

GERMANS FIGHTING DESPERATELY ARE FORCED TO YIELD

British Advance Is Slow But Every Day Shows An Advance

LITERARY BLASTING IT'S WAY TO VICTORY

Germans are being driven to the sea by the British

London, April 12.—Stumbling forward over slippery hummocks or sticky mud holes in the most wintry weather France has ever known, British troops were nevertheless running their line further and further forward against the Germans today.

The most desperate of all the bitter fighting that is marking the great push was apparently centering today north and south of the Arras-Cambrai high road. At Meusey Le Breux (to the north) and around Bullecourt (to the south) the British have thrust forward two formidable wedges. Today they were bringing enormous pressure to bear on the sides of these wedges to sweep the foe out of the intervening ground. It was against both these wedges also that German troops were being thrown in constant counter attacks. The Germans apparently realized the danger in the wedge and sweeping arm tactics now under way by Field Marshal Haig's forces.

One source of great pride in England today in the tremendous success so far achieved in the drive, was the extraordinary perfection of the British communication and supply service. Front dispatches agreed that despite unprecedented snows, high winds and bitter cold weather, the troops even in the sections of their most speedy advance, had not outdistanced the supply transport.

No army in the history of wars has expended such a supply of ammunition in its fighting as the British army has been expending in the big offensive. General Haig's men are literally blasting their way forward. Every battle front report agrees on the utter havoc created by the concentrated British fire.

Dispatches today indicated the Germans were desperately flinching, other sections of the line in massing reserves to oppose further advances by the British.

French Drive Starts. Paris, April 12.—Violent fighting along the French front was reported in today's official statement indicating possibly the start of a joint French offensive with the British "push."

Important points were carried after the most bitter kind of fighting southeast of Coey forest, the war office declared.

Between the Somme and the Oise there was a violent artillery struggle during the night, the statement said. "South of the Oise, French troops, following artillery preparation, attacked a German position east of Coey and Quiney Baissee, pushing the enemy to the southeast border of Coey forest and after violent fighting carrying important points in the face of heavy resistance. The Germans lost heavily."

In the region of Neoissons, there was artillery firing and patrol fighting. North of Line French reconnaissance penetrated the enemy lines at several points, imprisoning 40 of the enemy.

Held Up Money for Sectarian Institutions

Pursuant to provisions of house bill No. 553, known as chapter 316 of the 1917 sessions laws, Secretary Olcott has held up payment of money to sectarian institutions receiving state money for care of state wards until the institutions are inspected by an authorized agent of the state board of control who is charged with checking up the inmates and the records to ascertain whether or not the institutions claiming state money are entitled to the money.

Payment for the following sums claimed by the institutions as due for the quarter ending March 31, is held up as follows: Home of the Good Shepherd, \$1,294.75; Christie Home for Orphan Girls, \$552.10; St. Mary's Home, 2,778.44; Louisa Home, 535.04; Albertina Kerr Nursery Home, 1,244.32; The Baby Home, 1,826.36; Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, 1,141.65; St. Agnes Foundling Asylum, 2,651.96.

The Salvation Army Rescue Home was told that it was required to send its claim to the board of control for it to be passed on before it could be audited.

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BRAZIL WILL BREAK WITH AUSTRIA SOON

War Spirit Rampant and Serious Riots Occur In Cities

Rio De Janeiro, April 12.—Serious outbreaks at Sao Paulo marked the continued public insistence on war with Germany today. The proponents of war attacked houses of German born residents of Sao Paulo and reserves of police were called out. Reports received here early today asserted a number of citizens had been killed and wounded in resisting the guards.

A break with Austria was momentarily expected today.

German Minister Paolis and his staff, with all German consuls, will be transported to Christiania on the steamer Rio De Janeiro leaving here April 15, according to formal announcement today. A number of high sources were authority for the statement today that Brazil's rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany would be extended to include Germany's foremost ally. The Brazilian populace is crying war with an insistence that the government will apparently be able to withstand only temporarily. Inflammatory speakers draw enormous crowds in the various parks and on the city streets; patriotism is at a high pitch.

