

POWERFUL ATTACKS MADE BY GERMANS

All Fall With Heavy Losses, Says Paris; Captives Now Total 17,000.

75 CANNON ARE TAKEN

Several Fortified Points Are Carried and Captured Guns Are Directed Against Teutons With Their Own Shells.

PARIS, April 18.—Since the beginning of the great French drive on the southern end of the battle line the French have captured 17,000 unarmored prisoners, together with 75 cannon, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight.

Desperate fighting took place over many sectors between French and Germans today, the Germans launching numerous powerful counter-attacks, all of which were put down with great losses, the official report says.

The text reads: "South of St. Quentin, after a very spirited bombardment the Germans attacked our positions east of Gauchy. The first attack, stopped short by our fire, was followed by a second of greater violence, during which groups of the enemy penetrated our advanced elements. In immediate counter-attacks all the occupants were killed or taken prisoners. Our line was completely re-established.

Two Towns Captured. "Between Soissons and Auberville we energetically continued our action despite the persistent bad weather.

"North of Chavonne our troops occupied the village of Ostel and drove back the enemy a kilometer to the north. Braye-en-Laonnois was likewise captured, as well as all the ground to the east as far as the outskirts of Courcourt.

"Under the energetic pressure of our infantry and the murderous action of our cannon the enemy fell back in disorder, abandoning important material and leaving in our hands his supply depots. A single one of our regiments took 300 prisoners belonging to seven different regiments. We captured 19 cannon, of which five were short range guns.

"South of Laffaux our troops, covered on the south by divisionary cavalry, routed the enemy and occupied Nanteuil-le-Pons.

"Finally, on the south bank of the Aisne, an attack carried out in spirited fashion gave us a breakthrough gained by the enemy between Conde and Vailly, as well as the latter place in entirety.

180 Machine Guns Taken.

"In the forest of Ville-au-Bois an important unit, surrounded by us, threw down its arms. Thirteen hundred prisoners and 180 machine guns, which served as the defense of one wood, were taken.

"About 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the Germans launched a very violent counter attack with effectives of two divisions (40,000 men) against our positions between Juvincourt and the Aisne. Our batteries, with the aid of our machine guns broke down the attack and inflicted sanguinary losses on the enemy, who was able to reach our lines at no point.

"East of Courcy a Russian brigade completed its success, carrying a fortified work and taking prisoners. "In the operations in all regions we captured 24 heavy field guns and three cannon of 150 millimeters intact with good shells for each piece. These guns were turned against the enemy by our artillery.

"In Champagne we captured several isolated points which were still resisting and occupied enemy positions of support. Twenty cannon, of which eight were heavy guns and 500 additional prisoners fell into our hands.

Prisoners Total 17,000. The total number of unarmored enemy prisoners whom we have taken to the rear since the beginning of the battle exceeds at the present time 17,000. Seventy-five cannon have so far been counted."

Important progress was made last night by the French in their attack east of Soissons. The war office announces the capture of Chavonne and Chivy. The French pushed on north of these points, reaching the vicinity of Braye-en-Laonnois front line trenches also was taken.

Northwest of Bralla on the Danube River in Roumania, the Germans delivered a violent attack against the Russians, but were repulsed, says the Petrograd war office. The towns of Bralla and Pokshani are reported to have been captured by the Russians. Only minor engagements have taken place in Russia and Galicia.

Berlin reports the capture of the French in Macedonia of a position extending more than two-thirds of a mile along the Crvena Stena. There have been no important developments in the campaigns in the Austro-Italian or Turkish theaters.

Another Spanish steamer, the Tom, has been sunk without warning by a submarine. Eighteen persons perished in the attack. The expectation in Madrid is that public opinion against the Teutonic allies will be further inflamed by the torpedoing of this steamer.

Unofficial advice says that Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, and two members of the Austrian Cabinet, have resigned. Other reports are to the effect that the resignation of the Greek Cabinet is impending.

The new government in Russia will not negotiate a separate peace for more or less anticipated because it has been made by German and Austrian Socialist representatives, according to information reaching Washington.

Grant County Favors Bonds.

