the revolution, have entered Cape Haitien without firing a shot. The revolt against President Guillaume was started some time ago by Dr. Rosavo Bato, former Haitian minister to the Dominican Republic, on the ground that the president was preparing to remove the instances of Haiti to the United States.

OBITUARY. Frederick W. Seward. Montreal, N. Y., April 25.—Frederick W. Seward, assistant secretary of state in the cabinets of Presidents Lincoln, Johnson and Hayes, and son of the late Secretary of State William H. Seward, died today at his home in Montreal. He leaves a widow, Ann M. Seward, and one brother, General William H. Seward.

TO CARE FOR SICK OR WOUNDED ARMY HORSES Four Hospitals Provided by Society for Protection of Animals.

Rome, April 25, via Paris, 9 a. m.—The Society for the Protection of Animals has offered to provide four hospitals for sick or wounded army horses in case Italy goes to war. One is to be at the front, the second on the line of communication and the other two at the bases.

MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS BY MOHAMMEDIANS. Reported by Refugees Who Have Reached the Russian Line.

This, Transcaucasia, April 24 p. m.—Retrospect and London, April 25, 4:15 p. m.—Refugees who have reached the Russian line report that a massacre of Armenians by Mohammedans is being continued, even a greater scale. They say that all the inhabitants of ten villages near Van, in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, have been put to death.

Auto Accident at Middletown. Middletown, Conn., April 25.—Henry Groth, 35 years old, of New Britain, was seriously injured tonight when the automobile he was driving was struck and sidwiped by an automobile driven by David Volentine, a Wesleyan student. He was taken to a local hospital, where it was found his spine was injured. Volentine reported the accident to the police.

Turkish Battery Silenced by Ship

THREE SHELLS DO TRIFLING DAMAGE TO SHIP TWO MEN WOUNDED

British Warship Triumph Opened Fire on Turkish Trenches in the Western End of Gallipoli Peninsula at a Range of 7,000 Yards. On board the Battleship Triumph at the Dardanelles, via Malta, April 25.—The Triumph entered the mouth of the straits and opened fire with her 7.5 inch guns on one of the Turkish trenches on the western end of the Gallipoli peninsula at a range of 7,000 yards. After half an hour's battle the ship proceeded farther into the straits in order to search the trench from another angle, under the fire of a howitzer battery on the Asiatic shore.

225 VESSELS IN SERVICE

Personnel is Composed of 4,355 Line, Staff and Warrant Officers and 53,171 Enlisted Men—There is Now a Waiting List. Washington, April 25.—Secretary Daniels tonight made public a letter he has written to President Garfield of Williams college detailing the work in the navy during the last two years. Mr. Daniels wrote in reply to Mr. Garfield's request for matters of interest to the United States in connection with the navy for military emergencies.

225 Vessels in Commission. Fully equipped, 225 vessels of all characters, which is 36 more than were fully commissioned when I became secretary of the navy, are now in service. These are also 19 vessels of various types, in reserve and in ordinary and uncommissioned, capable of rendering service in war. We have 100,000 tons of naval stores, 100,000 tons of 3 (rednaughts, 23 destroyers, 38 submarines and 7 auxiliaries), as compared with 100,000 tons of 3 (rednaughts, 23 destroyers, 3 submarines and 9 auxiliaries) which were under construction on March 1, 1913.

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Sidney Rogers, the New York school boy who ran away from home after receiving poor marks in school, was found at Bradley Beach, N. J.

A slight panic was created in the Bronx courthouse by the finding of a "bomb" in an elevator. The "bomb" turned out to be an electric iron.

Striking seamen at Glasgow, who were held up by the departure of several liners, won a complete victory and returned to work at higher wages.

Despite rain and floods, war manuevers between the Brown and White armies between Houston and Galveston, Tex., without interruption.

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Express service on the Third Avenue "L" in New York was tied up for several hours when a train crashed into a stalled express. No one was injured.

