

TEUTON RECOIL BEFORE BRITISH GENUINE DEFEAT

No Chance to Say Retreat Was Pre-arranged as Claimed Further South—Main Feature is Capture of Vimy Ridge, Which if Held Will Force Withdrawal to Meuse by Teutons.

LONDON, April 12.—The news of the successful opening of the new British offensive has stirred high hope among the people throughout the country. Whatever the enemy may have claimed as to the retreat in the Somme sector having been pre-arranged and strategic, it is contended that their recoil before the blow delivered in the Arras-Lens region cannot be explained away in any such manner. It is urged that there is no possible voluntary element in this retirement and that there can be no dispute as to who took the initiative.

A new chapter in the conflict on the western front has begun and whether or not it is to prove the beginning of a decisive battle it is bound, according to the prevalent opinion here, to lead to results of the highest importance. The main feature of the battle thus far, on which attention has been focused, is the capture of Vimy Ridge. The immense value of this series of heights which dominate the plain from an elevation of 400 to 500 feet has been recognized throughout the war and great sacrifices have been regarded as justifiable if they resulted in its possession.

Ridge Object Fought for.

The French and Germans fought fiercely for control of the ridge in the summer of 1915, both sides suffering heavy losses but in the end the Germans held the main portion of the position. Later the British took over the French line and were ousted by the Germans from the part of the ridge which had been won by their predecessors. One military critic, commenting on the present battle thus describes the importance of the Vimy heights:

"They are admittedly the bastion of the enemy's western line. Whatever else has been allowed to go he held Vimy ridge with grim resolve and lavished upon it all the arts in fortifications and defensive skill that the war has taught him. Upon it hinges the whole strategy of the enemy's retreat in the west. With Vimy firmly held he can swing his line further south slowly back, until each part of it reaches the position where he has a mind to stand and he can cover the French industrial districts upon which he depends much for supplies. But with Vimy gone, the defense of these districts can hardly be maintained. The pivot of the whole retreat shifts and goes backward and is in instant risk of fracture."

Issue Depends on Holding.

The issues depending upon British ability to hold the ridge are therefore immense. At the moment there is nothing to suggest a doubt that the ridge will be held but the battle is still fiercely continuing and there is little disposition here to indulge in confident predictions. Nevertheless the opinion is expressed that if the Germans are definitely driven from the ridge without hope of reattacking, they are likely enough to be compelled to acknowledge defeat and retire to what is called the Meuse line, running from Verdun through Metz, Mauberge and Lille.

In the meantime the fighting goes on over a front of about fifty miles, roughly, from Lens to St. Quentin, the core of attack being around the north of Arras. As far as information goes everything is going well for the British and justifies their sanguine hopes but the comments today generally include a warning not to allow these hopes to run too high. The enemy is known to have great reserves at hand and an iron compulsion binds him to make every effort to avoid defeat. The papers warn the country that it should await the event in a spirit of sober expectation and that it is not the time for exuberant boasting.

MEDFORD BAND DISBANDED AFTER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

After a year of excellent work under the capable direction of Director R. G. Rowland, the Medford band at a meeting last night decided to disband. Without Mr. Rowland's services and with no financial support there seemed to be no way by which the organization could be continued. During the year the band gave 24 free concerts in the city park and five extra concerts, the quality of the music presented being superior to that of any similar organization in the history of the city. Director Rowland will leave in a few days for Seattle.

RUSSIA IN GRAVE DANGER FROM GERMAN DRIVE

Provisional Government Issues Proclamation Directing Attention to the Grave Danger of Invasion—Renounce All Ambitions of Territorial Aggrandizements.

PETROGRAD, April 10.—The provisional government has issued a proclamation directing attention to the grave danger of a German effort to deliver a decisive blow at Russia and the necessity of immediately concentrating all of Russia's forces for the defeat of the enemy.

"The provisional government," says the proclamation, "feels that it has no right to hide the truth. The state is in danger and it is necessary to employ all our powers to save it. The old regime left Russia in a sadly disorganized condition, and especially in the matter of finance, food supply, transport and munitions.

To Repair Old Regime.