By William Philip Simms. (United Press staff correspondent.) With the British armies Africa, April 12.—Canadians earned new honors today in a storming advance on a mile front south of the Vimy ridge.

Dashing forward impetuously, they stormed and took nearly a mile of German trenches running south from the German commandant's house near the Farbus wood.

It was along this line of defense that the German forces have been clinging desperately since the first sweep forward of the Canadians, cleared the top of the Vimy ridge.

Headquarters reports today showed 11 more German guns captured between Croisilles and Rouex.

BRITISH PREMIER SAYS REAL PEACE WILL SOON ARRIVE

Not a Peace Which Means Beginning of Another War He Says

KAISER'S PREDICTION WILL PROVE CORRECT

This Was That "After the War Prussia Would Be a Democracy"

By Ed L. Keen. (United Press staff correspondent.)

London, April 12.—I can see peace coming now—not a peace which is the mere beginning of another war—but real peace. It was the salutation which Premier Lloyd-George sent to America today. It was part of a feeling tribute which England's prime minister paid to the United States in a tumultuously demonstrative meeting today of the American Jamboree club. Scores of British notables were there and American Ambassador Page presided.

"I am the first minister in behalf of Britain to salute America as one of our comrades in arms," Lloyd-George declared. "I'm glad of it—I'm proud of it."

"I am glad merely because of the stupendous resources that your great nation can render to succeed the alliance, but I rejoice as a democrat that the advent of the United States gives the final stamp and seal to the character of the conflict. We rejoice that America has won the right to be at the peace conference table when the terms are fixed. It would have been a tragedy to mankind if America had not won the right to be at the peace conference table, with all the influence and power she has now obtained."

"The Kaiser promised that Prussia would be a democracy after the war," the prime minister observed whimsically at another juncture. "I think the Kaiser is right."

"The United States have an able tradition that they have never been engaged in war except for liberty," the prime minister continued. "This is the greatest struggle for liberty on which they have ever entered."

river was today being cleared of its Teuton defenders. Hill 90 was firmly in British hands despite bitterly desperate assaults from the Germans.

Throughout yesterday the Germans shelled Vimy ridge vigorously. No more violent fighting has been seen anywhere on the western front than that which marked repulse by the British yesterday of two German counter attacks on Monday. It was hand to hand fighting in part, with a concentrated duel from both sides, artillery intermixed. The town was still in English hands today, despite every effort by the enemy to dislodge the defenders.

The advance continued. Stiffening resistance all along the line from Lens to St. Quentin showed that the Teutons were desperately striving to stop the encroaching wave of the British advance.

For the first time, practically since the German armies swept forward in the early days of the war, it was man to man fighting—with only temporary earthwork defenses sheltering the two sides—that is being enacted now.

EXTRA! GERMANY WILL MAKE PEACE OFFER TO U. S.

This Story Comes From Copenhagen But Is Not Confirmed

By Arthur E. Mann. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Copenhagen, April 12.—Apparently positive reports were received here today that the German foreign office was making overtures to the United States. It is understood that Secretary of State Lansing has already received the overtures through unofficial mediaries. The proposition as received here is for the United States government to send Colonel E. M. House to The Hague for a secret "unofficial conference."

Germany's terms were not specified in the report here but it was hinted there had been no change in her position as outlined by the German embassy in Washington early in December. At that time Germany hinted that the question of indemnity for Belgium would not be an insurmountable obstacle to peace, but plainly insisted on a return to the status quo before the war—including return of all her colonies or a rearrangement of all her "legitimate" colonial possessions.

"Several weeks ago it was reported that another peace proposition was to be made by the central empires. The report at that time said Emperor Karl of Austria-Hungary would act as spokesman for the Teutons. Germany has frequently sent out unofficially "peace feelers" in the past. The importance of the present peace overtures—if they are in progress—would depend entirely on the concessions announced by Germany."

