

'TO BAPAUME' NOW REALITY TO BRITISH

Greatest Battleground in All History Is Scene of German Retreat.

FUGITIVES PRESSED HARD

Lively Fighting in Streets Is Witnessed as Pursuers Encounter Rearguard—Retirement Is Gaining in Speed.

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, March 18.—In the city of Albert, where the famous "Leaning Virgin" is being spared miraculously from the lofty tower of a rather gaudy and fantastically-shelton church, there has long been a British sign reading: "To Bapaume." It has pointed the way along a straight road toward the quaint Picardy town, transformed by the Germans into what they termed a modern field Gibraltar.

Between Albert and Bapaume lie the the battlefields of the greatest martial struggles of modern warfare. They are called the battles of the Somme, but more correctly might be termed the battles of the Bapaume road. It has been a long ten miles, but at last Bapaume has been taken, and the British khaki line extends well beyond it in all directions.

Gray Lines Falling Back. The field gray German lines are falling back now from approximately four miles. They are dissolving in clouds of blue-grey smoke, for the Germans have lighted fires to screen in their retreat. No village is being spared from the torch. The retreat in British front extends from well below Chaulnes on the south, almost to Arras, on the north, and covers about one-third of the entire British line. It has even extended down where the French lines begin.

The British today pushed into Peronne, where they had to fight virtually every step of the way. A score or more of towns and villages have been taken by the British during the day, and it was reported tonight that patrols had reached as far as Nesle, southeast of Chaulnes.

Day Means Much to British. The taking of that town meant a great deal to the men in the trenches. One British battalion, due to be relieved yesterday from a period of strenuous work, actually requested that they be sent forward in order that they might see Bapaume cleared of the enemy.

From all parts of the outlying British line tonight come further reports of progress. The German retreat is gaining in speed. Prisoners taken and identifications obtained from the dead show that fresh British divisions were being sent forward to the front, flushed with victory over the Roumanians, have been thrown in as a screen to shield the retiring troops.

LABOR WILL RETALIATE SUPPORTERS OF ANTI-PICKETING BILL ARE BRANDED. At Mass Meeting Union Advocates Are Urged to Present Solid Front in City Election.

Retaliation against all who were identified in the campaign to have the anti-picketing lobby in the recent Legislature, by bringing to bear on such as appear in the municipal campaign for the June election, the loud voice of organized labor, was urged by the speakers at a mass meeting called at Arion Hall yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Metal Trades Council.

Not only a fight against all who were directly connected with the lobby in behalf of the bill, but opposition to any person who is regarded as representing the sentiments of the Chamber of Commerce in relation to the open-shop idea and the anti-picketing law, was advocated by the speakers.

Alleged Chinese Gambler Held. Lee Mun, Chinese, was arrested at Sixth and Davis streets early today by Sergeant Van Overn and Patrolman Klagenstamm charged with conducting a lottery game.

LIVING ON YOUR NERVE Everybody has a store of nervous energy. When work or worry without sufficient rest exhausts this store a condition results that medical men call neurasthenia.

MAP SHOWING LATEST BRITISH GAINS IN WEST.



GREAT GAINS MADE

Allies Continue to Advance on Extended Front.

BRITISH CAPTURE PERONNE

French Cavalry Enter Noyon and More Than 60 Villages Are Taken.

Germans Say It Is Systematic Retreat.

(Continued From First Page.) ly. The inhabitants of Nesle acclaimed our troops. "Northeast of Lassigny we have advanced more than 20 kilometers toward Ham. Farther south our light cavalry detachments, moving along the valley of the Oise, occupied Noyon about 10 o'clock this morning. "Between the Oise and the Soissons (Aisne sector) the entire German first line, as well as the villages of Carlepont, Morsam and Nouvrou Vingre, fell into our hands. We have gained a foothold on the northern plateau of Soissons and occupied Crouy.

German Attack Stopped. "On the left bank of the Meuse the enemy violently bombarded our positions from Avocourt wood to Le Mortier. On the right bank a German attack directed against our trenches in the region of Chambrettes was stopped short by our barrage fire. "Two German airplanes were brought down today, one in the direction of Virginy, the other west of Brimont (Rheims region).

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, March 18.—So rapid became the pursuit of the Germans retreating in the Aisne and Somme sectors today that the British cavalry came into play after restless months of waiting and waiting.

