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THE WAR.

ok fierce fighting has taken place north of Ypres. The enemy is unable to check the advance of the Allies. The means of warfare, had the cowardly methods of using gas, such action is in defiance of the Hague Convention.

The thick, yellow smoke from these bombs was borne by a strong wind across the Allied lines, and even to their second line, making a temporary retirement.

The enemy made an obstinate effort to prevent the surprise they had achieved. The contemptible and dastardly action was without any tangible result, which the Huns had at first hoped for the acquisition of certain positions.

They were speedily wiped out by the British and British troops. The Canadian division gave an excellent account of themselves in the fight for the positions which the Germans had captured between Steenstrate and the Canal.

Four of their guns had been captured by the enemy, but some of these were taken by the Canadians, by a most successful advance, not alone these guns, but took a number of German prisoners as well.

The Canadians have thus covered themselves with glory, and fully merit the honours passed on them by Sir John French. The War Office. "Their conduct in the latter, "has been magnificent and "their gallantry and "undoubtedly saved the day."

The British troops have successfully repulsed several violent attacks apparently

do not attempt to apportion or balance revenue or expenditure for the whole of the financial year, but will merely deal with the period of April to November, being followed by another Budget in the latter month. Mr Lloyd George already laid down the principle that part of the cost of the war should be paid out of the national income while hostilities are still in progress, and thus it is expected that proposals for increased and possibly new taxation will be embodied in the Budget. That there will be a heavy additional duty on whiskey seems to be taken for granted, although the tax will not be devised to act as a revenue-producer but as an instrument of policy to lessen consumption. A further tax on tea is regarded as well within the bounds of possibility, and it is probable also that cocoa and tobacco will be picked out for further taxation. There is much curiosity as to whether the Chancellor contemplates anything in the nature of a tax on wages, an idea which was mooted last year.

DEATH MR A. E. COULTER.

We regret to record the death of Mr Albert Edward Coulter, fourth son of Mr George Coulter, Cecil Street, which took place on Saturday night, after a short illness. Deceased, who was in his thirtieth year, was for many years a clerk in Mr Welby's Land Agency office, George Street. He was a member of the Protestant Young Men's Association, and took a keen interest in the Hockey Club. He was held in very high regard by his friends, and his premature demise has caused them keen regret. Sincere sympathy is expressed with his father and relatives in their sorrow. The interment took place to-day in the family burial place at Fallaskenny.

PRINCESS MARY'S BIRTHDAY.

Princess Mary was eighteen on Sunday. Her Royal Highness is an excellent horsewoman, and is often to be seen riding in the Row in the early morning, and when at Windsor may be seen galloping in the Park every day. The young Princess takes a keen interest in the affairs of the day, and, like the Queen, is a very skillful needlewoman, and has also a wide knowledge of all domestic affairs. On several occasions she has been most useful to the King in assisting him with correspondence, for her Royal Highness is an expert typist, and thoroughly understands secretarial duties.

LORD JUSTICE MORIARTY.

Cause for Anxiety.

London, Monday. Lord Justice Moriarty's condition shows no improvement and gives cause for anxiety.

MR PAUL BERNARD'S CONCERTS AND THEATRICALS.

We desire to remind the public of Mr Paul Bernard's Variety Concert and Theatricals which take place at the Athenaeum to-morrow (Wednesday evening), and at a matinee on Thursday at 3 o'clock. Several leading lady and

Situation Outlined by Sir French.

London, Monday Night. The Press Bureau at 10.55 p.m. issued following—

The Field Marshal commanding the British forces in France reports as follows on the April, 1915—

1—Severe fighting north-east of Ypres still continuing, the general situation remaining unchanged.

Our left flank, in readjusting its line to the altered conditions due to the original retirement of the French, had to face north extend to the west beyond St-Julien.

This extension weakened our line for a time and after a very gallant resistance by Canadian troops against superior numbers St-Julien was captured by the enemy. Our line now runs south of place.

2—Our troops east of Ypres have borne the brunt of repeated heavy attacks which they stubbornly opposed throughout the battles in an entirely unexpected situation, which has demanded the exercise of gallantry and fortitude by the troops and quick resource and other military qualities by their commanders.

3—Attacks were also delivered yesterday by Germans on the east of Ypres salient.

In spite of the use by the enemy of asphyxiating gases, the attacks were repulsed, and German officers and men were captured.

4—In the fighting during the last three days have inflicted very heavy casualties on the Germans.

Our losses have also been heavy.

5—The German wireless report that English heavy guns have been captured in the north.

6—One of our aviators bombed Courtrai this afternoon, and destroyed the junction. Although wounded, he brought his machine safely back to our lines.

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE

Germans Thrown Back.

French Marked Progress

According to the French afternoon communique fighting in Belgium continues under conditions favourable to the Allies.

The British have stopped two German attempts at debouching from Paschendaale and Bradscre and the Germans have violently bombarded Ypres.

At Notre-Dame de Lorette the French have repulsed a German attack.

The battle on the heights of the Metz developed.

At the trench of Calonne the Germans have been thrown back by a French counter-attack.

A German effort to retake Eparges failed.

The 11 o'clock communique records marked progress to the north of Ypres, on the left of the fighting front. The Germans have been thrown back with heavy loss, and it is announced that means of protection has been devised, and the best results against asphyxiating gas.

The Germans at Les Eparges, St Remy, Calonne trench have suffered a complete defeat but it is admitted that they have succeeded in setting foot on Hartmannswillerkopf.

The Germans claim that on the west bank of the Yser Canal Lizeux is still in their hands also is the ground conquered on the east bank of the canal.

The number of captured guns they place at 10, including four heavy English guns.