

GERMANS DIVERT DRIVE TO SOUTH

French Sustain Shock Along Oise.

ATTACK ON AMIENS WAITS

New Offensive Intended to Frustrate Impending Allied Attack.

120-MILE FRONT ABLAZE

Teuton Gunners Hammer at Line, While Infantry Waits for "Zero" Hour.

(By the Associated Press.)
Facing American, French and British troops strongly entrenched and well equipped for battle, the German army has for the moment given up its direct drive against Amiens.

After uttering repulse in his efforts to smash straight through to his objective the enemy now is attempting a new maneuver, which is intended to broaden the field of action and reduce the menace of a counter-offensive.

Artillery Pounds Allies.

Reports from the battle line in Picardy disclose the first stages of this new German offensive aimed at either side of the salient in the allied lines. From La Bassée Canal, in the north, to the sectors east of Laon, the great artillery forces of the enemy are thundering, with the bombardment deepening at places to the intensity of drumfire.

Every Foot Blood-Bought.

On the western "elbow" of the salient of the allied lines the Germans are forced to fight uphill. Their advance across the lower ground along the Somme, Ancre, Avre and Luce rivers has carried them up to a parapet of hills which sentinel the road at Amiens. Attacks along this natural bulwark have netted the enemy only insignificant gains at a horrible cost.

Assault Makes Progress.

The assault is still going on and it has made considerable progress. The Germans struck through the lower forest of Coucy and have reached a point south of the village of Folembray. The Berlin official statement claims that 2000 prisoners have been taken.

That an attack of large dimensions is planned for the front of Arras northward to Lens is considered probable by military experts. As long as this front is in its present position the Germans cannot exert their full strength on the line before Amiens. The cannoade in this region may be the prelude of a massed attack such as bent the British line during the latter days of March.

Notwithstanding the statement made on Friday by Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, that "Americans now are fighting in the Picardy," nothing definite has been learned about where General Pershing's men are located, or what part they are playing in this battle of battles.

On the American-held sectors near Verdun, east of Luneville and north-east of Toul, only ordinary trench activities have been reported.

BERLIN, via London, April 8.—The powerful German pressure along the Oise is forcing the French back at the lower outskirts of Coucy wood, according to the official report from general

GERMANS REVISE SUBMARINE VIEWS

CAPTAIN PERSIUS, WAR CRITIC, POINTS OUT CHANGE.

American Troop Movement Across Atlantic Revives Argument Over Effectiveness of U-Boats.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Word that American reinforcements are moving to the support of the allies in Picardy has revived argument in Germany over the efficacy of the submarine and drawn from Captain Persius, military critic of the Berliner Tageblatt, the comment that, after being persuaded to under-estimate America, German opinion is undergoing a change.

An official dispatch from Switzerland today, reviewing the latest discussion, quotes Captain Persius as follows:

"We were at first a good deal persuaded to under-estimate the participation of America in the war. We begin now to note a change of opinion. "It is beyond a doubt that it would be well to curb at the present time these more or less fantastic vagaries of persons discussing the submarine war. We cannot for the moment estimate when the United States will have ready the millions of men her population will permit her to raise, but it is certain America will, in the very near future, succeed in amassing armies which, in any case, will constitute a very valuable aid for our enemies."

Captain Persius concluded by noting that America is preparing for a war of long duration.

BIG GUN SHOTS 80 MILES

Total Casualties of One Day's Bombardment Eight Chickens.

PARIS, April 8.—The official announcement yesterday that no casualties resulted from that day's bombardment of Paris by the Germans, says the Petit Parisien, was not in strict accordance with the facts. It affirms that there were victims—eight chickens.

AMSTERDAM, April 8.—Emperor William on March 23 inspected the gun with which the Germans are bombarding Paris, says Karl Roemer, war correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin. It looks more like an enormous gray crane than a real gun, according to the correspondent, and can throw a shell for a distance of 130 kilometers (80.6 miles). Firing a shorter distance than that on March 23, he adds, it required exactly 123 seconds for a shell to reach Paris.

MILLMEN INVEST HEAVILY

Brighton Spruce Mill Subscribes \$41,000 to Loan.

WHEELER, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—The town of Brighton, although attached to the Wheeler district in the third liberty loan drive, is entitled to a pair of honor flags.

The members of the Brighton Mills Company alone subscribed to the loan as follows: Thomas H. Watt, \$15,000; George W. Watt, \$10,000; John Watt, \$7000; William Watt, \$5000; Brighton Mills Company, \$6000. For one family in one corporation this record will be hard to beat in the state.

