

YANKEES IN THICK OF NEW HUN DRIVE

Franco-Americans and British Fight Desperately to Stem Offensive.

BOCHES USE THREE TANKS

Allies Stand Fast Except at Village Which Dominates Stretch of Somme Valley—British Improve Lines by Minor Operations.

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developed this morning on the southern battle front, the enemy attacking south of the Somme along the line of Villers-Bretonneux, Hangard-en-Santerre, Haillies and Castel. Early developments indicated that the Germans were trying only for limited objectives.

Village Is Storm Center.

On the British sector of Villers-Bretonneux, which nestles on a ridge overlooking the long stretch of the Somme Valley, was the storm center, and here the enemy, for the first time since the war began, had tanks in action. Three of these engines of war accompanied the storming infantry, which, at latest reports, had battled forward into the eastern outskirts of the town, where severe fighting took place.

From the French sector came word that the Germans had made very slight progress.

Second Attack Gains.

The assault was preceded by a heavy bombardment about Villers-Bretonneux. At the conclusion of this preparation the Germans surged forward along the whole British front south of the Somme, although it seemed evident that they had Villers-Bretonneux as their ultimate goal because of its dominating position.

The first attack was thrown back, but the enemy immediately came forward again, and this time met with more success.

In the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire the Germans pushed on toward the town, their three tanks leading. The British gave way slightly, and the enemy got a footing in the eastern fringe of the town.

Artillery Protection Asked.

Further north, a little above the Albert region, the British infantry put up an S. O. S. for artillery protection about 4 o'clock this morning, and what appeared to promise a serious attack began to show. It turned out to be nothing more pretentious than an attempted raid, however, and the British artillery smashed the enemy infantry as they were leaving their trenches.

Between Robecq and Givency-Les-Las Passee there was also considerable enemy shelling this morning, and the Germans made a small attack in an attempt to take a post near Givency. But this movement was quickly stopped by the British fire. The British carried out minor operations at Givency, which resulted in the recapture of a strong post which the enemy held.

South of Clarence River four German companies, which essayed a local attack, were repulsed.

Trouble has been brewing in the Somme sector for days, the enemy maintaining a bombardment of more or less intensity over a wide area. Throughout yesterday Villers-Bretonneux and surrounding places were heavily shelled, and this morning the bombardment was greatly increased.

On the northern battle front the German artillery pounded the entire allied positions yesterday, especially in the Robecq and Merville sector, and this morning an intense bombardment was put down in the British positions on both sides of the River Lawe. A large section of the northern battle front was seething today.

An attack above Albert came after a half hour bombardment by the enemy. As the German infantry left their trenches the British deluged them with rifle and machine gun fire and forced a hasty retreat.

A British operation yesterday over a

TRAINED NURSE GIVES RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR

Gives Recipe for Simple Home-Made Remedy That Quickly Darkens It.

Mrs. A. Dixon, a well-known Brooklyn trained nurse, made the following statement regarding gray hair: "Strained, faded or gray hair can be quickly turned black, brown or light brown by the use of the following remedy that you can make at home:

