

HUN THOUSANDS DIE UNDER YANKEE FIRE

U. S. Engineers Kill Boches in Such Great Numbers That They Are Sickened.

ENEMY FALLS IN HEAPS

With Canadians, Americans Oppose Hordes of Germans—With Only Rifles and a Few Machine Guns They Slay Great Numbers.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE Monday, April 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American Railway Engineers, who helped stem the tide of the crushing Germans during the opening days of the battle now in progress, fought shoulder to shoulder with Canadian engineers in carry-out their task.

They held their ground stubbornly and only retired to previously prepared positions when forced to do so and inflicted casualties by the thousands upon the Germans who advanced in close formation in one place in as many as seven waves, each wave ten men deep and 100 yards apart.

The Americans, with the Canadians, had all the ammunition they needed, and although they were unsupported by the artillery and armed only with rifles and a few machine guns, they poured scythe-like streams of bullets into the enemy several different times until the weapons were so hot as to be useless.

Slaughter Sickens Americans.

This handful of American soldiers, who were not hardened to such terrific slaughter, was sickened by the shambles it created, but fought furiously for several days, helping to hold the enemy all the way from St. Quentin to the vicinity of Noyon. These were the Americans mentioned at the time in the official communique, but these details of their exploits it has only now been possible to obtain.

When the German attack began the Americans were working in the rear lines with the Canadians, under Canadian command. They quickly threw down their tools and joined the weapons with which they had been armed for some months and formed themselves into a fighting unit. The Germans came on and finally reached the positions where the Americans were waiting.

The exact numbers of the engineers cannot be given, but they were comparatively small.

Yankees Kill Huns by Thousands.

As the first gray enemy advanced the American forces let them come until they were within certain range, then opened fire, pouring in a storm of bullets. Gaps appeared in the advancing lines at many places, some of them large, where the machine guns had chewed through still the German waves came on, without firing a single shot—just advancing.

The Americans were unable to understand these tactics, but nevertheless, saw that it was a question of slaughtering the enemy or being themselves smothered under the advance. By this time their weapons were so hot they could not be used effectively and the enemy was so close that the engineers retired, fighting, and took up another position. Then they turned and began shooting again. A British officer who witnessed the engagement is reported to have said:

"They held on by their teeth until the last moment, inflicting terrific casualties on the enemy. Then they moved back and waited for the Germans and repeated the performance."

Engineers Fight Long Time.

By the time the engineers had reached a place somewhere near Noyon they were nearly exhausted and almost without equipment. There they received a chance to rest and re-equip. According to all reports, they gave the Germans a generous sample of what the enemy is to expect from the American Army.