JOHN DAY, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Circulation of the petitions to call a special election June 4 to bond Grant County for \$140,000 was begun Monday. The purpose of the bonds is to assist in the cost of the John Day Highway, which was designated a post road by the last legislature. The Grant County Good Roads Association feels confident that the bonds will carry. The \$40,000 bond issue is also looked upon favorably by the majority of the county according to those in a position to know.

Guard Officer Sentenced.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Second Lieutenant Robert H. Hall, First Infantry, Indiana National Guard, was today sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for 20 years in the Leavenworth penitentiary. He was court martialed on a variety of charges.

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Boston Navy-yard Discredits Statement From 3 Coast Guard Stations.

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BOSTON, April 18.—It was officially announced at the Navy-yard late today that no credence was placed in reports from three coast guard stations on Cape Cod that heavy gunfire had been heard off the coast. The positive statement was made that there had been no naval engagement and that warships had not exchanged salutes with foreign vessels.

The previous announcement that heavy gunfire had been heard at coast guard stations during the morning was also issued officially at the Navy-yard. Naval officers said they were unable to offer any suggestion as to what might have been heard at those stations.

The report sent a thrill along the coast today. Three coast guard stations on Cape Cod successively reported that they had counted distinct and repeated guns from the north and northeast of the tip of the cape.

It was believed for a time at the Navy-yard that American vessels were engaged with the enemy. Inside the cape a heavy fog hung over the waters, but outside the weather was calm and a gentle breeze was blowing. No warship was sighted by the three stations and after 30 minutes the firing ceased.

It was suggested that ships of the allies which are constantly on patrol duty might have come up with friendly warships and exchanged salutes. However, naval men could not understand warships on active duty betraying their location through naval etiquette. They believed that there was no saluting unless prearranged and of which there was no knowledge at the Navy-yard.

Subsequent attempts to learn something more definite failed, and an explanation of the firing awaited reports from war vessels in the vicinity.

PERISCOPE SEEN BY SMITH

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This information was contained in a radio report from the commander of the Smith received today at the Navy Department. Navy officials said this confirms the report of the presence of a German submarine in American waters.

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STRIKERS FOR PEACE

German Labor Longs for End of War, Says Berlin Paper.

DEMAND FOR FOOD WINS

Guarantee of Promised Prussian Electoral Reforms Is Part of Terms of Returning to Jobs. Radicals Oppose Loans.

COPENHAGEN, April 17, via London,

April 18.—The Vorwarts alone of the big Berlin papers ventured this morning to comment editorially on the strike. It said the demonstration was based not only on the food situation, and the demand that internal reforms be no longer delayed, but also on the degrading of the people for peace.

While admitting the peace sentiment has a decisive role in the movement, the Vorwarts argues the strike cannot be regarded as anti-government since the "Austrian and German declarations justify the hope that the policy of the central powers is now on a path which will soon lead to peace."

The paper laments the fact that the demonstration will have exactly the opposite effect probably from that desired by encouraging Germany's opponents to continue the war and by diminishing the output of munitions.

No reports of a strike movement in labor centers outside Berlin have been received as yet. A Kiel dispatch says the Radical anti-war party got control of the greater Kiel Socialist Assembly and passed resolutions against voting war credits.

LONDON, April 18.—The Vossische Zeitung, Berlin, says that as conditions of returning to work, the strikers demanded a sufficient supply of bread and potatoes, proper distribution of food, and a guarantee of the promised Prussian electoral reform.

THE HAGUE, April 17, via London, April 18.—How urgent is the yearning for peace among the German people and how great is the increased strain just imposed on them in consequence of the reduction of the bread ration may be judged from the exhortations and the pictures of woe of alternatives published in provincial newspapers on the inauguration of the curtailment of the bread supply. The Coeders Hanover, for example, represents that a quicker but unsatisfactory peace would not lead to a better food supply. The people are told that Great Britain, France, Italy and even the United States are reckoning with a world famine for the current year, and that in case of a premature conclusion of peace the demands of these countries for their own needs would prevent the supplying of Germany with foreign foodstuffs.

GERMANS BEING REPLACED

Latin-Americans Are Dismissing Teutons in Consular Service.