"The provisional government will devote all its energies to repair the serious consequences of the old regime. The blood of many sons of the fatherland has been shed freely in the course of these two and a half long years of war but the country still is capable of a powerful blow at the enemy who occupies whole territories of our state and is now—in the days of birth of Russian liberty—threatening us with a new and decisive thrust.

"The defense, cost what it may of our national patrimony and the deliverance of the country from the enemy who invades our borders constitute the vital problem before our warriors who are defending the liberty of the people in close union with our allies.

No Land Domination.

"The government deems it to be its duty now that free Russia does not aim at the domination of other nations, at depriving them of their national patrimony or at occupying by force foreign territories but that its object is to establish a durable peace on rights of nations to decide their own destiny.

"The Russian nation does not just after the strengthening of its power abroad at the expense of other nations. Its aim is not to subject or humiliate anyone. In the name of the higher principles of equity, it has removed the chains which weighed upon the Polish people but the Russian nation will not allow its fatherland to come out of the great struggle humiliated and weakened in its vital forces. These principles will constitute the basis of the foreign policy of the provisional government which will carry out unflinchingly the popular will and safeguard the rights of our fatherland while observing the engagements entered into with our allies.

State in Danger.

"The provisional government of free Russia has no right to hide the truth. The state is in danger. Every effort must be made to have it let the country respond to the truth when it is told, not by sterile depression and not by discouragement but by unanimous vigor with a view to creating a united national will.

"This will give us new strength for the struggle and will procure our salvation. In this hour of rude trial, let the whole country find in itself strength to consolidate the liberty won and devote itself to untiring labor for the welfare of free Russia. The provisional government, which has given its solemn oath to the people is firmly confident that with the general and unanimous support of each one and all it will itself be able to do its duty to its country to the end.

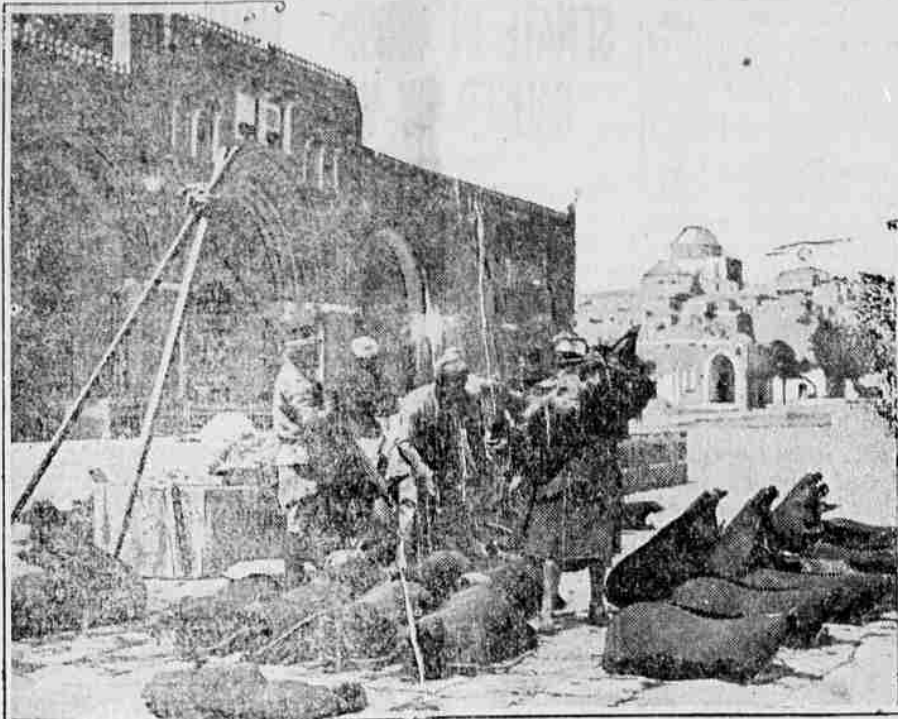
(Signed) "LYOFF,"
"President of the Council."

ZEPPELIN NEMESIS MISSING IN BATTLE

LONDON, April 10.—The Evening News says that Lieutenant Loeff Robinson, the first aviator to bring down a Zeppelin in England, is reported missing.