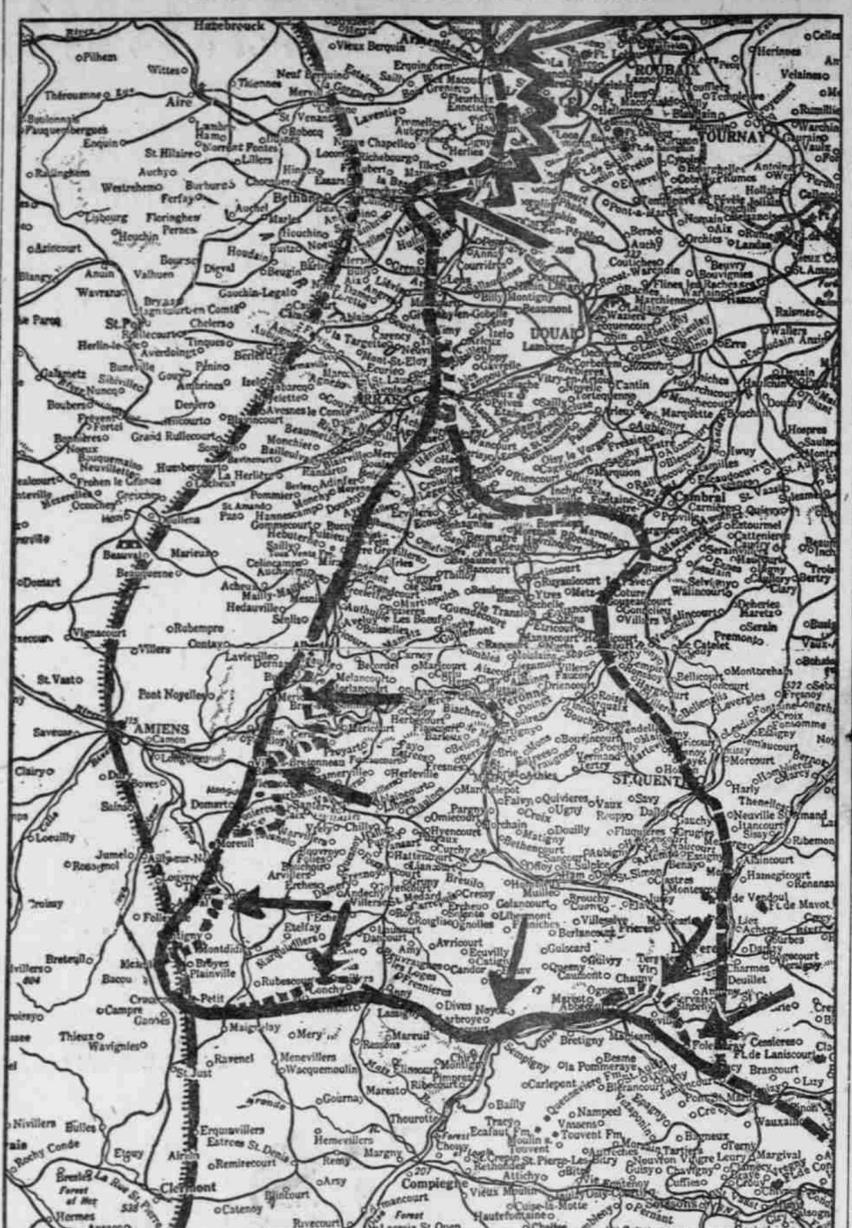
During a battle unusual stories always crop up, but the following is one which the correspondents heard from an unquestionable source:

"In one of the periods when the American engineers and their Canadian comrades in arms were holding a position what appeared to be a British staff motor drove up. The driver was in the uniform of a British soldier, and a man in the tonneau was in the uniform of a British staff officer.

"The officer stepped out and asked for the commanding officer. He was taken to a Canadian officer nearby. The staff officer ordered the commander to retire four kilometers, saying that the Germans were pressing on both flanks and he might be cut off. For some reason the Canadian commander became suspicious. He had the staff officer searched, and the latter failed to produce his authority, and papers were found on him proving he was a German officer. He and his chauffeur were immediately shot.

"American engineer officers are said to have been present when this incident occurred."

WHERE THE BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE ARE MEETING A NEW SMASH IN THE NORTH AND FRENCH ARE COMBATting RENEWED THRUSTS IN THE SOUTH.



Heavy Black Line Through Center and Across Bottom Indicates Present Battle Line. Broken Line on Right is Battle Line Prior to Drive. Seriated Line on Left is Battle Line of 1914. Latest Great Drive Against British and Portuguese From Arras to the North to La Bassée Canal is Indicated by Jagged Line and Heavy Arrows at Top. Three North of Moustier. Arrows at Bottom Show German Southwest Push Near Coucy and Noyon and South of Oise River. Dotted Line Within New Battle Line Shows Position of Germans Four Days Ago, Before Straightening-Out Process Was Begun.

MEN SENT TO RANKS

Germany Even Drafts Workers in Munition Factories.

It is now explained that the balloons are used in connection with a system of metallic nets as defenses against air raiders. The balloons first were sent up on the occasion of the last attempted raid on Paris, but the enemy having been fought off before he was able to reach the capital, the effectiveness of the system has not yet been tested.

A similar system was first devised, it is said, by the Germans, to protect Zeppelins from the German submarine base, from allied air raiders.

PARIS ABANDONED AS GOAL

Return of Wounded Soldiers From West Is Accompanied by Wild Rumors. Women Reported Getting Beyond Control.

THE HAGUE, April 9.—(Special.)—Germany is combing out every available man, even from the munition factories, and drafting them into the fighting ranks. Some works have been closed or are employing only a few girls, while raw materials have ceased to arrive in usual quantities at certain works.

It is said, for instance, that well-known car works at Cologne and Mulheim were practically closed during the week, the Germans employed there being taken out for various services, some of them for the front.

At certain dye works in another Rhineland district only a few girls are left, all the German employes, even wounded men, having been transferred to other services.