Poisoned Wells Found. The fine, drying weather of the last three days has helped the pursuit, which in some places has reached solid ground, though it has been little damaged by shell fire. It was officially declared today that poisoned wells were found in the village of Barleux, northwest of Soissons, which was occupied by the British in the wake of the retreating German garrisons. This serious accusation was made in a report by the British doctors on an analysis of the water. Other wells in the line of the German retreat have been filled up.

BERLIN, March 18.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Systematic retirement of the German troops between Arras and the Oise, on the French front, is announced by the War Office today. Important Stronghold Abandoned. Peronne, Noyon, Bapaume, Roye and several other towns have been abandoned by the Germans.

Peronne was one of the strongholds of the Germans in the Franco-Belgian front. It is a town of about 4000, on the Somme, and is of strategic importance on account of its railroad and high road connections. It was invested on three sides, and the retirement of the Germans to the north and south made the abandonment of this town inevitable.

From Arras to the Oise, where Berlin reports the withdrawal is being made, is about 100 miles. The capture of Bapaume and Roye was announced yesterday. Noyon is a town of about 6000, 67 miles northeast of Paris.

PEACE LEAGUE PLANNED

W. D. WHEELWRIGHT SAYS AMERICA'S PROBLEM IS HUMANITY'S. Republic Should Defend Principles Even if Led to War, He Says—Careful Thought Urged.

"The question before America today is far more comprehensive than that of her right to sell the seas in peace, to arm her ships, even to protect the lives of our citizens," said William D. Wheelwright in his address yesterday at the Laurelwood Congregational Church, on the subject of "The League to Enforce Peace." "It is as large as humanity; it includes the citizens of the entire world.

LAW OF NATIONS IS UPHOLD BY CHINESE

Break With Germany Is Formal Protest Against Submarine Campaign.

KEEN REGRET EXPRESSED

Hope Entertained Until Last Moment That Berlin Would Modify Policy—German Residents Duly Safeguarded.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A copy of President Li Yuan Hung's proclamation announcing China's severance of relations with Germany was received by cable today at the Chinese Legation here, the message saying that various departments of the Chinese government had been instructed to devise "measures for the protection of German residents in China and take other necessary steps in conformity with the established principles of international law."

The proclamation, issued March 14, the day the German Minister received his passports, follows: "Since the beginning of the European war China has steadfastly maintained neutrality. German Order Unexpected. "Quite unexpectedly, on February 2, the Chinese government received a communication from the Imperial German government with regard to its new policy of unrestricted submarine warfare, causing it to be known that from the said date navigation for neutral vessels in certain defined zones would be exposed to danger.

"As the loss to China, both in life and property, arising from the destruction of merchantmen by submarines had already been considerable, and as the new policy was bound to cause great injury to China, the Chinese government, out of respect for the sanctity of international law and for the sake of giving necessary protection to the lives and property of Chinese citizens, made a vigorous protest to the Imperial German government, declaring that unless Germany abandoned her new policy China would be compelled to break off diplomatic relations with her.

Hope of Abandonment Lost. "In taking this step, China was in hope that Germany might, in order to preserve the existing friendly relations between the two nations, deem it advisable to modify its policy so as to meet the wishes of the Chinese government. "To the regret of the Chinese government, since the protest of China was made fully a month ago, the unrestricted submarine warfare has not been abandoned, but, on the contrary, many more vessels of different nations have been sunk, causing the loss of many Chinese lives and a great deal of property.

"On the 10th inst. the Imperial German government made its formal reply, stating, to the great disappointment of the Chinese government, that the German government could not abandon its new submarine policy. Under such circumstances, the Chinese government has no recourse but to sever, from this day on, the existing diplomatic relations with Germany in order to maintain the sanctity of international law and our due regard for the lives and property of our citizens."

WU ASKS FOR CONCESSIONS Dutch Legation Protects German Interests Following Break. PEKIN, March 16.—After announcing the severance of diplomatic relations between China and Germany, Foreign Minister Wu Tingfang called a meeting of the Ministers of the entente nations and later a meeting of the Ministers of neutral countries. He presented a memorandum for the consideration of indemnity for the boxer uprising, consent to an increase of import duties and modification of Chinese undertakings that will permit her to station troops at Tien Tsin, along the Tien Tsin-Peking railway and in the legation quarter as a protection against Germans.

The Dutch Legation is protecting German interests and guarding the German Legation. The German Minister and his staff probably will leave Peking for Shanghai within five days. Denmark is looking after Chinese interests in Germany.

In the light of previous dispatches from Peking, the action taken by the Chinese Foreign Minister indicates that the government is preparing to enter into a new agreement with Germany in these dispatches that negotiations to that end were under way.

