

GERMAN LEGIONS' ADVANCE HALTED

British, French and Americans Fight Side by Side.

HUNS BLOODILY REPULSED

Allied Armies' Reinforcements Are Rapidly Rushed Forward for Counter Blow.

TEUTON LOSSES IMMENSE

British Artillery Mows Down Enemy by Thousands at Point Blank Range.

LONDON, March 26.—The battle continues on the whole front south of the Somme River, Field Marshal Haig reports from the war zone in France tonight. The Germans have also launched new attacks around Chaulnes.

PARIS, March 26.—The French, cooperating with the British south of St. Quentin, have taken up strong positions on the left bank of the Oise, above Noyon, where they are holding the Germans, according to the War Office announcement tonight.

LONDON, March 26.—The War Office tonight announced that the enemy has been checked west of Roye and Noyon.

In the Roye area British, French and American troops are fighting shoulder to shoulder, the official announcement states. French reinforcements are rapidly coming up.

Huns Are Repulsed.

"The enemy made no further attacks during the night of March 25-26 on our front north of the Somme," the announcement says. "During the afternoon there have been local engagements on this part of the battle front, in which the enemy has been repulsed, but he has attempted no serious attacks."

"The line north of the Somme now runs: Bray, Albert, Beaumont Hamel, Puisseux, Ayette, Boiry, Henin, Wancourt, just west of Monchy to the Scarpe and thence along our original front."

"The Germans have been attacking heavily south of the Somme this morning and took Roye at 10:30 o'clock."

The enemy is fighting desperately hard against time. In the first day his reserves were reduced to 52 divisions. At the end of the second day some 49 divisions from the reserves have been put in.

German Losses Great.

The German losses have been so great that the enemy has been obliged to bring reinforcements from all parts of the western front. The War Office has established the fact that more than 70 German divisions (in the neighborhood of 840,000 men) have been engaged.

The tenacity of the British resistance, the prisoners say, exceeded anything the Germans deemed possible. They complain of great privations on account of lack of supplies, and extreme weariness also is telling heavily. Owing to the dense masses of supporting troops, however, the enemy is able to replenish his forward line with fresh units.

British Guns Reap Harvest.

Reports from all along the front indicate that the German loss of life yesterday was heavy. The enemy advanced against allied gunners who were firing with open sights.

The fighting yesterday continued with more or less intensity along the whole line. The Germans pushed hard in the neighborhood of Fonches, Chaulnes, Estrees, Dompierre, Mericourt, Miramont, Achiet-le-Grand, Sapignies and Ervillers. Heavy fighting occurred about Grevillers, and a desperate conflict was waged in the vicinity of Nesle, which the Germans now hold.

Enemy Masses Troops.

In the direction of Noyon the enemy met with strenuous resistance, which appeared to stem the advance. A further massing of German troops was reported at Peronne and north of Bapaume, both of which the enemy holds.

Yesterday was the supreme day for

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BRITISH WING 130 GERMAN AIRPLANES

ALLIED AIRMEN EXACT HEAVY TOLL OF TEUTON INFANTRY.

Bapaume, Where Enemy Troops Are Found Massed, Is Turned Into Inferno by Aerial Bombs.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 26.—British airmen have taken heavy toll from the German infantry in Bapaume.

No official figures are at hand, but from communications made it appears that at least 130 German airplanes have been brought down in the last five days.

British airmen last night made veritable pandemonium of every center of concentration of traffic behind the German front. Tens of thousands of rounds were fired pointblank into enemy formations, while airmen fulfilled effectively their role as eyes of the artillery.

Bapaume was turned into an inferno by squadrons of British aviators. Their bombs tore to pieces whatever was left of the place. The work of the British airmen since the beginning of the battle has been one of the brightest pages. The service has proved fully its ability to smother the German airmen at a crucial time.

The completion of German airplane losses have reference to only one section of the battle front, comprising perhaps two-thirds of the line affected.

EXPLORER TO LEAVE ARCTIC

Vilhjalmur Stefansson Plans for New Expedition in 1920.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 26.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, now in the Arctic, plans to come "outside" next fall and return to the frozen North with a new expedition in 1920, according to letters he has sent out to Ottawa friends, copies of which have been wired here.

