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CANADIAN ARMY SMASHES GERMAN LINE

STRONGEST GERMAN POSITION AND MANY PRISONERS TAKEN BY CANADIANS

THE SPRING DRIVE HAS NOW STARTED ON WESTERN FRONT

OFFENSIVE IS TAKEN ON FRONT FROM LENS TO CAMBRAI—
ALL MILITARY ARMS EMPLOYED—AEROPLANES
AND TANKS ACTIVE—CANADIANS TAKE
MANY PRISONERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 10.—The British began a terrific drive this morning in a high wind and a driving sleet storm. The movement started along a wide front, extending from Lens to Cambrai. General Haig is striking today the most formidable blow that the Allies have so far launched in this sector. The offensive extends over a front of twenty-five miles and a great thrust is being made at the two key positions of the German defence line, extending from Cambrai to St. Quentin. The reports received from General Haig declare that the German line is everywhere penetrated and that satisfactory progress is being made.

Paris, April 10.—The British successfully launched a powerful offensive from the north of Arras to the south of Lens. This sector is north immediately from the one from which the Germans have been retiring. Their troops everywhere penetrated the enemy's lines and are making further satisfactory progress. No estimate of the number of prisoners taken by the British has been made as yet, but the reports indicate that a considerable number have been captured. In the direction of Cambrai, the British have taken the villages of Hermies and Boursiers and in the direction of St. Quentin have taken Fresnoy Le Petit.

French official. Many patrol encounters took place during the night between the Aisne and the Somme.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

The American steamer Seward has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean and the crew have been landed safely.

Berlin admits that over 450 aeroplanes have been lost during the month of March.

Reports from Rotterdam say that the German soldiers are resenting the sparse fare, while their officers are feasting.

A JOINT COMMITTEE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 10.—The Republicans in Congress propose a joint committee in Congress during the war.

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EMPIRE DEVELOPMENT WILL PROCEED RAPIDLY

Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, of the great drug firm of Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., of London, Eng., is making a short visit to Prince Rupert. Mr. Wellcome's firm is one with a world wide reputation and its name is known worthily in practically every country in the world.

Mr. Wellcome has been debarred from business on account of his health, and having been ordered by his physician to get as far away from the cares of a city life and its concomitant anxieties in these times of stress, has come to the Pacific coast. Mr. Wellcome has been in British Columbia before, but this is his first visit to the metropolis of the north. Mr. Wellcome has been up to Alaska and arrived in the city on the steamer last night from Skagway.

In speaking of the state of affairs in the old country, when he left there several months ago, Mr. Wellcome mentioned the appreciation in which Canada is held over there on account of the splendid manner in which she, in common with the other self-governing dominions, came to the help of the mother country in the fight for right against might. In the reconstruction of the Empire, as a result of the war, said Mr. Wellcome, free trade in the old sense is dead. The Imperialist idea of an inter-Empire preference has taken its place and there will also be an entente preference as well.