Realizing that bass feed the hot weather, Hibbard Raymond placed a case of ice in a rocky cove in Lake Keuka, N. Y., and soon caught eight fine fish.

GREAT BRITAIN SCORED

IRISH AND GERMAN-AMERICANS MAKE ACCUSATIONS. Pro-English Influences Declared Attempting to Ruah United States to War With Germany.

Charges that pro-English influences in the United States were attempting to precipitate this country into a war with Germany were freely made at the St. Patrick's day celebration and entertainment held last night at the German House. Some of the leading Irish and German-Americans of the city were among the speakers and the hall was packed with about 1500 persons.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Senator Harry Lane and the other members of the Senate who opposed the armed neutrality bill. Chairman of the evening, pictured this country as being filled with the descendants of the Tories of Revolutionary times who, he declared, were preaching a pro-British propaganda. He said that it was unconstitutional for Congress to delegate to the President its power to declare war and that Senator Lane and the other so-called filibusters were merely supporting the Constitution when they opposed the bill.

Judge P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem, declared that he would never be a party to any treaty that this Government was justified in making war against Germany. He expressed the belief that if Germany were successful in the present war the liberty of Ireland would be assured. That it is due to the Irish and German elements in this country that the United States is free today was the belief expressed by Rev. Father Gregory. Rev. Ernest Kroemer declared that there had never been a nation in the world that had accomplished so much in the way of peace and justice as the United States in the last 50 years.

RUSSIA'S DAY SEEN

W. H. Galvani Discusses the Downfall of Romanoffs.

CENTURY'S EFFORTS WIN

Idea of Liberty and Equality First Brought Into Country by Russian Armies Back From Napoleonic Wars.

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He is much elated over the fate of the deposed "Holstein-Gottorp and Anhalt-Zerbst dynasty," which succeeded the Romanoffs, whose last representative, Peter II, was deposed in 1792, and remained in power until Nicholas II abdicated last week.

"This latest upheaval in Russia is certainly one of the most important revolutionary achievements in the world's history," said Mr. Galvani. "It is the culmination of a century's persistent work, full of most heroic sacrifices, such as the world has seldom, if ever, seen.

"From the earliest days of the empire ignorance and superstition have been most carefully fostered, and intellectual effort and development most brutally exterminated. The participation of Russia's troops with the armies of combined Europe against that greatest of all prodigies—Napoleon Bonaparte—30 years ago, brought into Russia the seeds of all subsequent revolutionary activities.

Year after year, and from Alexander I, Alexander II, Alexander III and Nicholas II, the struggle grew fiercer as conditions grew worse and worse. Wars abroad and massacres at home were the chief diversions of the governing oligarchy in order to keep the minds of the people away from the avarice, crime, corruption and immoralities of the governing caste.

"The best of men and women, the greatest minds in art, literature, science and industry, were treated as outlaws and criminals. By a system of extermination and a trumped-up abolition of Pan-Slavism, for which the people never cared a tinker's damn, the nineteenth and twentieth centuries were converted into something worse than the darkest of the dark ages in western Europe.

"Finally the Japanese war came with its horrors and defeats, and the government, to pacify the people, gave a sort of a constitution. As soon, however, as the first Duma, or parliament, began to remedy the evils and abuses in that unhappy land, they were outlawed, exiled or foully murdered. Thus little by little the old regime was re-established and its chiefs set about to bring on another war.

"This time it was back to the Balkans in defence of the 'little brothers,' the same old subterfuge. "With the advent of a liberal system, a conservative democracy, Russia has every opportunity to become the foremost land in the world. Indeed, no country anywhere has the unlimited wonderful resources that the Russian empire has.

"My faith in her long-suffering people grows stronger than ever, in that they will loyally unite in the work of regeneration and bring about peace, happiness and prosperity through liberty, equality and fraternity—the battle cry of Russia's soldiers of the revolution since the days of the return of their hosts from Western Europe in 1815."

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WOMAN DECORATOR WINS Miss Ida Adams Gets Trophy at Baker for Window Display. BAKER, Or., March 18.—(Special)—It remained for the only woman decorator in Baker to win the Palmer trophy offered by the Commercial Club for the most attractive window in connection with the city's first community style show.

MEXICO INCREASES TAXES Church Property, Heretofore Exempt, to Be Made to Pay. MEXICO CITY, March 18.—The Mexican government, it was announced tonight, will increase material taxes on foreign and domestic tobaccos and liquors. The tax on saloons will also be raised and a tax of 10 cents each will be imposed on electric light globes.

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