Illness may change the explorer's plans, according to Captain J. M. Tupper, of Dawson, Y. T., who led a North-west mounted police patrol to the Arctic Ocean last January and who met Stefansson at Herschel Island, where the explorer is wintering.

Captain Tupper, who is here at present, said he found the explorer so ill it was impossible for him to take long sled trips. Stefansson has been in the Arctic since 1912.

GIRL, 19, DRAWS 2 YEARS

Gertrude Vaughn Pleads Guilty to Making False Affidavit.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Miss Gertrude G. Vaughn, 19, of Walla Walla, Wash., was sentenced to two years in San Quentin State Penitentiary by United States District Judge Maurice T. Doelling here today for swearing to a false affidavit in the draft questionnaire of Noah F. Hardwick, a clerk in the same city. Hardwick was sentenced simultaneously to four years in the McNeil's Island Penitentiary in Washington. Both pleaded guilty.

Miss Vaughn posed as Hardwick's wife in the questionnaire and both made affidavits attesting to this false relationship. The couple were arrested in Tracy, Cal.

MILITARY COLLAR TO GO

Shoulder Straps and Patch Pockets on U. S. Uniforms Doomed.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Designers in this city today received word from Washington indicating that the so-called choker collar will be discarded from the American soldier uniform. It is understood, in favor of the un-stiffened roll after the style of the British tunic, in the interests of economy in manufacture.

UNCLE JOE SOLVES RIDDLE

Officers Wear Spurs to Keep Feet From Sliding Off Desks.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—(Special.) "Uncle Joe Cannon is 82, but mentally 67."

The subject of the "mocker" came up today and Uncle Joe was asked why so many of the Army reserve officers in Washington wore spurs.

"The reason is simple," he said; "it is to keep their feet from sliding off the desks."

PACKAGES TO BE CENSORED

Only Articles Requested by Soldiers May Be Sent to France.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Shipment of any articles to troops in France unless they have been requested by the soldier himself was forbidden today by Major-General March, acting chief of staff.

DISLOYAL MAN IS WHIPPED

Alleged Unpatriotic Utterances Spur Citizens to Action.

LUFKY, Tex., March 26.—Angry citizens today publicly whipped G. Ledesinger, charged with having made unpatriotic utterances.

Ledesinger later was placed in jail under the espionage act and a number of his documents were seized by the sheriff.

GERMANS BELIEVED WASTING STRENGTH

Blows on Allied Line Futile, French View.

NO OBJECTIVES YET ATTAINED

Great Battle Believed Going True to Precedent.

MARNE BATTLE RECALLED

Franco-British Defensive Much More Effective Today Than Was Resistance That Stopped Former Drive.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—France's confidence that the great German offensive is wasting its strength against the allied line, is voiced in an official dispatch received here today from Paris.

The message quotes at length from today's Petit Journal to show that the Germans, though suffering tremendous losses in massed advances have failed to attain their objectives and that the present situation is satisfactory to the allies.

French Press Confident.

The dispatch says: "The French press continues to view with calm confidence the developments of the gigantic battle which has been going on for five days. This confidence is based upon all the experiences of the war."

"Each time that the Germans have attempted a movement against the troops in the west the effort, after a certain amount of success, always of a temporary character, has ended in being broken against the barrier of the allied armies."

Great Example Quoted.

"The great example before all minds is that of the Marne, where Germany had every advantage on her side, thanks to her preparation, to the superiority of her man-power and her heavy artillery and her hidden attack across violated Belgium, but she was defeated."

"Today she is fighting against the powerful Franco-British forces accustomed to war and well supplied and her effort will again be stopped. Such is the firm and calm conviction of French opinion, the expression of which is seen this morning in the press."

First Blow Aimed at British.

"It appears now that, while attacking from the beginning on the whole of the front, the Germans have brought their principal effort to the west of St. Quentin."