Lieutenant Robinson earned the Victoria cross and became a popular hero in England last September by shooting down a Zeppelin at a height of 10,000 feet. The Zeppelin, which was taking part in an attack on the London area, was brought down in flames at Cuffley. The lieutenant is 21 years old.

TYPICAL SCENE IN THE HOLY LAND



The Well of Life in Jerusalem, where the best water in the city is obtained. Note the water bags about to be taken on long journeys into the surrounding deserts.

KING PRAISES HAIG ON ADVANCE

LONDON, April 10.—King George sent the following message today to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British armies on the western front:

"The whole empire will rejoice at the news of yesterday's successful operations. Canada will be proud that the taking of the coveted Vimy ridge has fallen to the lot of her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have taken part in this splendid achievement."

ST. MARK'S CHURCH EASTER SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

The Easter services at St. Mark's were exceptionally well attended. The special features of the music were Eyre's Mass in B flat and Maker's "Awake Thou That Sleepest." The music was well rendered by a large chorus choir, the solo rendered by

Miss Brandt being especially effective.

At the evening services a large part of the Elks' Lodge attended in a body as a surprise to their chaplain, the vicar of St. Mark's. The singing of the hymns by a church full of men was inspiring.

The decorations, consisting principally of Calla lilies and ivy, were all that good taste could desire. The gift of six beautiful office lights by Mrs. F. G. Clark, and a stately and elaborately decorated Paschal candle, given with its candlestick, by Mrs. W. W. Harmon, formerly a resident of Medford, made the altar and chancel as perfect and complete in its symbolism as any church in Oregon.

St. Mark's, both in its exterior and interior is one of the most churchy buildings to be found in our state, and already there have been two calls from distant points, where the erection of churches is in prospect, for the plans and blue prints that its excellencies might be copied elsewhere.

NOTICE.

All accounts due the late E. G. Headlee, agent for the J. K. Watkins Co., must be paid at once to Mrs. E. G. Headlee, 917 N. C., Medford. 17

OBREGON LOYAL TO CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Mexican Ambassador Boillas received a telegram today from General Obregon, asserting his loyalty to General Carranza. The dispatch signed by Obregon said:

"Knowing that the New York and Washington newspapers have published reports accusing me of revolting against the first chief, you are hereby authorized to deny such absurd news."

PORTUGAL EULOGIZES AMERICA ON WAR

LISBON, April 9.—President Machado has sent a cablegram to President Wilson congratulating him on "America's noble resolution." A popular demonstration was held today outside the American legation.

CHINESE COOLIES ENROUTE TO WORK FRENCH TRENCHES

SEATTLE, Wash., April 10.—The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Russia on her last trip to Vancouver from the Orient brought 2500 Chinese coolies, men of fine physique, for service with the entente armies in France. It is said that many more coolies will be brought to Vancouver to be shipped by rail to the Atlantic coast and thence by ship to France. These men are not to be used as soldiers, but as army laborers. They will be especially valuable in making trenches.

Early in the war the French experimented with Chinese from Saigon as employes in munitions factories, and found their work satisfactory. The men went to France under contract, and the French government provided for their families and contracted to return them to China at the end of a stipulated period. There was a crusade in China, alleged to have been instigated by Germans, against Chinese being permitted to go to Europe for service with the allies, but the Chinese government took no action. It was predicted, when China broke relations with Germany, that the Chinese government would encourage the use of Chinese laborers by the allies. The coolies landed at Vancouver were embarked at a British port in northern China.

The Chinese wear a standard uniform, and rations are issued to them the same as to enlisted men.

GERMAN LAUNCH SEIZED OFF GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga., April 10.—A boat manned by a German-speaking crew and carrying more than 500 gallons of gasoline was captured a few days ago off the Georgia coast and taken to Fernandina, Fla., according to a letter received here by Charles S. Arnow, state game and fish commissioner.

The capture was made by a revenue cutter, Mr. Arnow said, adding "that it had caused much speculation as to whether there was any truth in reports of German submarines in the Gulf of Mexico. Only one of the German crew spoke English. Mr. Arnow said he had no information to show where they came from.

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