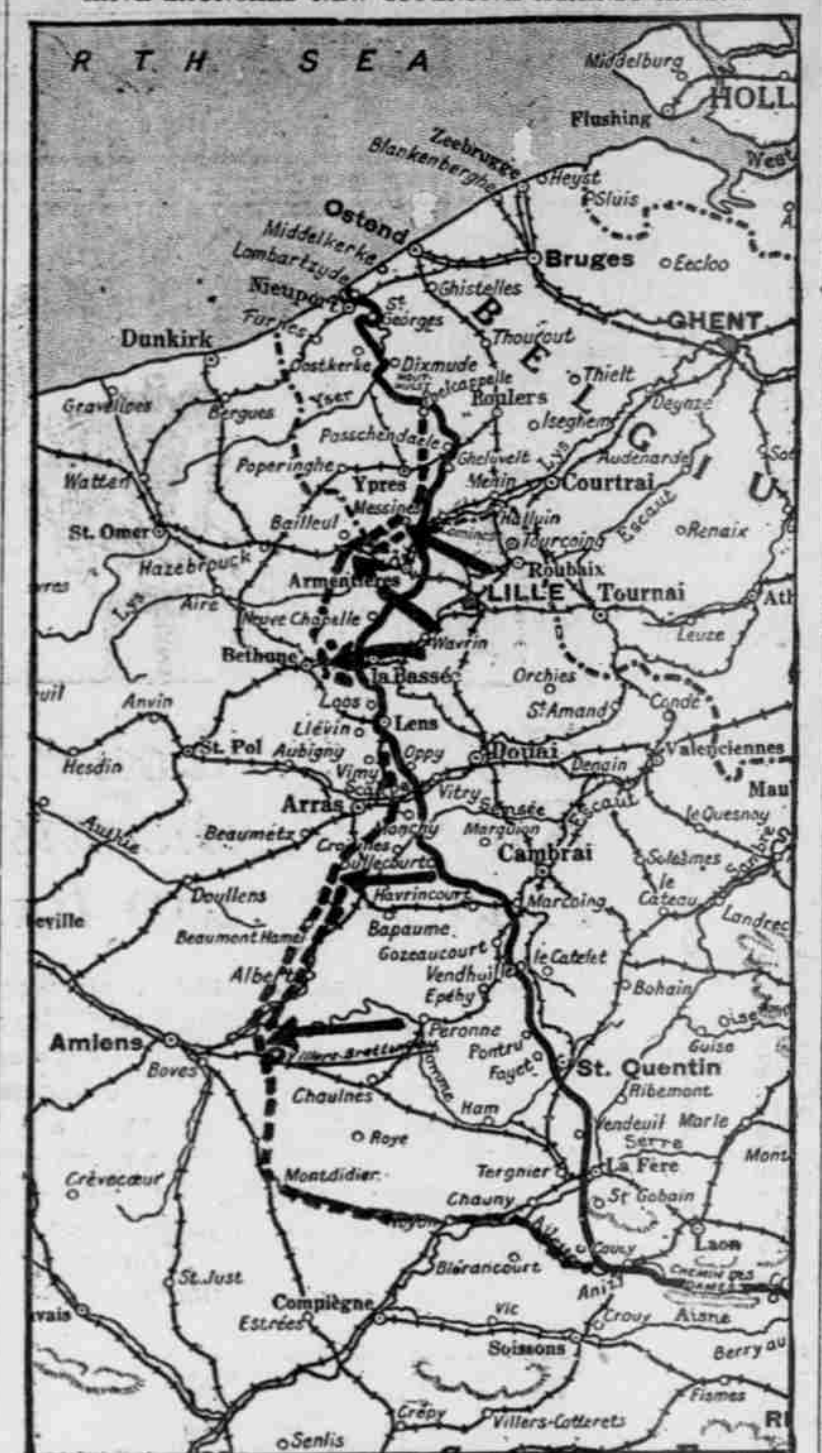
"Merely get a small box of Oriz powder at any drug store. It costs only 25 cents and is extra to buy. Dissolve it in one ounce of water and comb it through the hair. Full directions for use come in each box.

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MAP OF BATTLE LINE IN FRANCE SHOWING WHERE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST AMIENS



Americans are fighting in Picardy with the French in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre, Haillies and Castel. The lower arrow on the map pointing directly at Amiens gives the approximate center of the German blow yesterday. Hangard-en-Santerre, where the Americans are opposing the Germans, is a few miles south of Villers-Bretonneux, shown on the map below the arrow pointing at Amiens. Arrows mark the main points of the German attack.

MISS SHEARER TO WED

RED CROSS SERVICE IN FRANCE IS ABANDONED.

Montana Girl to Be Married in Vancouver This Evening to Captain C. W. Latimer.

Instead of enrolling as a Red Cross nurse for duty in France, Miss Loretta Shearer has decided to marry Captain C. W. Latimer, U. S. A.

The two met in mid-ocean about two months ago en route from Honolulu, where Captain Latimer had been stationed for some time, and the bride-elect was on her way East to sail for France to take up Red Cross work. Miss Shearer arrived here last night from her home in Montana, and the wedding will be solemnized this evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nichols, of Vancouver, Wash., at 7:30. Lieutenant John Hayden, U. S. A., and his fiancée, Miss Margaret Ayer, will be the attendants.