"Thus acting, they wished to upset the English, reach the Somme and to secure for themselves in this direction a route to Amiens, which they want at

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HATRED OF WAR IS RISING IN GERMANY

AMERICAN GIRL, HELD PRISONER, SAYS PEOPLE STARVING.

Populace of Berlin Would Be Delighted to See Kaiser Hang'd

CHICAGO, March 26.—Miss Blanche Slocum, who was held a virtual prisoner in Germany after the outbreak of the war, arrived home in Chicago today and told of the suffering of the German people, of their rising hatred of the war and of the German government.

"The people are literally starving and are very nervous," she said. "Small riots and seditious talk have reached such proportions that the government has posted placards about the city of Berlin offering a reward of 2000 marks for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person participating in the food riots and uttering seditious remarks."

"The populace of Berlin would be delighted to see the Kaiser hang'd to the highest tree in the city."

HAYS URGES MORE LOYALTY

Republican National Chairman Insists on Less Profiteering.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 26.—(Special.)—The German smash in France has brought out scores upon scores of smiling, gloating disloyalists.

With every new reported assault on the British line the long-sustained caution has given away a bit. The treacherous sentiments in their hearts must find expression and they are holding meetings in basements and conferences in back rooms to celebrate the "closing of the war."

Many U. S. Agents Engaged.

To sustain the city's morale as well as to ferret out active aliens, dozens of Federal agents are combing Chicago for disloyalists. The result is a steady stream of handcuffed men filing through the squadroom door on the fifth floor of the Federal building.

The daily roundup of enemy aliens previously had averaged about 60. Of these a large percentage were eventually released, others held for trial and some ordered interned forthwith. Since the German onslaught on the western front the total has jumped to 200.

"It's too much for them," said one of the Federal agents. "They could keep under cover as long as the war went along in its regular way. But a German drive has brought them out of their holes."

Sedition Casts Off Cloak.

"They don't attempt to cover up under the cloak of Socialism or to appear as Bolshevik sympathizers. They're coming out full and strong for the Kaiser."

"The worst of them are the fake alarmists, who, under the guise of reading the bona fide reports from the front, spread false news of German successes and announce that the Germans are marching into Paris. This sort of thing takes root in the crowded sections of the city and we are kept busy stamping it out."

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Among those taken were found

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PRO-GERMAN LINE IN CHICAGO BROKEN

Outing Enemy Aliens Arrested by Hundred.

CELEBRATIONS ARE BROKEN UP

Big Teuton Smash in France Unmasks Disloyalty.

SEDITIONARY ORATORS ARISE

Federal Authorities Make Successful Drive in Wein Stubes and Other Resorts, Where Triumph of Hun Arms Is Sung.

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LONDON SEES HOPE WITH LINE INTACT

PRESS SAYS GERMANS' CHANCES GROW LESS HOURLY.

Standard Points Out That Line Is Elastic, Not Brittle, and Bent, but Not Yet Broken.

LONDON, March 26.—The London evening papers take consolation in the fact that the Germans thus far have failed to break the British lines or force a wedge between the British and French armies and in the news from France that the gaps have been filled with local reserves, while the strategic reserves remain intact for their own special purpose.

The Standard says: "After five days of fighting the British line has gone back almost to the limits of the Somme battlefield. But, though it is elastic, it is not brittle; it is bent, but not broken."

The Globe says: "The Germans have failed to thrust so deeply into the British as to make a reunion of the fissure impossible and to defeat the separated masses in detail. And with every hour the German chances grow less."

GERMAN SIGN DISAPPEARS

Newspaper Advertisement Taken Down Mysteriously During Night.

The big sign reading "German-American Daily," which has stood over the sidewalk in front of the ex-German newspaper on Fourth street disappeared yesterday because of some rather mysterious force. For a long time efforts have been made to force the removal of the sign, but without avail. It was taken down yesterday apparently under urgent invitation from members of a vigilantes' organization.

LENROOT'S MAJORITY 2414

Representative Certified as Republican Candidate for Senate.

MADISON, Wis., March 26.—Representative I. L. Lenroot's official Republican majority over James Thompson is 2414. The official majority of Joseph E. Davies, Democrat, over Dr. Charles McCarthy is 43,498.

