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PARIS, April 20.—Hard fighting continues between the French and the Germans all along the southern front in France. The French War Office in its latest communication issued tonight records further progress for the forces of General Nivelle north of the Aisne, in Champagne, and in the Argonne forest.

More than 19,000 Germans have been made prisoner and guns in excess of 100 have been captured by the French since the offensive began last Monday.

The War Office communication says: "Between St. Quentin and the Oise there has been great activity by both armies, particularly north of Grugies. The day was calm south of the Oise."

"North of the Aisne our troops, harassing the enemy, have continued to progress toward the Chemin des Dames. We have occupied the village of Sancy. About 6 o'clock this evening, after very violent preparation by their artillery, the Germans launched an attack with large effectives in the region of Alfes and Hurtebise, which was broken by the fire of our artillery and machine guns and completely repulsed. The artillery fighting in this region continues very effective.

Important Points Captured. "In the Champagne we have captured several important points of support in the grove of Moronvillers, notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of the enemy."

"Since the 16th of April, between Soissons and Auberville, we have made more than 19,000 prisoners. The number of guns captured and counted exceeded 100."

"In the Argonne after sharp fighting our detachments penetrated up to the second enemy trench. They found a great number of German dead."

Violent fighting continued during the night in the course of which the French made further gains in the region of Laffaux and the Vaucleur plateau. The War Office announced today at noon. Several lines of trenches east of Laffaux were captured. Heavy counter attack by the Germans in the Champagne were repulsed, severe losses being inflicted on the enemy."

All Salients Being Crushed. The failure of the Germans to resist the pressure of the French is the outstanding feature of the operations to date in the Champagne. It is clear that General Nivelle's armies are in no danger of losing the initiative and that gradually but surely all the salients of the German front are being crushed."

The principal salient to which the enemy had clung formed by the front running south from St. Quentin, hinged to the line running eastward toward Rheims. Caught in a vise by the troops advancing northeast from Laffaux and northwest from Vailly and Chavonne, the angle collapsed yesterday and Fort Conde and the salient to the east of it were also made in the center, ground being won east and west of Craonne.

LONDON, April 20.—"We gained ground during the night in the neighborhood of Villers-Guislain," says today's official statement.

NEW ENGAGEMENTS DEVELOP Occupation of New Position Is Completed, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, via London, April 20.—The official statement issued by the German War Office this evening reports that new engagements developed during the afternoon between Proseas and Rheims, and the Suppes Valley.

The occupation of the Siegfried positions along the German front, construction, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters, began March 16 and ended yesterday by the abandonment of the bank of the river Aisne between Conde and Soupir.

"The enemy," the statement adds, "followed unhesitatingly." "The German statement continues: "On the Arras battlefield the firing increased daily. Near St. Quentin it varied. The double battle on the Aisne and in the Champagne continues its normal course."

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Mar Tan, who is charged by the police with having taken a leading part in recent tong wars which resulted in the deaths of many Chinese in Pacific Coast cities, voluntarily surrendered to the authorities here today.

He is a member of four tongs and recently was indicted by the grand jury for conspiracy to commit murder.

Progress of the War. STEADY progress is being made by the French troops in recovering the regions of Soissons and Rheims. In a new offensive they also have entered the German second line in the Argonne forest. German counter-attacks on the Vaucleur Plateau, south of Laon, have been repulsed.

Since the beginning of the French offensive last Monday, more than 19,000 Germans have been taken prisoner. German casualties exceeded 100, not including machine guns.

Northeast of Soissons, the French on Monday occupied the village of Sancy, a mile east of Nanteuil-La-Posse, and continued their advance toward the Chemin des Dames, a road paralleling the Aisne, four miles north of the river. On the Vaucleur Plateau near Alfes and Hurtebise the Germans are reported by Paris to have launched an attack with large effectives. The effort was frustrated by artillery and machine gun fire. The artillery fighting in this region is reported to be continuing very actively.

East of Rheims near Moronvillers the French have taken several important points of support. The German resistance here is reported as being in the Argonne forest, French detachments penetrated the German positions as far as the second line. A great number of German dead were found.

The abandonment of the bank of the Aisne between Conde and Soupir is admitted by Berlin, which declares that the action completed the occupation of the Siegfried positions. Berlin says that the French "followed hesitatingly." Sancy, captured by the French Friday, is three miles north of Conde. Berlin says a second French attempt to break through in the Champagne was frustrated and the latest statement adds that new engagements have developed between Proseas and the Suppes Valley, which district includes the region of Moronvillers.

There has been little activity on the northern front in France, and London reports no further progress of the British forces anywhere. From the Eastern front there are no reports of fighting.

Both in Palestine and Mesopotamia north of Bagdad, British forces have added to their recent successes. North of Wadi Ghuzze (Gaza) in Palestine the British in an advance have occupied Turkish positions along a front of six and one-half miles.

General Maude continues successfully his advance on Samarra, 40 miles north of Bagdad. British forces have been forced a passage of the River Shatt-el-Adhem, 12 miles southeast of Samarra. More than 1200 prisoners were taken in this operation by the British.

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evolved by the State Tax Commission of California for a National tax congress, insuring its convocation, according to reports submitted by the commission to the Legislature. Owing to the war, no steps have been taken since the time for the calling of the congress.

GERMANS MAY BE SAILORS Recent Order Barring Alien Enemies From Ships Is Modified.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—United States Shipping Commissioner Redfield today received instructions from Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, which modify the recent ruling against signing Germans as sailors on American ships. Under the new rule Germans may be signed as sailors for coastwise vessels or for vessels going to a country not at war with Germany.

Without question, Germans are not permitted to serve as wireless operators on any vessels, however.

Germans wishing to sign on vessels that will have to pass through waters controlled by powers at war with Germany are to be warned that if they do so they will be liable to arrest if caught within said waters.

CROP PRODUCTION URGED Washington State College Professor Speaks in Clark County.

YANCOUVER, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Walter B. Gaunt, of the Washington State Agricultural College of Pullman, tonight addressed a meeting at the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. Professor Newbill emphasized the importance of getting every available spot of ground in cultivation this year to reduce the high cost of living, producing the greatest yield possible of food for the army, the navy, and the economy in the home and co-operating with the organizations established to assist them in this great crisis.

Professor Newbill spoke to the students of the Washington High School this morning and tomorrow morning at the University of Washington in Vancouver in the county courthouse.

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Mr. Gaunt will be connected with the Paris branch of the Morgan & Hays American ambulance service. He was born in McMinville 26 years ago and is the only son of Mrs. Jennie Gaunt of this city.

WAR LIQUOR BAN WAITS Government to Decide After Return of Herbert C. Hoover.

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The prohibitionists are considering the question pressing only as it concerns the protection of soldiers and sailors from liquor. No steps to bring about general prohibition will be taken unless the grain shortage makes such a course essential.

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