Captain Latimer is battalion commander, First Divisional Regiment, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, now stationed in Vancouver. He formerly was with the Fourth Cavalry Regiment, and has been in the Army for some years. He is very popular in this city as well as in other officer's circles and men at the post.

VANCOUVER HEARS BAND

Marine Musicians on Last Leg of Liberty Bond Drive Tour.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—The marine band of 55 pieces, accompanied by Major Storrock, hero of Vimy Ridge, and Lieutenant W. H. Wright, of the British Royal Flying Corps; Cyrus Pierce, of San Francisco, and Charles Mayberry, of Seattle, passed last night and left here this morning on the last leg of the Liberty bond drive throughout the state. They were to stop at Woodland, Centralia and Chehalis today.

When the party arrived here yesterday, it made the 55th city in which they had stopped, and the crowd was larger than any place in which they had been, and the band played for hours.

DEFENSE BODY ORGANIZES

Tillamook County Committee to Handle Future Drives.

TILLAMOOK, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—By direction of the State Council of Defense the executive committee of the County Council of Defense was organized here last night.

The committee is composed of the following: R. C. Jones, chairman; C. E. Trombley, secretary; A. H. Harbo, G. B. Lamb, Robert H. McGrath, D. L. Shrode, C. J. Edwards, Mrs. C. J. Edwards, Frank A. Rowe, Hollie W. Watson and Charles E. K. Jones.

After organizing Mr. Lamb and Mr. Jones were appointed to divide the county into districts for the purpose of organizing local defense units according to the plans of the State Council of Defense.

WAR BRINGS BOY BABIES

Vancouver Records for 1918 Show Marked Increase in Male Births.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—More boys are being born in Vancouver than girls since the war began, and the records, almost complete for the first four months in 1918, show that the increase is marked.

According to records kept by Dr. J. M. P. Chalmers, city health officer, since the first of the year 48 babies have arrived here. Of this number, 21 were sons and only 17 were daughters.

During 1917 199 births were registered, and of these 113 were boys and 86 were girls.

DUTCH MINISTER LEAVES BERLIN

German Envoy Departs From Holland—Brief Advice Hint Crisis.

UGLY ACCUSATIONS MADE

As Result of Attack on Good Faith of America and Charge of Official Duplicité, Grain Deal May Be Canceled.

AMSTERDAM, April 24.—The Het Volk announces that the German minister to The Netherlands has left The Hague for Berlin, and that the Dutch minister to Germany is on his way from Berlin to The Hague.

The Berlin correspondent of Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant is informed by a person in authority that difficulties have arisen in the negotiations between Germany and Holland, and that the question of the transport of sand and gravel and the use of the railway line through Limburg depends entirely on the intentions of Germany.

Dutch to Stay Neutral.

The correspondent adds that the Dutch government will firmly observe neutrality, whatever happens.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Washington was without any official information tonight to throw light on the situation between Germany and Holland, and officials and diplomats could only speculate on reports that Germany had delivered an ultimatum to The Netherlands government, demanding the movement of war supplies through Dutch territory.

"If the Amsterdam report is correct, that the Dutch Minister has departed for The Hague and the German Minister is on his way to Berlin, apparently the step short of breaking diplomatic relations has been taken."

Officials Express Surprise.

Officials today expressed disappointment and surprise at the report accorded the offer of the United States, which was based on a proposal of the Dutch government to alleviate suffering from a shortage of breadstuffs.

The offer was supplementary to President Wilson's statement of March 20, when the Dutch ships were requisitioned, that 100,000 tons of grain would be provided for Holland if ships were sent to carry it.

"If Holland does not desire to take advantage of the offer to expedite the grain, the original offer to furnish grain still holds, but the time consumed in sending ships from Holland to America will delay the relief the United States is ready to grant."

Typical of the Dutch comment is an editorial in the Rotterdam Courant, received by cablegram, as follows: "In the last few days an official American communication has been received to the effect that three vessels, over two of which the American Government has no jurisdiction, will be allowed ultimately to depart for Holland on condition of the departure of vessels of equal tonnage from Holland to an American port."

"Noose" Declared Tightened.

