

TERRIFIC BATTLE RAGING AT VERDUN

Days May Elapse Before Issue of Most Desperate Combat of War Is Decided.

REPORTS ARE AT VARIANCE

Assault Launched by Germans on Friday, and French Observers Believe Height of Its Fury Has Not Been Reached.

LONDON, May 9.—(Special.)—The intensity of the fighting at Hill 304 has not diminished. Both the French and the Germans tonight assert the advantage. As in the critical days at Douaumont and La Mort Homme, the Paris and Berlin reports concerning the battle have now reached a flat contradiction in terms. It may be several days before the real situation is established.

Rivaling even the intensity of the last assault west of the Meuse, when the Germans attacked for more than a hundred hours without cessation, this newest thrust at Hill 304 has spared nothing that might make it successful.

Height of Firing Not Attained. It began and in the opinion of French observers it has not yet reached its crest.

Three separate assaults were launched last night against the battered but unbroken lines by which the French held the hill. Paris asserts that all three were repulsed with heavy losses to the Germans. Berlin says that fresh trenches were captured south of Haucourt and that those taken yesterday are still firm.

Observers are inclined to be skeptical concerning German possession of the crest of Hill 304. Berlin for days made similar assertions with regard to La Mort Homme, when their only justification was the capture of trenches on the northern slope.

The possession of Hartmanns Wellerkopf in the Vosges was also the subject of dispute until the French settled the question by inviting neutral correspondents to verify their contentions.

Possession of Hill Matters Little. Titular possession of the hill really little matters now. It is a no man's land, seared of every living thing and hammered by a merciless and ceaseless barrage of shells that have been poured on Hill 304. The French, therefore, no longer depend on them.

Chief reliance now is on machine guns, served from separately-constructed underground shelters, and on the new automatic French rifle. Two of these are in the hands of ordinary soldiers are now the equal of a mitrailleuse.

New Weapons Prove Deadly. In the assaults last night these new weapons showed up with decided effectiveness. As the German columns debouched from the ravines by which they sought to gain the crest, they were met not merely with a hail of bullets but with a perfect sheet of steel. Many of the regiments, Paris asserts, lost as high as 50 per cent of their effectiveness in one charge alone.

East of the Meuse fighting of the same desperate character is going on. Berlin asserts that French attempts to capture the ground taken at the Thiaumont farm have been repulsed with the loss of 275 men and nine machine guns. Paris, on the other hand, asserts that much of the territory lost in this sector has been regained.

HARBOR BILL IS FOUGHT

Senator Kenyon Seeks Lump Sum of \$10,000,000 as Substitute.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Senator Kenyon began a fight on the \$42,000,000 river and harbors bill in the Senate today, urging a substitution of a resolution appropriating \$23,000,000 to be expended at the discretion of the War Department for river and harbor work during the coming year.

He insisted that the bill was extravagant and that most of its items could not be defended, even in normal times.

\$100 BID MADE FOR SEATS

(Continued From First Page.) The regular price of \$50 a ticket. This will make good the money that it cost to bring the convention to Chicago. No offers of fancy prices will have any effect on me. I've got no political debts to pay. The tickets are strictly a business proposition and will be handled as such.

Workmen Preparing Coliseum. Down at the Coliseum work of getting the big hall in shape for the convention continued today at top speed. The force of workmen was increased and the Coliseum and annex were both scenes of activity.

William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms of the National committee, expects to be able to open his offices in the Annex Thursday. At that time the rooms to be occupied by Chairman Hill and Secretary Gibson will be ready. Mr. Stone's secretary, James E. Godwin, of Baltimore, will arrive in Chicago tomorrow to remain until after the convention.



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Copyright by G. V. Buck, Wash. D. C. From Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. GIRLS Lining up to salute the President upon his arrival to inspect the camp. Daughters of 1916 have rallied to the call. The camp has an enrollment of 1,000 young women from all the principal cities in the United States. It is called the National Service School, the first of its kind in the country. The tents are pitched in a 10-acre field, given for this purpose by Senator Francis Newlands, of Nevada. The camp is near the fashionable Columbia and Chevy Chase clubs.

