

TEUTON ATTACKS IN LORRAINE REPULSED

French Frustrate German Assaults in Violent Hand-to-Hand Fighting.

AMERICANS ARE GASSED

Thus Drop Rubber Balls on Boys in Which Is Mustard Gas—Use of Poison Infuriates Yankees, Who Term It "Dirty Warfare."

PARIS, March 20.—Attacks were made by the Germans at several points last night, the War Office announced, in Lorraine there was violent hand-to-hand fighting. Everywhere the French repulsed the Germans.

The official statement follows: The German artillery was rather active in the Champagne, on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) and in the Vosges.

After spirited bombardments the Germans undertook infantry actions at several points on the front, but obtained no results.

Northwest of Rheims a German tank was repulsed easily. In the Sedan sector the Germans made a strong attack upon our positions south of Arracourt.

Violent hand-to-hand fighting resulted. Our troops everywhere held the advantage, repulsing the Germans and taking prisoners.

East of Sully the French made an incursion into the German lines.

(By the Associated Press.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 19.—A German airplane, both last night and this morning, flew over the American sector northwest of Toul and dropped rubber balls 18 inches in diameter filled with liquid mustard gas.

This is the first time, so far as is known, that an airplane has been thus employed.

The effect of the gas was not serious, but the American troops were infuriated by what they termed the "dirty warfare."

A sample of one of the rubber containers has been obtained.

ROME, March 20.—West of Lake Garda, says today's War Office report, there occurred frequently a harassing fire by the opposing artillery.

From Lake Garda to Montello there were desultory artillery actions. Along the Italian sector northern changes of rifle fire across the river and a patrol encounter took place.

Our aviators set fire to two enemy native balloons at Conegliano and Col Mirano. Two hostile airplanes were brought down, one by French aviators at San Giacomo Di Veglia and the other by British airmen on the Asiago plateau.

WEST OFFENSIVE IN DOUBT

German Believed To Confuse Allies as to Real Intentions.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Renewal of German talk of a great west front offensive this Spring is ascribed in official dispatches from Switzerland today as due to the desire of the German general staff to confuse the allies as to Germany's real intentions.

Attention is called, however, to the fact that the German general staff has been engaged in the west under able leaders. Germany's advance notice of an attack, in the words of the dispatch, probably are designed to mislead the allies and to circulate inaccurate information.

German newspapers are quoted to show that big armies have been put in the west in the last few weeks. This activity, it is declared, may be of more than passing significance.

"The German press," says the dispatch, "has been attempting recently to convey the impression that the great offensive so often heralded against the Franco-English front would be postponed."

But the events to which I have alluded had served to demonstrate conclusively that we have been attempting to negotiate with the German general staff on a basis of a permanent agreement, the meeting of free will is absent. Even were an agreement concluded, there is lacking that power of independent action which alone can assure performance.

"I say this not in criticism of the Dutch government. I profoundly sympathize with the Dutch in their position under the menace of a military power which has in every way demonstrated its disdain of neutral rights.

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