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OLD THEATRE AT NEW HAVEN BURNED

Grand Opera House Gave the Entire Fire Fighting Force a Hard Battle

VARIOUS OFFICE BUILDINGS WERE ENDANGERED

Fire Started in the Aschenbrodel, a Favorite Place of Entertainment for Musicians on the First Floor—The Cause is Unknown—Loss is \$107,000, With Only Small Insurance—Built in 1860, It Was Long New Haven's Only Playhouse and Many Famous Old-time Stars Had Appeared There.

New Haven, Conn., April 24.—The Grand Opera House, built on Crown street, the oldest playhouse in New Haven, was destroyed by fire early today and the entire fire-fighting force of the city was kept busy for eight hours preventing the flames from spreading to nearby buildings in the block bounded by Crown, Temple and Church streets. Various office buildings were endangered for a time. The loss is \$107,000, with only small insurance. The fire started in the Aschenbrodel, long favorite place of entertainment for musicians on the first floor. The cause is not known.

Rich in Historic Interest. The theatre, originally known as Music Hall, was erected in 1860 and was rich in historic interest. It was remodelled several times and changed names from time to time. Everything in the theatrical line, from Shakespearean dramas to moving pictures, has been shown on its stage. Stage notables and singers of world fame appeared there and within the last thirty years there had been pugilistic exhibitions.

Many Notables Played There. For many years it was the only playhouse in New Haven. Among those who played in the theatre were Henry Irving, Edwin Booth, Wilkes Booth, Edward Forrest, Joseph Jefferson, Ellen Terry and Sarah Bernhardt. Jennie Lind sang several times. During the Civil War mass meetings were held to encourage enlistments and the volunteers were given farewell receptions before leaving for the front.

Entire Department Called Out. The fire started soon after four o'clock and the blaze had made remarkable headway before it was discovered. The first fire companies responded to a still alarm, to be followed soon afterwards by three alarms, calling out practically the entire department. The blaze was so hot that the automatic sprinkler on the top of the Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor building operated, flooding the exterior of the structure.

Only the Walls Left Standing. By six o'clock only the walls of the theatre were left standing. Part of the walls toppled on other buildings, but no serious damage was done.

ROCKEFELLER REITERATES HIS COMPLAINT AGAINST WALSH. Charges Him With Drawing False Inferences and Conclusions.

New York, April 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., today gave out a statement in amplification of the one which he issued yesterday in answer to that of Charles F. Walsh, chairman of the United States commission on industrial relations, who made public correspondence between Rockefeller and L. M. Bowers, chairman of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. Mr. Rockefeller also reviews at length incidents in connection with the Colorado strike situation.

At the outset Mr. Rockefeller reiterated his complaint against Chairman Walsh, who he charged in yesterday's statement with drawing false inferences and conclusions from the correspondence.

Mr. Rockefeller characterized as false the statement of Chairman Walsh that he (Rockefeller) had presumed to dictate letters that went out to the directors of the United States and the governors of the states over the signature of the governor of Colorado.

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Gov. Beekman Praised Legislature. Providence, R. I., April 25.—Governor Beekman signed yesterday all the bills passed by the legislature in the closing days of its session, which ended Friday night. He also issued a statement praising the work of the legislature.

Bequest of \$15,000 for Bath Y. M. C. A. Bath, Me., April 25.—A bequest of \$15,000 for the Bath Y. M. C. A. was left by Helen C. Moses, the bath and woolen manufacturer, who was filed for probate yesterday. There were no other public bequests.

Attorneys for Leo M. Frank, sentenced to die for the murder of Mary Phagan, are making a last desperate effort to save their client's life. They have abandoned hope of having him pronounced guiltyless and are willing to accept a sentence of life imprisonment. They are making their plea to Governor Sinton and the Georgia prison commission. The district attorney in a statement announces he will not oppose such commutation of sentence. Among the grounds set forth by Frank in his appeal are that he is innocent and that the principal evidence upon which he was convicted was of a questionable and unreliable character. His application, he states, was not taken up by the board and the reasons for his appeal, but he asks permission to do so at the hearing before the prison commission.



GOV. SLATON (TOP) LEO FRANK