"This apparent friendly concession may really be a tightening of the noose, if, as has been suggested, it is an attempt to make Holland purchase three cargoes of grain with three conveyors. This would be a perfidious offer about which disappointment could not be too strongly expressed."

"We have not a high opinion of American good faith, but that official duplicity could go so far and promises made in black and white by the President of the United States openly repudiated, it is impossible to believe."

"Such shamelessness has not been excused in the past. The American Government must give unambiguous guarantee that the President's promises of March 20 will be respected."

OREGON CITY LACKS FUNDS

Road Work Lags for Lack of Money. Council Holds Emergency Session.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—City fathers and Mayor Hackett held an emergency session today to discuss the road money problem which threatens to seriously impair the road and street programme for the year. Should the Circuit Court decree that the \$14,000 road funds of the city are to be disbursed by the county, an immediate appeal is to be rushed through the higher tribunal at Salem, it was decided.

Work is being abruptly on all city work some days ago for the simple reason that there was no money in the treasury to pay for sweeping streets, cleaning sewers, repairing sidewalks and roads and doing the other little jobs that every well regulated municipality should insist upon being done.

SWISS WILL GET CEREALS

Germany Promises Grain-Laden Ships Free Passage.

BERNE, Switzerland, April 24.—The German government has informed the Swiss government that ships loaded with cereals for Switzerland, even though flying an enemy flag, will have the right of free passage. They must, however, fly the Swiss flag beside the national flag of the vessel, and have the Swiss colors painted on the hull.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The United States has agreed to permit the shipment of grain to Switzerland in ships flying the Swiss colors with the flag under which the vessel is registered. It is probable that American ships will be used.

STATE'S LOYALTY PLEDGED

Mayor Baker Cheered by Portland Men at Camp Lewis.

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—"Remember, boys, Oregon is as proud of you as you are of Oregon; remember, wherever you go, the people of your home state are with you 100 per cent."

was the message delivered tonight to the men of Base Hospital 46 by Mayor Baker, of Portland.

The Mayor and Nick Pierant, of Portland, who accompanied him, were greeted with cheers by the Portland boys who are in training for service in France.

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Other Features

MOTONO STEPS OUT

Siberian Issues Cause Japan's Foreign Minister to Quit.

GOTO WILL BE SUCCESSOR

Change Interpreted at Washington as Indicating No Early Movement of Mikado's Troops Into Russian Territory.

LONDON, April 24.—Viscount Motono, Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs, has resigned, according to a Reuter dispatch from Tokyo.

Viscount Motono will be succeeded by Baron Goto, who has held several portfolios and is a member of the National commission appointed last year for the discussion of Japan's foreign policy.

The question of Japanese intervention in Siberia probably led to the withdrawal of Viscount Motono from the foreign ministry, of which he has been the head since November, 1916, when Count Terauchi formed the present cabinet.

There have been reports recently that Viscount Motono might resign in connection with the Siberian situation, but explanations of such a possibility were scanty.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Baron Shigemitsu Goto was minister for home affairs in the Terauchi cabinet and his appointment is not regarded as likely to involve any considerable change in foreign policy, except the Siberian question, with which Motono was peculiarly identified.

Motono in Poor Health.

Viscount Motono is known to have been in poor health for some time. Notice of the cabinet changes had reached the State Department where it caused little surprise in view of rumors of the impending retirement of Viscount Motono following the arrival in Tokyo of Baron Uchida, Japanese Ambassador to Russia.

Uchida took issue with the foreign minister as to the advisability of a Japanese campaign in Siberia and his views were accepted by the premier. Consequently the retirement of Baron Motono became inevitable.

The construction placed on the re-

Announcement

Leighton's Dairy Lunch and Cafeteria Annex, at 124 Broadway, will open Wednesday, April the 24th.

Friday, April the 26th, will be Liberty Day. The Red Cross organization will have charge and will take the gross receipts for that day. All principals and assistants will contribute their salaries to this worthy cause.

The following firms have contributed their goods on this day: Allen & Lewis, Sir James Hislop, Jones' Market, Hazelwood Company, Henningson Produce Co., Stein's Bakery, Brandes' Creamery, Burnett & Son, Pacific Fruit & Produce Co., Swift & Co., Sinclair Provision Co., and Portland Dairy Association.