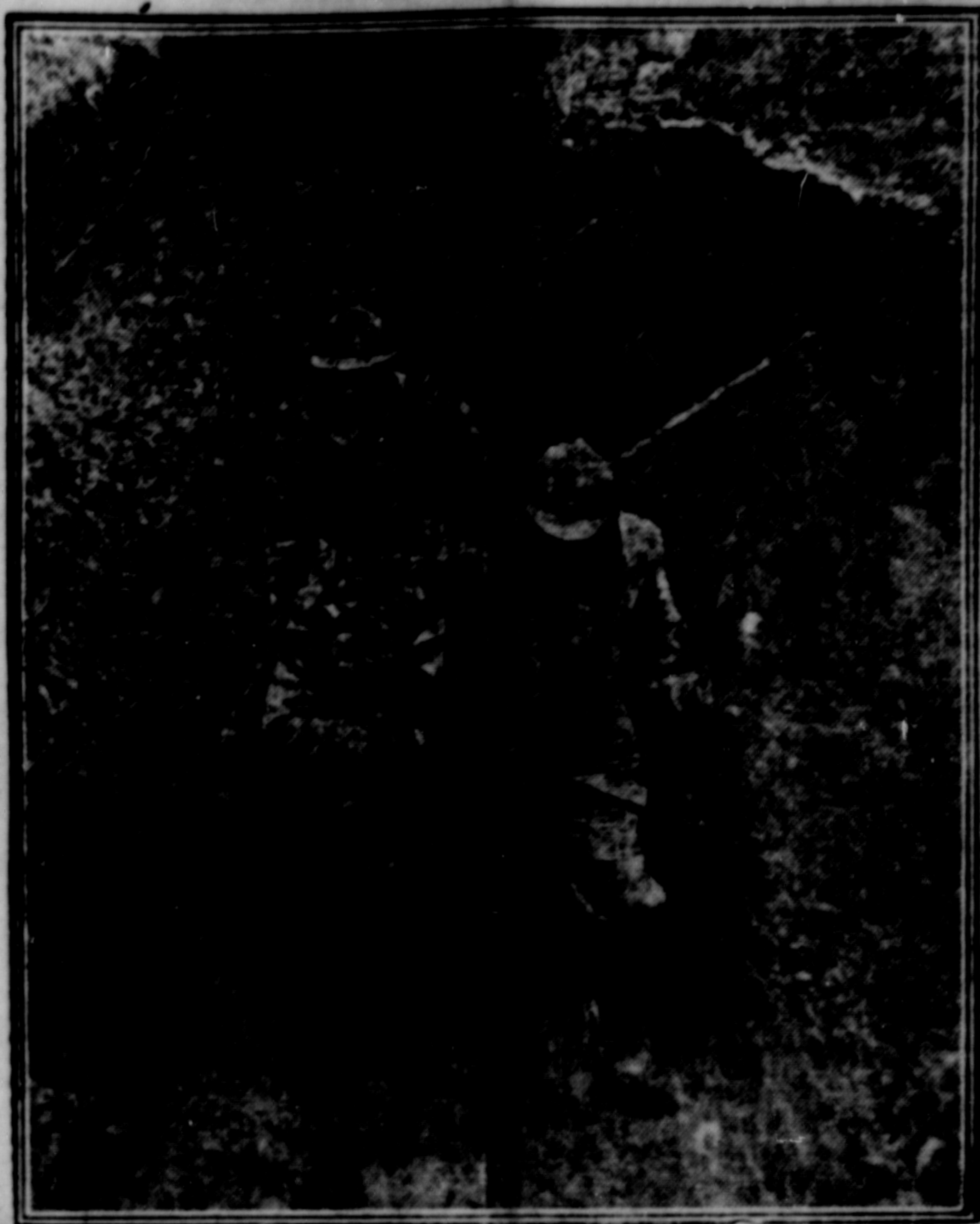
Considering that practically every family has lost some relative in the war, the whole nation is bearing its burden of loss stoically. The oppression of the weight of mourning is not being made visible by any outward emblem. The spirit of sacrifice is nation wide, and Mr. Wellcome pays a high tribute to the women folk who have willingly given their dearest in their country's cause.

Discussing ante bellum conditions, Mr. Wellcome is convinced that the development of the Empire resources will be the most striking feature. Under the aegis of the government, it seems to Mr. Wellcome that the hitherto latent possibilities of every part of the Empire will be taken into consideration and development of their natural riches will proceed very rapidly.

Mr. Wellcome will pay a visit to Port Simpson, the oldest town in the north, before he leaves for the southern cities in a day or two.

DEBATE TONIGHT

There will be a tea and entertainment in the Church of England this evening. Part of the programme will be a debate "Resolved that the Navy is a more efficient arm of the British Service than the Army." The speakers are, for the affirmative, F. Peters, Esq., Geo. Hill, Esq., and Mr. A. Rix; for the negative, S. M. Newton, Esq., A. Silversides, Esq., and S. Bazett-Jones, Esq. A minimum charge of 25 cents will be made, or as many cents as you are years old.



Wounded Tenderly Taken From the Field by Combatant Comrades.

This is an official photograph showing a wounded "Poilu" being carried out of the danger zone by his comrades. When he has been withdrawn a little from the firing line, the A. M. C. stretcher bearers will meet them and quickly carry him off to the dressing station.

MEATLESS DAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN NOW

London, April 9.—Baron Devonport, British food controller, has ordered that beginning April 15th in hotels, restaurants, clubs and boarding-houses there shall be one meatless day each week.

The controller has also ordered that no potato or food containing potatoes shall be allowed except on meatless days and on Friday.

The order imposes restrictions on the quantities of meat, sugar and bread at meals served in hotels, restaurants, boarding-houses and clubs. The scale for meat is for breakfast, two ounces; luncheon, five ounces, and dinner, five ounces. The bread restrictions call for two ounces at all these meals.

Baron Devonport, in examining the order, said he expected it to result in a saving of 65 per cent. of the meat now consumed, 53 per cent. of bread and 63 per cent. of sugar. He said he had originally intended to order two meatless days, but that he feared that this would lead to an increase in bread consumption.

THE MEXICAN TROUBLE

(Special to The Daily News.)

El Paso, April 10.—Four thousand Mexican troops under Murguía are encamped under the guns of the United States artillery across the border. As a precautionary measure in view of the presence of large numbers of the Mexican troops in Juarez, the American guns are ready for instant action.

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WEDDING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A wedding was solemnized yesterday by the Rev. Father Bunoz in the Catholic Church. Mr. Philip Laporte and Mrs. Sauvage were the high contracting parties. The Church, which had been decorated for Easteride, looked very pretty and many friends of the bride and bridegroom were in attendance to see the knot tied. Both Mr. and Mrs. Laporte are already well known in Prince Rupert and congratulations are still being showered upon the happy couple. Their new home will be on Fulton St.