MEXICO CITY, April 18.—The Central and South American countries which have been represented in Mexico by Germans in many cases are rapidly getting rid of German-born representatives. Brazil's German representative naturally resigned with the severance of diplomatic relations between the republic and Germany and Chile is now clearing her consular list of representatives who are not Chilean. Eugene Muta, Consul-General of Chile, has resigned, a German who was tentatively in charge of Chilean interests at Tampico is to be replaced and a German who represented Chile in Manzanillo also will give up office.

Uruguay is expected to make changes in her diplomatic and consular representatives as a result of representations by the various entente governments.

BILL WOULD HELP ALIENS

Citizenship Proposed for Certain Germans and Austrians.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 18.—Representative Johnson, of Washington, today introduced a bill providing that any law-abiding alien 21 years old or over who is a citizen of Germany or Austria and who has resided for five years or more in the United States may be admitted to American citizenship upon renouncing allegiance to his mother country, providing he has been law-abiding during his residence in the United States.

Mr. Johnson also introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue arms and equipment to the civil states for the use of home guards organized under the state's direction.

HAWLEY ASKS SHIP ORDERS

Representative Makes Plea for All Columbia River Yards.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 18.—At the instance of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, Representative Hawley today wrote the Government Shipping Board urging that all Columbia River shipyards have opportunity to build wooden commerce carriers for the Government under the plan about to be put into operation.

He pointed out that Columbia River yards through their experience during the past few years are well equipped to build these ships, and have at hand an abundance of material and ample quantities of skilled labor.

America Censors Letters.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Uncle Sam's censorship of mail has begun. The first American censored letter to arrive in San Francisco came to a local newspaper accompanied by 60 cents for a month's subscription. It was written by A. P. Weber aboard a Government warship. The envelope bore the imprint, "Passed by censor," and the postmark on the outside of the envelope, as well as the date line indicating the whereabouts of his ship, were blotted out.

Engineer Nunn Defers Trip. OREGON CITY, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—State Highway Engineer Nunn today postponed his trip to Clackamas County to investigate the grades necessary for the Pacific Highway. He had previously announced his intention to make the trip today. Notices were received from Salem, however, that he had been called to Coquille, Or., and would be here next Tuesday.

Kahlottus School Case Continued.

PASCO, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—On a warrant sworn out by County School Superintendent Zent, Nathan Overman, of Kahlottus, was arrested for the alleged unlawful keeping of children under his control from going to school. After a private hearing the case was continued for one week to admit the securing of further evidence.

Miss Rankin Gets Last Place.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—In the list of Republican committee assignments, approved today by the House, Miss Rankin, of Montana, received last place on public lands.

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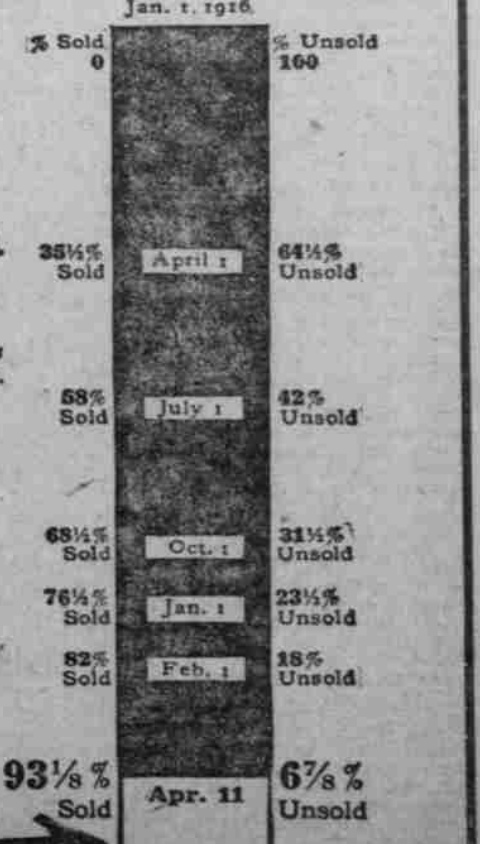
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