Lenroot was certified as the Republican candidate; Joseph E. Davies as the Democratic candidate, and Victor Berger as the Socialist candidate.

Interest Turns to French Sector.

Attention centers here now on the French front rather than on the progress made by the Germans against the British lines.

As the battle proceeds, officers here are becoming more certain that the defenders are carrying out a definite plan, of which the British withdrawal is a part, but which will prove soon to be coupled with a powerful counter-thrust.

The most probable place for the launching of such a movement, it was thought, was from the flanking position the French held tenaciously to night along the left bank of the Oise.

Until General Pershing reports as to the American forces engaged no one here will hazard a guess concerning the part they are playing.

Artillery Long in Training.

American heavy artillery has been training in England and the men are equipped with British great guns. They may be reaching the front with new guns sent to replace those lost during the retreat.

American tank detachments also have been at the British training camps for months. American engineers are officially reported as in the battle zone.

It was regarded as entirely possible, however, that American infantry divisions, already seasoned by front line experience in their sector, had come up with the French reinforcements. They would be certain to operate with the French, as their equipment is largely French and they must be supplied with ammunition and replacements from the French communication lines.

Yankees May Be With French Units.

Should this prove to be the case it is possible, officers here believe, that American troops will be with French units in an effort to score heavily against the Germans when the moment for attack arrives.

Today's official British reports, while admitting further German advances in the capture of Hoye, indicated a decided slowing up of the direct progress of the drive against the British front.

The official statements indicated that the Germans saw danger in the exposure of their left flank to the threat of the French line on the River Oise. Evacuation of Noyon gave the French a river line to hold against the Germans on a front that paralyzed the flow of ammunition and supply trains to the more advanced German forces in the region of Roye.

Huns' Supply Lines Extended.

Bitter assaults against this French line were made throughout the day without avail. Meanwhile the evacuation of Roye by the British served to extend still further the German supply lines, against which a French assault might be launched.

The steadiness of the French line, it was pointed out, was an indication in itself that the allies were voluntarily abandoning some of the territory occupied by the Germans.

If anything, American officers were more confident than at any previous time of the outcome of the drive. They have never doubted that it would be stopped. Now, however, they are thinking of the probable extent of the counter blow they feel certain is to fall sooner or later.

British Less Shaken in North.

There is no lack of possibilities in the northern sector of the battle area. The British lines there have been much less shaken than those to the south. When the time arrives it is possible that a thrust will come from that direction also.

The prospect to some officers is for a great pincer movement aimed at cutting off advanced German divisions before they can be withdrawn to safety.

Noted Composer Dies at 56.

PARIS, March 26.—Claude de Busy, the noted composer, is dead at his home here. He was 56 years old.

ALLIED COUNTER THRUST EXPECTED

Turning Point May Be Near in Battle.

RETREAT DEFINITELY PLANNED

Washington Official Circles in State of Expectancy.

AMERICAN BOYS IN FIGHT

Word From General Pershing Awaited to Give Complete Details of Participation of Troops From America.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—An air of expectancy was apparent tonight among American and other military officials here who are following closely the developments of the battle in France.

They appeared to feel that a turning point in the terrific struggle was close at hand. Press reports from the British front hinted at the same feeling there.

For the people of the United States, the announcement by the British authorities that American troops are fighting side by side with French and British defenders brings the battle closer home. War Department officials had no word from General Pershing on the subject, but were expecting at any moment reports showing the extent of American participation.

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THE BIG BATTLE IN A NUTSHELL.

German offensive begins to lose momentum.

Wedge of German line carries beyond Albert and beyond old "Farthest West" line of Germans.

French hold left bank of Oise intact despite furious attempt of foe to cross.

American forces fight shoulder to shoulder with British and French.

Allies believed to be ready to strike fearful counter attack.