The Brighton mills are credited with cutting fully 30 per cent of all the airplane stock produced in the United States.

FIREMEN INVEST IN BONDS

Mayor Baker Presides Over Two Meetings at Same Time.

To preside over two meetings at once was the novel experience yesterday of Mayor Baker. He was chairman over a meeting of the City Council and over the board of trustees of the firemen's relief and pension fund at the same time.

While both bodies were in session the firemen trustees voted to invest \$25,000 in liberty bonds and the City Council voted to authorize the action.

WILSON BUYS \$1000 BONDS

First Subscription at Theater Rally Is by President.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—When subscriptions to the third liberty loan were called for at a local theater here tonight, the first subscriber was President Wilson, who occupied a box in the audience.

Announcement that the President had taken \$1000 worth was followed by prolonged cheering.

ROYAL FLYING CADET DIES

Nova Scotian, Flying Alone, Falls. No One Sees Accident.

PORT WORTH, Tex., April 8.—M. W. Kirwin, Royal Flying Corps cadet, was killed here this afternoon on the eve of his squadron's departure for Toronto. His home was in Nova Scotia. He was 21 years old.

Kirwin was flying alone, and no one saw the accident.

LOCKJAW FATAL TO YOUTH

Eight-Year-Old Lebanon Boy Succumbs After Brief Illness.

LEBANON, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—The funeral of a 3-year-old son of C. F. Harding, of Lebanon, was held here Sunday. The boy died Friday night of lockjaw, which resulted from his stepping on a rusty nail a few days ago.

AMERICAN TROOPS RUSHED OVERSEAS

Movement of Armies to Picardy Hastens.

U. S. BOYS WILL JOIN BRITISH

Plan Will Bring Yankees into Battle Earlier.

TRAINING TO BE EXPEDITED

Two German Raids Repulsed on Front Northwest of Toul—Advancing Enemy Chased Back to His Own Trenches.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Transportation of American troops to France is already proceeding at the accelerated rate contemplated by the speeding-up measures taken after the battle of Picardy began.

Acting Secretary Crowell made this statement today, but would give no details. For military reasons the extent of the increased troop movement has not been made public.

After the conference between Secretary Baker and allied officials orders were given under which a British official statement was issued saying American forces were to be brigaded with British troops in order to hasten American participation in the war.

Method Already Tried Out.

Officials explained that the process to be followed was similar to that adopted in placing American troops in the front lines with the French for training.

It has been estimated that 30 days' training of this character with American battalion units assigned with the British organizations will fit the newcomers for active duty.

All divisions now moved from this side are composed of men who have had several months' preliminary training and who need only final instruction to take their full share in the fighting.

Speedier Results Possible.

The training process will be quicker with the British than with the French, it is believed, because the language difficulty does not exist. American units will find every British veteran an instructor, and there will be no need for interpreters.

It was indicated that the new plans call for a more extensive training scheme with the British army than has been the case with General Pershing's original force. There probably will be no attempt to set up a purely American force with the British ranks, as has been done with the French.

Troops to Return to Pershing.

The Americans are to be withdrawn when trained and turned over to General Pershing as a part of his army. They will share fully with their British comrades the battles on their front.

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AMPLE CROP OF WHEAT IN SIGHT

U. S. LIKELY TO HAVE ENOUGH FOR SELF AND ALLIES.

Official Estimates Put Winter Crop at 560,000,000 Bushels and Total Yield at 850,000,000.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Forecast by the Department of Agriculture today of a winter wheat crop of 560,000,000 bushels this year brought optimism to the Food Administration.

The prediction was unofficially made that if the spring wheat crop maintained the same ratio the next harvest would furnish sufficient wheat to take care of the needs of this country and the allies next year.

The forecast indicates an increase of 142,000,000 bushels of winter wheat over last year's winter crop, which was 418,000,000 bushels. Assuming that the spring wheat crop will yield the same ratio of increase there will be a total crop of 850,000,000, or an increase of about 300,000,000 bushels over last year, when the entire crop was estimated at 550,000,000.

In addition, there is an increase of 25,000,000 bushels in the prospective rye crop, or a total prospective increase over last year of about 325,000,000 bushels of bread grains.

There is also hope of an increase of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat over last year in Great Britain and France and also an increase in Canada.

The necessity for rigorous saving between now and harvest is, however, in no way relaxed by harvest prospects, the public is warned.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 8.—With a reasonably favorable spring season, Kansas has a prospect of producing 108,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, according to report sent out by E. C. Paxton, Government field agent for Kansas. Mr. Paxton based this estimate on the government report sent out today from Washington announcing the condition of Kansas wheat as 67 per cent of normal.