BULGARIA WOULD QUIT

London, April 12.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch today from Lausanne asserted it was stated on semi-official authority, that Bulgarian delegates were in Switzerland endeavoring to reach a basis for a separate peace with representatives of the entente.

AUSTRIA WANTS PEACE

Rome, April 12.—Austria is pressing Pope Benedict to move for peace among the European belligerents, according to an authentic report in vatican circles today.

The Corriere Della Sera, in mentioning the move today, declared that the holy father is refusing to proceed now "for diplomatic reasons."

HANDED PASSPORTS

Paris, April 12.—The American minister to Bulgaria has been handed his passports and has left Bulgaria, according to a dispatch from the Bulgarian capital reaching here via Zurich, Switzerland today.

GREAT BATTLE SOON

London, April 12.—The great battle of the war is coming soon. Germany has her reserves ready and is about to hurl her full forces against the allied line on the west front, according to General F. P. Maurice, director of military operations, in an interview today.

WOULD DESTROY DAM

El Paso, Texas, April 12.—An attempt to dynamite Elephant Butte dam, New Mexico's million dollar irrigation structure, by German and Austrian plotters was frustrated today by troops guarding the structure, according to telephone advices received here.

MIDDLE WEST GETS BUSY PREPARING TO FEED COUNTRY

Poor Winter Wheat Plowed Under and Fields To Be Planted to Corn

SPRING WHEAT ACREAGE WILL BREAK RECORDS

North Central States Will Plant Vast Fields With Potatoes

Chicago, April 12.—The greatest "food drive" in the history of the country is on over the middle west today. Conservation of present supplies and "speeding up" of production is the slogan adopted by governors of a dozen states. With the decision of the administration that feeding the allies was America's first duty in the great world war, the energies of the central states—the bread basket of the nation—were directed from recruiting to extracting from the soil one of the greatest crops of all time.

Throughout the north central states of Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and portions of Iowa and Illinois, great attention was being paid to the potato situation.

Michigan miners, in the north peninsula district, under the direction of competent agriculturists, are planning to each plant at least one half acre of spuds this year. A hundred telegrams, sent out by Governor Sleeper have summoned all the leading manufacturers to Lansing for a conference tomorrow.

Look After Spud Crop

A plea for 80,000 more acres of potatoes than ever before were planted in Wisconsin, is the plea of Governor Phillips. Four dollars per bushel potato are being turned from the tables into seed bins of the state.

Everybody Doing It

Throughout the wheat states of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and the Dakotas comes reports of increased acreages. Winter wheat, to a large extent, is being plowed under and the ground is being planted to corn.

Much needed rains over the wheat belt yesterday brought prospects of a fifty per cent crop in Kansas and Oklahoma and perhaps a 55 per cent yield in Nebraska.

In Illinois and Iowa, where the most intensive gardening campaigns are being waged, steps have been taken to place unused land along highways, rail road right of ways and public domains under cultivation. With practically every family raising their own vegetables enormous amounts will be available for army and export purposes.

No Evidence That Plot Caused Explosion

Philadelphia, April 12.—There is no evidence of a plot, is the statement today of G. Chal Port, state fire marshal, who, with a corps of special aides, is making an exhaustive study of the Eddystone ammunition plant, which was blown up Tuesday.

TO PLANT MORE GROUND

Portland, Ore., April 12.—A statewide campaign to increase the food supply of Oregon is well organized today. The Oregon Agricultural college, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the grange and other organizations are back of the move.

Moose Gather for Organization of Independents of All Parties

St. Louis, April 12.—National Progressive party leaders gathered here today to unite under the Moose banner the liberal elements of all political parties to organize a party and a campaign for 1920.