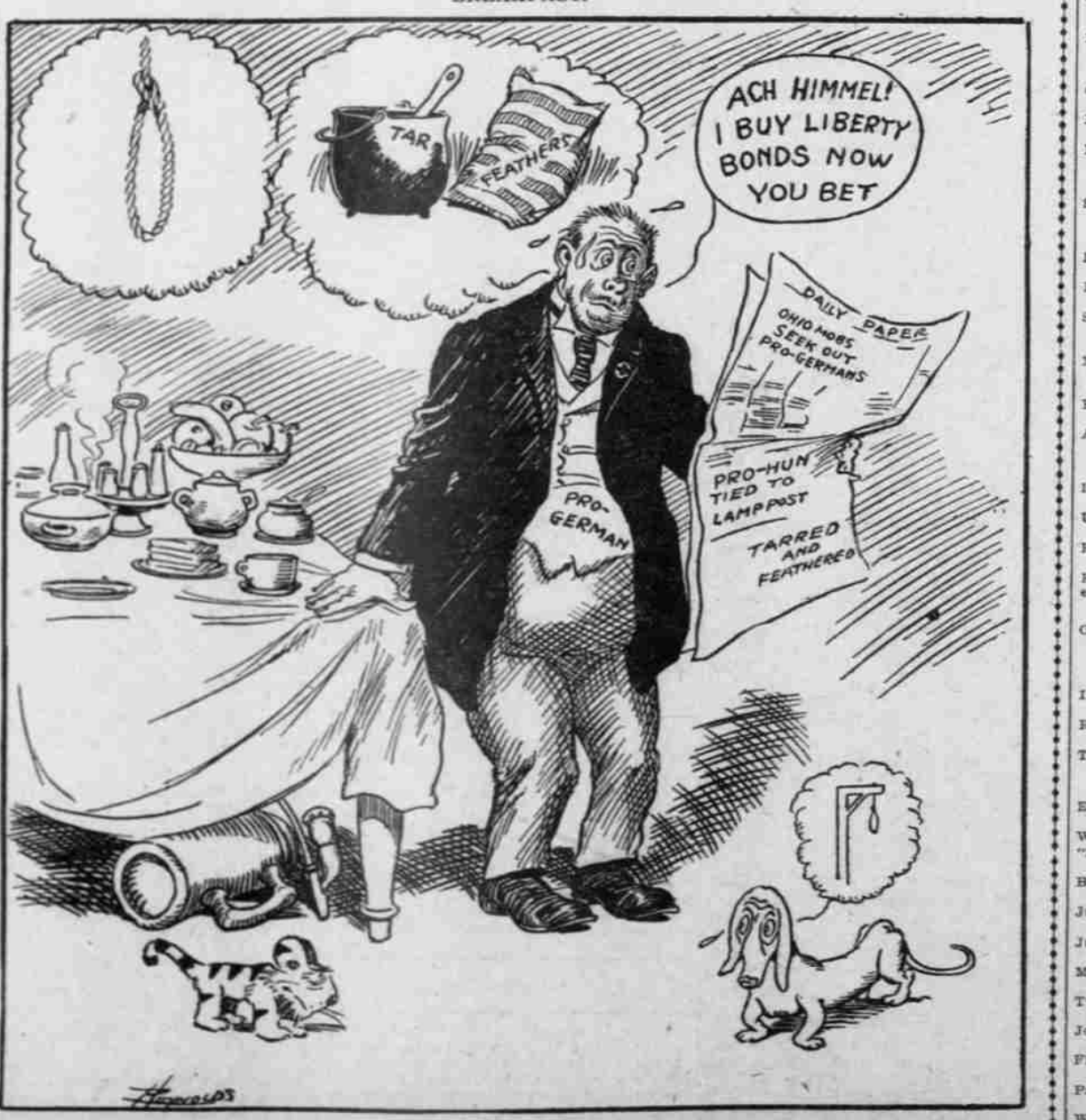
German forces known to have at least 840,000 men in battle.

Germans capture Roye, Noyon, Biaches, Barleux and Etalou.

Germans claim capture of 963 guns and 100 British tanks.

Careful estimates place German losses at from 10 to 20 per cent of total.

SOME OF THE KAISER'S FRIENDS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE LOSING THEIR APPETITE FOR BREAKFAST.



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