MORRILL'S BOOK OBSCENE

Federal Grand Jury at Minneapolis Indicts Author.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 8.—Rev. G. L. Morrill, author of a book which is said to embarrass relations between the United States and Mexico, was indicted by the Federal grand jury here today charged with circulating obscene matter through the mails.

Mr. Morrill was arrested three months ago. Shortly after being released on bond he started for South America, but was stopped at New Orleans by Government agents, who seized his passport.

DUTCH MINISTER TO LEAVE

Vacation Granted to Return to Holland on Account of Health.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Dr. August Philips, Minister from The Netherlands, has asked for and obtained a leave of absence from his government, and will sail for Holland shortly. Ill health, it was explained, caused the Minister to ask for relief.

The Minister came to Washington in February, succeeding Chevalier Van Rappard. During his absence the Embassy will be in charge of W. H. Du Beaufort, the Counsellor, as charge d'affaires.

M'ADOO ORDERS ALL FIGURES WITHHELD

Liberty Loan Organization Work Upset.

INACCURACY HELD A MENACE

Official Reports Only Are to Be Given to Public.

OPTIMISM TO BE FEARED

Tabulated Returns Will Be Given Out Through Reserve Banks and Will Include Only Subscriptions Absolutely Filed.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Estimates of daily liberty loan subscriptions will not be given out during the campaign by national, district or local headquarters, under instructions issued tonight by Secretary McAdoo. Instead, the treasury will gather them from each Federal Reserve bank figure on subscriptions actually filed with them, together with receipts from the initial 5 per cent payment, and a tabulation of these will be made public each day.

Local committees may compile similar reports of subscriptions turned into local banks and give out the results.

Inaccurate Estimate Feared.

This method of supplying information on the day by day progress of the loan, adopted today by the Treasury after long discussion, is intended to prevent the publication of inaccurate estimates which might not be borne out by actual subscriptions. Secretary McAdoo requested the newspapers and liberty loan committees to observe the new rule.

Over Long Distance Telephone from Richmond, Va., where he made his first liberty loan speech on a Southern tour, the Secretary authorized this statement:

No Figures for Some Days.

"In order to remove the risk of inaccurate information and of over-anguish and misleading estimates concerning the amount of subscriptions to the third liberty loan, no figures will be given out for some days and then only figures as to the actual amount of subscriptions officially filed with the Federal Reserve banks. The danger of relying upon optimistic estimates and unofficial subscriptions will thus be avoided.

This information will be made public beginning at an early date, when the department will be prepared to give accurate figures. After the plan has been developed, the Federal Reserve banks will report to the Treasury Department the amount of subscriptions actually filed and these reports will be given out daily.

Newspaper Co-operation Asked.

"The Federal Reserve banks will simultaneously announce the amount of such subscriptions officially filed in their own districts and will permit explanation to disarmed public why great

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PEARL MARKET IS SAVED FROM HUN

GERMANS ALMOST CORNER LONDON, PARIS TRADE.

Parisian Dealers, Through Agents in Switzerland, Selling Baubles to Enemy Since 1915.

PARIS, April 8.—Large quantities of pearls have been sold in Germany through agents in Switzerland of Parisian jewelers, according to a Geneva dispatch to the Petit Journal. The Germans sought and, but for the action of the French judicial authorities, would have succeeded in cornering the Paris and London market in pearls after the war.

The clandestine trading, the dispatch adds, has been going on unhindered since early in 1915. All intermediaries are said to have been known to the Swiss police, who were astonished at the ease with which they were able to purchase stones in Paris.

A Paris dispatch on April 5 said that 18 Parisian diamond dealers were under prosecution on charges of trading with the enemy. They were said to have sold precious stones to Germans through Swiss agents.

TURKS CLAIM BIG VICTORY

Violent Fighting in Caucasus and Advance Toward Batum Claimed.

LONDON, April 8.—An official statement from Turkish headquarters dated April 6 says:

"On the Caucasus front, after violent fighting, we occupied Vasan and Arnis on the banks of Lake Van. We also occupied Sarikamish after ejecting the enemy from powerfully fortified positions northwest of the town. We are pursuing him in the direction of Kars. Our advance toward Batum is progressing."

U. S. TO RECLAIM SEAL OIL

Establishment of Rendering Plant in Pribilofs Probable.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Establishment of a plant on the Pribilof Islands to extract the oil from seal carcasses, which now are thrown away after being skinned, is under consideration by Secretary Redfield.

After a conference today with Commissioner Smith, of the Bureau of Fisheries, the secretary said he hoped to ship machinery for the plant from Seattle in a few weeks.

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