

MANEUVER ARMY MAY STRIKE SOON

Strategic Reserve Plans of Supreme War Council to Be Tested.

BIG BLOW AWAITS GERMANS

Military Men at Washington Watch for Signs of Counter Attack on Vulnerable Point of Teuton Front.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—French and British official statements were scanned eagerly tonight by officials and military men here for first signs of the counter blow which they think will be delivered by the allied armies in France, where the push of the German drive apparently has been definitely checked.

While no official report has reached the War Department showing the participation of American forces beyond a few engineer units, there is reason to believe that some part of General Pershing's army may take part in the attempt to hunt the Germans back.

The only report reaching the department today was a brief summary sent in by General Pershing showing the British battle lines as they stood early yesterday morning.

The German claim that 843 guns had been taken also was quoted.

Tonight's report from London showed the British defense to have stiffened sharply in the last few hours. Counter attacks mentioned, it was indicated, were of a local character and not to be confused with the great efforts to be expected to develop now at any moment.

Stack of German Blow Absorbed. Officers said the shock of the German drive appeared to have been absorbed by the withdrawal of General Haig.

Like the recoil mechanism of a great gun, the blow has been prevented from striking with its full force by the withdrawal conducted with masterly skill in the face of the enemy assault.

All depends, it is said, on the force the allies have been able to muster to deliver the counter-stroke. There has been every indication that both British and French have been using reinforcements sparingly, conserving their reserve power for the day that is just ahead.

The strategic reserve plans of the Supreme War Council at Versailles are now to be tested, it is indicated, by dispatches from all quarters mentioning the gathering of the "army of maneuver" for the work in hand.

Again tonight the map of the battle line seemed to show that the assault of the allies might come first, at least, from some point on the French sector.

Possibilities of Blow Great. There the French troops have stood like a wall against German assaults, for many hours, and they are looking out over the nerve centers of the enemy advance, his communication lines which parallel their front.

Whether by their own desire or because of the elusive tactics employed by General Haig, the Germans apparently stand committed to their present effort beyond withdrawal. For six days they have battered at the lines, their reckless loss of life involved, bent apparently upon only one purpose, to strike with such terrific force that the British army should be crushed and useless.

Now, it is pointed out, the first force of their rush has been dissipated and they have not been allowed to come to grips with the foe in a final struggle.

Always Haig's men have slipped away to fight again and again, to draw time after time. Now, for the first time, they are striking back at certain points and retaking ground they had surrendered.

It is the view of many officers tonight that the Germans face the prospect of finding themselves firmly encircled in the manner which they have been drawn around them since the undaunted French and British battle fronts and behind those fronts there is gathering a storm in the shape of new and fresh armies soon to be poured down on their tired and shellshorn ranks.

The army of maneuver referred to in dispatches is understood to be composed of the general reserves of all

the allied forces. It was created by the Versailles council in response to the insistent demand of President Wilson for co-ordinated action. Primarily, in the very nature of things, it is an army of attack, and its united strength would be assembled only when the assault was to be launched.

Unofficial reports have estimated the German casualties at 400,000 men. That means whole divisions shot to pieces and out of action definitely until they can be reorganized and recruited.

It means transport lines laden beyond belief with wounded, it means scattered regiments and lost equipment.

One thing has impressed everybody here. Reports from London and Paris reflected only high purpose and confidence.

OREGON RESIDENT FOR 40 YEARS PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN CRAWFORDSVILLE



James H. Scott, Crawfordsvillite, Or., March 27.—(Special).—James H. Scott was born at Dandridge, Tenn., June 22, 1835, and died at Crawfordsvillite, Or., March 27. Besides his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Scott, Mr. Scott leaves one son, W. H. Scott, postmaster at Crawfordsvillite; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of Crawfordsvillite, and two brothers, W. G. Scott, of Burden, Kan., and S. B. Scott, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Scott lived at and near Crawfordsvillite for 40 years. He was postmaster for several years and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church more than half his life. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

They read like dispatches from victorious armies. There was not one hint of panic or foreboding.

KANSAS CITY HAS RIOTS

TWO PERSONS WOUNDED AND FIVE LAUNDRIES DAMAGED BY MOBS. Strikers Create Disturbances and Meanwhile Effort to Affect Adjustment of Trouble is Made.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 27.—Disorders in which at least two persons were shot and seriously wounded and five large laundry plants damaged, marked the first day of the general strike in Kansas City, called in sympathy with the striking laundry workers.

Two strikers were shot by guards who fired into a crowd of several hundred that attacked a laundry plant with bricks and sticks. The two men were taken to a hospital.

Union men asserted tonight that several thousand men and women had obeyed the call, seriously crippling several industries.

Efforts to mediate the differences were resumed, conferences being held tonight.

Fifty-one saloons were closed late today after there had been several clashes between the strikers and company guards.

The Gillpatrick and Munger laundries were railed and windows and doors broken in with stones. Furnishings and some machinery in both places were wrecked. Police estimated several thousand persons participated in the two raids.

One attack upon Woolf Brothers' laundry was met by policemen who fired several shots toward the crowd, but no one was injured.

Earlier in the afternoon a big crowd routed a squad of police who had arrested three men at the Kansas City Laundry Company, freeing the prisoners.

W. F. HULLS FUNERAL HELD

Master Mechanic, Killed by Switch Engine, Buried at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., March 27.—(Special).—The funeral of Master Mechanic W. F. Hulls, who was killed by a switch engine Monday afternoon, was held this afternoon from the Masonic Hall, Rev. W. H. H. Forsyth, of the Methodist Church, officiated. The Masons conducted their ritual rite at the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. Mr. Hulls has been a Mason for many years.