At Cologne, brick works and cable works which also have been employed on munitions are equally reduced to a few girls or have been closed altogether.

Paris Dream Discarded.

A neutral who reached Holland Friday night had a conversation with a German who had just returned from the western front. He put the German losses at roughly a quarter of a million and added:

"Nobody any longer believes we shall now reach Paris. We were simply mowed down by machine guns. At one place the French made a rampart of German bodies as high as a man."

It is also very noticeable, the neutral said, that in Germany the women are getting out of hand as the tales of losses increase and as trainloads of wounded return.

The result of all this transportation of wounded is the circulation of wild rumors to account for them, such as the breaking of dykes and the flooding out of a large body of German troops, or, again, the breaking of the flank of the German position opposite Amiens and the collapse of Crown Prince Rupprecht's army. Wild rumors fly about Cologne over the loss of 40,000 men as prisoners in one day.

Public Nervousness Revealed.

These rumors, or some of them, have been denied by the German press on the demand of the military authorities, but they show the state of mind produced by the discrepancy between the official and other inspired reports of the situation and the facts as they appear from the transport of wounded.

Dr. Equi Goes After Dead Body.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—To get the body of the L. W. W. Nestor Junkala, who killed himself late Sunday night, Dr. Marie Equi, the

TITLES MAY VANISH

Legislation of Radical Nature Pending in Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 9.—Radical recommendations, already passed by the government in the form of orders in council, have been submitted to the imperial authorities, Premier Borden announced in the House last night. The Premier produced the order in council during the debate on the motion of W. F. Nickler, providing for the abolition of hereditary titles. The recommendations follow:

First—No honor or titular distinction, being those granted in recognition of military service during the present war, or ordinarily bestowed by the sovereign, shall be conferred on a British subject resident in Canada except on the advice of the Prime Minister of Canada.

Second—The British government shall exercise the same authority as hitherto in determining the character and number of titles to be allocated to Canada.

Third—No hereditary title shall hereafter be conferred upon a British subject resident in Canada.

Fourth—Appropriate action shall be taken by the government to provide that after a prescribed period no title held by a British subject now or hereafter, ordinarily a resident in Canada, shall be recognized as having hereditary effect.

Sir Robert expressed the belief that the fourth proposal was one best with

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RED CROSS CUTS OFF FUND

No More Money to Be Used for Vivisection Experiments.

BOSTON, April 9.—The use of Red Cross funds for vivisection purposes will be discontinued, Harvey D. Gibson, general manager of the organization, who is in this city, announced tonight.

Progress of the War.

As had been anticipated, the Germans have switched the center of their main operations from the Amiens sector and are now hammering the British and Portuguese hard over a front of about 11 miles, running from Oivencourt and La Bassée to the vicinity of Arras.

The attack was preceded by a terrific bombardment. At some points the enemy was able to penetrate advanced elements of the British line, especially in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle, Fagny and the Cardonnet farm.

Meanwhile all along the greater part of the old line south of Arras extremely violent artillery duels were in progress, but the intensity of both sides kept to their trenches except for isolated attacks.

Near the Coucy forest and Coucy-le-Chateau the French have made a slight retirement to positions previously prepared—the maneuver apparently being in the nature of line straightening. So well was the operation covered by the French guns that the Germans suffered extremely heavy casualties.

HUNS GAIN IN NEW SMASH

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It is announced officially. No infantry action developed.

French advanced troops south of the Oise River withdrew to prepared positions southwest of the lower forest of Coucy and south of Coucy-le-Chateau.

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difficulties and that these and other recommendations made would be considered when the Canadian Ministers are in London.

War Labor Board Named.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Creation of the National War Labor Board to adjust all labor disputes during the period of the war was proclaimed today by President Wilson, with its members the same men who recently framed the la-

bor policy of the Government for the war period.

The board is headed by ex-President Taft, selected by employers, and Frank P. Walsh, selected by employees, representing the public.

National Capital Shaken.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Washington felt an earthquake tonight for the first time since it was reached by the tremors of the great quake which shat-

tered Charleston, S. C., more than 30 years ago.

The shocks, though slight, were distinctly perceptible, and nearly every family in the city had the impression for about three minutes that an extraordinarily heavy motor truck was passing its doors.

Georgetown University observatory seismographs show that the quake centered probably within 200 miles.

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