Neither Theodore Roosevelt nor George W. Perkins was invited. Albert D. Norton, who has been a member of nearly all parties and an ardent Mosser since 1912, is the leading spirit of the convention.

The plan is to weld the liberal elements of the democratic, republican, socialist, labor, prohibition and women's parties in a National Liberal party.

Among those interested in the party which has been in session here for nearly a week will meet with the executive committee of the Bull Moose.

FOURTEEN DEAF BOYS WANTED TO ENLIST

Were Expert Lip Readers and Came Near Fooling the Sergeant

Vancouver, Wash., April 12.—Fourteen boys who ran away from the Washington state school for the deaf are not members of the United States army today only because a recruiting sergeant, in conducting the examination, happened to walk into a dark corner of the room when asking a question. The fourteen, members of the school's various athletic teams, are all expert lip readers.

Peter Coie, 18 years old, of Aberdeen, answered all questions in a loud clear voice. When almost ready to take the oath, the sergeant asked him a question with his mouth veiled in dense shadow.

"Sir?" queried Coie. The sergeant straightened up with a jerk. "Hard of hearing, sonny?" he growled.

"A little—that is—I mean no." "And you," asked the sergeant from the room's dark corner turning to 18-year-old Dewey Beer, 195 pound half-back, a boy able to make the 100 yard dash in 10 4-5 seconds.

"Yess sir, I wanna enlist," replied Beer in the peculiar nasal drawl of the deaf, misquoting the sergeant's yesterday.

The boys were sent back to school. "It's an outrage," said one of the boys today. "your country needs you" stared at us from every billboard, and damn it, if my country needs me, why don't she take me?"

Denounce America for Entering the War

St. Louis, Mo., April 12.—The entry of the United States into the world war is bitterly denounced as "dishonorable" and "a crime against the people of the United States and against the nations of the world," in the majority report of the socialist committee on war and militarism read here this afternoon.

California Coast Artillery Called Out

Washington, April 12.—The war department this afternoon called out the Fifth, Eighth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Eighteenth California coast artillery companies and the First New Hampshire coast artillery company.

WILL BUILD BOATS FASTER THAN THEY CAN BE TORPEDDED

Plan to Launch Three a Day of 3,000 Tons Each After November

GENERAL GOETHALS TO SUPERINTEND THE WORK

Seven Hundred of Thousand To Be Built on Pacific Coast

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.)

Washington, April 12.—To smash Germany's U-boat blockade the United States will virtually bridge the Atlantic.

Plans for the construction of three thousand small wooden boats—the most tremendous merchant shipbuilding program ever undertaken—have been completed and approved by the president. The boats will be used to transport food and supplies to entente ports.

This is America's answer to Lloyd-George's appeal: "The ultimate success of the allied cause depends, in my judgment, on our solving the tonnage difficulty with which we are confronted."

The government shipping board has sent out a call for 150,000 lumbermen and wood workers to begin the task at once.

Congress has authorized \$50,000,000 to start the program and will be asked for \$300,000,000 more.

The first thousand ships are to be completed within eighteen months and immediately thereafter two thousand more will be ordered. Each vessel will be of three thousand tons with a speed of ten knots.

To Pontoon Atlantic. It is the purpose to run them in such fashion that they will constitute a veritable pontoon bridge across the sea—one boat every three miles. The tremendous number is expected to exhaust the most valiant efforts of U-boat commanders to cut off supplies from England and France.

Work on ways for the ships has already begun at Jacksonville, Fla., Beaumont, Texas, and a half dozen other points.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has promised all cooperation in supplying labor. Complete mobilization of industry in putting the scheme through has been announced.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Friday fair, warmer west portion Friday, light frost tonight; south to west winds.



ABE MARTIN

Desperate fighting was in progress today over the eastern slopes of Vimy ridge. In the face of violent resistance, British forces swarmed over a German entrenchment between the Cojeul river and Neuville Vitasse, storming the position. The corresponding and adjoining position of trenches to the south of the

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