A party of railroad officials from Portland, headed by M. J. Buckley, general manager; J. H. Graham, superintendent of motive power; B. E. Palmer, superintendent; A. Buckley, assistant superintendent; W. H. Dressel, master mechanic; T. E. Quinn, shop foreman at Albina; B. Moore, division storekeeper, and F. W. McCune, of Umatilla, arrived in their special car to attend the funeral.

The coroner's inquest which was held yesterday resulted in placing the responsibility of the death of Hulls upon the shoulders of the engine crew.

M. S. JOHNSON CANDIDATE

Lewiston Attorney to Run for Nomination as Attorney-General.

TIME AIDS ALLIES IS EXPERT'S VIEW

Major-General Maurice Points Out That Two Crises Have Been Weathered So Far.

AIRMEN'S WORK NOTABLE

Fliers Drop 22.5 Tons of Bombs on Enemy Reserves Around Bapaume and Peronne, Inflicting Heavy Losses on Teutons.

LONDON, March 27.—The Germans are in possession of the town of Albert, it was announced today by Major-General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office. The British are holding the railway embankment on the western outskirts of the place, he said.

There have been two critical moments thus far in the battle raging in France, Maurice said in an interview today with the Associated Press.

"The first was on Saturday, when the enemy got across the Torille River and nearly reached the line of the Somme," he declared. "The second was on Monday, when he took Courcellet and a similar danger of a breach was present."

Airmen Do Good Work. "One remarkable feature of the whole battle has been the work of the allied airmen," said General Maurice. "Last night we dropped 22 1/2 tons of bombs on enemy reserves around Bapaume and Peronne. During the day low-flying machines operated constantly and almost without interference on the part of the enemy from the air. With their machine guns they inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and constantly interfered with his preparations."

"The opposing forces on the whole front are as nearly equal as possible. The enemy, being on the offensive, gets his reserves on the scene first. What we require is time to get up our forces to the right place. Every day the enemy is held is a tremendous advance to us."

German Equipment Heavy. "The battle is far from over, and I would not like to say we are not likely to be faced with another crisis, but time is on our side. The enemy is getting further from his rail heads and the area behind the line is getting more congested. His supply of men also is wearing down. Thus far the Germans have kept their troops in echelon, throwing in fresh men from the rear as fast as the front line is exhausted. Meanwhile the men carry full equipment and eat out of iron rations. This process of handling troops is now growing difficult, and meanwhile Anglo-French reserves are getting nearer the battle front."

"The situation today is less critical than it has been in the last few days," General Maurice laid out a map of the western front on the table, a blue line representing the front as outlined in last night's communique, while a bright green line showed the line at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Slight Advances Noted. The changes today included slight enemy advances along the Somme, both north and south of the river, and a similar enemy push further south around Erches and L'Eschelle-Staurin.

"During the night," continued General Maurice, "the enemy attacked just north of the Somme and drove us back to Mericourt and Sully, but fresh allied troops arrived on the scene this morning and counter-attacked, regaining a considerable portion of the ground the Germans had taken. On the remainder of the northern part of the front the line remains steady."

"For the time being the enemy is definitely checked north of the Somme. The fighting in this district has been very severe and the enemy troops are exhausted."

"North of Albert an attack may be expected momentarily, as German reserves have been seen moving." "The enemy is now in Albigny, while the British line holds the railway embankment on the western outskirts."

"South of the Somme attacks in the Roye and Noyon areas are expected to be renewed, but French reserves are approaching."

JUDGE KELLY IS GUEST

LUNCHEON GIVEN CANDIDATE FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.

"Trench Warfare More Important Than Bench Warfare," Declares Aspirant to Supreme Court Bench.

Judge Percy Kelly, of Albany, Republican candidate for the nomination of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, was a guest of about 100 members of the Portland bar at a luncheon yesterday at the Portland Hotel.

In a short talk, Judge Kelly said that the people of this and every other state should concern themselves more with the war against the waters than with political questions.

"We are more interested in trench warfare than in bench warfare," he said in referring to his candidacy for the high judicial bench.

Judge Kelly paid a splendid tribute to the patriotism and loyalty of the American men who are going to France and declared that the lawyers, as a profession, must give their best efforts toward establishing and maintaining the highest standard of justice in this country in order that it might be a justice worthy of the patriotism and sacrifice of those who have gone to war.

J. G. Arnold and Sidney Graham, who presided, also spoke briefly.

SOLDIER'S DEATH DOUBTFUL

Parents of Henry Larsen, Imbler, Not Convinced of Loss.



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Father and the boys all serve

One fights; the others produce and save

PRODUCING and saving are less spectacular, but not less important than fighting. The men at the front must have things to eat, to wear, to fight with; the only place they can come from is America; the only way they can come is through your efforts.

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Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills. Includes text: "Carter's Little Liver Pills For Constipation", "The Great Vegetable Remedy", "Puts You Right Over Night", "Colorless or Pale Faces usually indicate the absence of Iron in the blood, a condition which will be greatly helped by Carter's Iron Pills".

Advertisement for Cuticura. Includes text: "Clear Away Pimples and Dandruff with Cuticura", "The Soap to Cleanse and Purify", "The Ointment to Soothe and Heal".

Advertisement for Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. Includes text: "MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN", "A Certain Relief for Every Child".

Advertisement for getting too fat. Includes text: "GETTING TOO FAT? TRY THIS—REDUCE", "People who don't grow too fat are the fortunate exception. But if you find the fat accumulating on your body, you will be wise to follow this suggestion, which is endorsed by thousands of people who know."