PROMISES REFORMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 10.—The Emperor Karl of Austria will follow the Kaiser's announcement with one of liberal internal reform promises. Among those promises will be one for semi-autonomy being granted to the principal provinces of Austria-Hungary.

The German autoerats see their empire crumbling. The action of the Kaiser in proposing the extension of the franchise appears to be highly significant, but this reform would be delayed until after the war. The German people are disinclined to brook any untoward delays. The temper of the people is for action and pledges are not enough. The German press think that the Kaiser's message is not sufficient and express dislike for the secret vote.

ATTENTION LADIES

New lines of sport shoes and high boots, rubber soles and heels just arrived in time for Easter. At Peck's Shoe Store.

AUSTRIA BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, April 10.—Austria formally broke off relations with the United States Government yesterday, when the Austrian Charge d'Affaires Zwiedinek called at the State Department and requested his passports. He informed the Department that the order calling for his action was issued by his government the day previous. A short time earlier Minister Stovall at Berne cabled the Department from Switzerland that the break has been ordered. Ambassador Penfield knows nothing of the break in diplomatic relations. He left Vienna on the 7th inst. No change is made in the status of the relations of the United States Government with Turkey or Bulgaria.

The charge of the Austrian interests in the United States will be assumed by the Swedish Embassy. It is stated that whether war will be declared upon Austria-Hungary will depend largely upon her official attitude. Passports will be made out immediately for Zwiedinek and Ambassador Tarnowski. Tarnowski, while the formally accredited ambassador, has never been officially recognized by the Government.

K. OF P. HAVE A VERY PLEASANT EVENING

A very successful whist drive and dance was held last evening by the Knights of Pythias in the Castle Hall. There were one hundred couples present. In the whist drive, Miss M. Eason and Mr. Arthur Royce carried off the lady's and gentleman's prizes, and Mr. and Mrs. Toomire were the winners of the others. When the tables were cleared away, dancing was engaged in, to music provided by the Westholme orchestra. Supper was served and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by everyone present.

MORE HELP FOR THE ALLIES

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, April 10.—Brazil, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, Honduras, Nicaragua and Guatemala, are seriously contemplating the declaration of war upon Germany.

NO MORE COAL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Buenos Ayres, April 10.—The people of the Argentine are alarmed by reports that the United States has joined Great Britain in threatening to cut off their coal supply unless the Argentine government rescind their embargo on the export of wheat.

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 1917, at 8 p.m. In Carpenters Union Hall.

All wage earners are urgently requested to attend this meeting, as a District Union is being formed, affiliated with the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers. Since hardly any fact is better known than that civilization evolves under economic stress, and is administered in accordance with the general knowledge of mankind, therefore, organization and education must be the essential groundwork to happiness and progress. We, therefore, deem it necessary to organize the Northern District Union of Prince Rupert, B. C. If you are an unorganized wage worker, come and join us, and be one of the three million in America. If you are a member of organized labor, come and help us launch the new ship.

GEO. CASEY,
International Organizer.

CANADIANS TAKE MANY PRISONERS

Two Thousand German Prisoners are Captured by Dominion Troops—Enemy is Kept Retreating.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Canadian Headquarters, France via London, April 10.—The war on the western front which has been moving more rapidly during the past five weeks, broke into full swing today along the whole line. The attack which has been directed against the retreating Germans in the sector of the Somme has been extended to the sectors immediately to the north. In a series of assaults upon a broad front with the town of Arras as a pivot, the British struck a heavy blow at the German line and the enemy has been driven from scores of important positions. The British penetrated far into the German lines and inflicted heavy casualties.

Vimy Ridge.

In the territory captured today from the Germans, was the famous Vimy ridge, which has been fought over time and again since the war was ten months old. This ridge of Vimy was reported to be the strongest defensive position on the whole western front. This important position fell to the lot of the Canadian troops, and in the fighting which took place for its possession over two thousand Germans were taken prisoners by the Canadians. The drive still continues and the fighting is of a most sanguinary nature. The total number of prisoners taken within the last twelve hours exceeds five thousand.

Bad Weather.

The weather has been extremely disagreeable, gales and storms of sleet accompanied the British advance, but the concentrated force and the co-ordinated activity of the Allies' movements overwhelmed the Germans. This movement overshadowed the great Somme drive of last year.

Like Seagulls.

In the air, vast droves of British airmen hover like seagulls, bombing the German trenches. Below, the tanks in action wallowed ahead of the advancing infantry, struggling over the broken ground. The success of the Canadian troops is a most notable achievement.

AEROPLANES ATTACK GERMAN DESTROYERS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 10.—British aeroplanes have attacked German destroyers off the Belgian coast. One German destroyer was sunk and another was severely damaged. The action took place last night.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Shamrock has arrived with 14,000 pounds; the Bick with 10,000; the Reliance with 4,000, and the Maude with 4,000 pounds. Bidding was still in progress at the time of writing and the price then had reached 11% cents.

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