3 GENERALS TAKEN

Turks Estimate Prisoners and Booty Captured at Kut.

HALF OF OFFICERS HINDUS Arms and Ammunition Dropped into Tigris Being Recovered—Constantinople Reports Victory to East of Suez Canal.

BERLIN, May 9.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The official Turkish report of May 8 says that three British Generals, in addition to General Townsend, the commanding officer, were captured at Kut-el-Amara. The statement also gives a delayed report of a defeat of the British in Southern Arabia near Aden. The statement says: "Artillery duels occurred in the region of Felahie (on the Tigris River). In addition to General Townsend, we captured at Kut-el-Amara General Pova, commander of the Sixth Infantry Division; General Dabmack, commander of the Sixteenth brigade; General Hamilton, commander of the Seventeenth brigade; Colonel Evans, commander of the Eighteenth brigade,

GOAL PROBE LIKELY

Threat Made if Wage Advance Is Passed on With Excess.

COMMISSION WILL ACT Circulars Announcing Increase of Price to Retailers Approved. Range Said to Be 15 to 50 Cents a Ton.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Federal Trade Commission announced today that if there were any further advance in the price of anthracite the Commission would take up with the Department of Justice the question of an investigation of the anthracite industry. The department had suggested the inquiry if prices are raised following the wage advance just given to anthracite workers.

RAILS LAID IN DESERT

British Aeroplanes Are Attacking Railroad and Dropping Bombs on Workers—Port Said Visited.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.), May 9.—Preparations for another advance on Egypt are being made by the Turks, the Overseas News Agency reports. "The construction of a railroad through the desert is being advanced rapidly, according to Constantinople dispatches," the news agency says. "In view of their defeat at Quatia, and the possibility of another surprise attack, the British are conducting aeroplane raids constantly along the front east of the canal, with the intention of destroying the railroad."

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STEAMSHIP WAITER LOSES

Man Must Serve Sentence for Crime Committed at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—(Special.)—Harry Oliver, a steamship waiter, lost a long fight today to keep out of the penitentiary when the United States Supreme Court refused to give him a hearing on appeal, went to the Supreme Court.

3000 Italian Officers Lost.

BERLIN, May 9.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Italians have lost 3,000 officers since the beginning of the war, according to private statistics compiled in Germany. This includes killed, wounded or missing. Of these

COOS AND CURRY HAVE MAIL TROUBLES.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—When the Willamette-Pacific Railway was opened and mail routes in Coos and Curry counties were changed, difficulties followed for several weeks, mail for Port Orford being delayed for as long as five successive days. The mail is now routed by way of Bandon from Coquille, and T. B. Davidson contracted to give a round trip daily between Bandon and Port Orford by automobile. This worked well until the rainy weather came on and the contractor had then to resort to team and wagon for getting the receipts through to Port Orford.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

German. Monte Nero our hardy patrols descended from Vrata to the Lepenja torrent and threw bombs on enemy positions.

French. PARIS, May 9.—The official communication issued tonight reads: "In Champagne our artillery shelled the trenches and batteries of the Germans north of Ville-sur-Tourbe, and the enemy communications in the region of Homerey."

Russian. PETROGRAD, via London, May 9.—The following official communication was issued today: "The Germans have again bombarded the Ik-skull bridgehead. On the Divina, near Jacobstadt, our artillery dispersed enemy working parties."

Italian. ROME, via London, May 9.—The War Office communication issued today says: "Artillery actions continue along the whole front, although they have been reduced to some extent by adverse weather."

Texas Republicans Uninstructed. DALLAS, Tex., May 9.—Texas Democratic county conventions today uniformly endorsed President Wilson and instructed for his re-nomination. Republicans gave no instructions as to President, but instructed generally for H. F. McGregor, said to be opposed to Theodore Roosevelt, for National committeeman from Texas.

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STEAMSHIP WAITER LOSES. Man Must Serve Sentence for Crime Committed at Sea. Aberdeen Postal Receipts Gain.

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