

YANKS WIN BIG SMASH IN PICARDY

Americans Sweep Through Village of Cantigny.

200 BOCHES FALL PRISONER

U. S. Forces, Helped by Tanks, Daringly Advance on Front of One and a Quarter Miles.

MANY GERMANS ARE SLAIN

Doughboys Smash Enemy Completely, and Our Losses Are Relatively Small.

PARIS, May 28.—The French War Office tonight announced: "West of Montdidier the Americans, supported by tanks, brilliantly occupied a salient along a front of two kilometers and the strongly fortified village of Cantigny, capturing 170 prisoners and war material. They repulsed counter attacks."

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American troops on the French front near Montdidier delivered an attack against the German positions, fought their way through all objectives, including the village of Cantigny, and captured 140 prisoners.

Yankies Do Quick Work. The American attack was along a two kilometer front, and it seems to have taken the hard-hitting Americans just about three-quarters of an hour to complete their conquest, which included that amount of territory, as well as the village of Cantigny—an exceptionally short time for such an operation.

This remarkably fine showing comes as a fitting companion piece to the brilliant work done by the United States soldiers in repulsing an enemy assault made against them in the same region yesterday morning. One American division was attacked at that time, and the gray coats met with a complete reversal at all points.

Yankies Jolt Baby Killers. This enemy attack was not a heavy one, however, and was easily dealt with by the Americans, who had the situation well in hand at all times. Word of these two victories has added much to the very favorable impression which the American troops already have created along the British front. It was a foregone conclusion that the Germans would make the newest of the allies along this front the object of an attack in an attempt to push them back and thereby create a feeling that they formed a weak line in the defending chain.

French Officer Rejoices. The general opinion of the way in which these American troops have handled themselves in the last two days seems to be summed up in a comment made to the correspondent this afternoon by a French liaison officer: "Magnificent!" he exclaimed with delight. "That is the sort of stuff we will give the Boche."

"Great satisfaction is expressed among the British troops," says the correspondent, "at the news of a successful attack by the Americans near Montdidier, where they captured over 140 prisoners."

British Twice Engaged. "Four British divisions that so stoutly withstood the tremendous enemy onslaught in the Aisne Valley had already borne their full share of the desperate fighting since March 21."

WASHINGTON, May 28.—American troops in Picardy attacked this morning on a front of one and a quarter miles, captured the village of Cantigny, took 200 prisoners and inflicted severe losses in killed and wounded on the enemy, says General Pershing's communique, made public tonight at the War Department. The American casualties were relatively small.

Village Is Captured. The statement follows: "This morning in Picardy our troops, attacking on a front of one and one-fourth miles, advanced our

YANKS SEND BOCHE HURTLING TO RUIN

RICKENBACHER AND CAMPBELL BEAT HUN AIR FLOTILLA.

German Machines Try to Encircle Americans, but Are Dispersed by Sudden Onslaught.

(By the Associated Press.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—Lieutenant Edward V. Rickenbacher, of Columbus, O., and Lieutenant Douglas Campbell, of California, this morning forced a German biplane down out of control in the Bois de Rate, northeast of Xivray, in the Toul sector, during a battle with six enemy planes.

The German machines encircled the American pilots and attempted to drive them behind the German lines. Rickenbacher suddenly pounced on one of the enemy planes and Campbell, coming to his assistance, managed to drive the enemy down.

It was Lieutenant Campbell, it has been established, who destroyed an enemy biplane near Essey inside the German lines on the Toul front yesterday in a battle a mile in the air. The German machine's wings crumpled and it crashed to the earth.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—American pursuit monoplane on Monday evening brought down a German biplane in flames east of St. Mihiel in a two-minute fight. The Americans sighted two German patrolling machines and pounced upon them. One German fled, but the American pilots surrounded the other and speedily put an end to his attempts to give battle.

An empty German sausage balloon which broke its cable in a strong wind this morning fell near American headquarters after drifting many miles.

SPAIN STRICKEN WITH GRIP

Over 90,000 Persons Sick in City of Madrid Alone.

MADRID, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—A virtual epidemic of grip epidemic, which is spreading with great virulence and has claimed many victims. The public services are exceedingly limited, as a multitude of the employees are ill; some commercial houses are closed for lack of help, and the tramways have cut their service by two-thirds.

King Alfonso is believed to be suffering from a mild form of the disease, and the Foreign Minister, Eduardo Dato, and the Minister of Public Instruction, the Duke of Alba, are also sick.

In Madrid there are more than 90,000 persons on the sick list. The malady extends to the Canary Islands. Several regiments are on the sick roll, and the military authorities have suspended all maneuvers.

BOGUS PAINTINGS ON SALE

Spurious Blacklocks Are Turned Out Dozen a Month.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Investigators for the District Attorney's office were hunting today for an "art" factory in Brooklyn where, it is charged, fake paintings by the famous American landscape artist, Ralph Blakelock, are being turned out at the rate of a dozen a month.

One of the canvases, copy of a picture which sold for \$17,500 and entitled "The Brook by Moonlight," bore Blakelock's name and was called "Mysterious Moonlight."

Many complaints had been received by the authorities that spurious Blakelocks were being sold to art connoisseurs.

WOOL DEPOTS ARE NAMED

Oregon Product to Be Manufactured in Home Territory.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 28.—Wool grown in the Willamette Valley and all other Oregon and Washington wool is to be shipped to Portland this year to supply the woolen mills in that territory that are now manufacturing woolen goods for the Army. Idaho wool and wool from the Rocky Mountain states will be shipped east.

This information was today given Senator McNary by Chairman Penwell, of the wool committee.

SNOW STILL BLOCKS PASS

McKenzie Route Through Cascades to Be Closed Until July.

EUGENE, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Persons will not be able to cross the McKenzie Pass in automobiles for several weeks, according to word received here today from George Croner, of McKenzie Bridge. He writes: "Two men on foot have just crossed the Cascades over the McKenzie route. They report that the snow is from five to 20 feet deep for a distance of 10 miles. Unless very hot weather comes soon no cars will be able to go over the top before July 1."

FUND NEAR 150 MILLIONS

SEND ME TO FIRING LINE, BEGS WOOD

General Makes Appeal Direct to Wilson.

SWIVEL CHAIR JOB DODGED

President Refers Request to Secretary of War.

BAKER PASSES IT TO MARCH

Order Barring Prominent Officer From Active Duty Causes Sensation at Capital — Even Democrats Voice Disapproval.

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(Special.)—Major-General Leonard Wood, whom the Administration is bent on keeping out of France, called on President Wilson this afternoon and begged his Commander-in-Chief not to relegate him in his prime to the swivel-chair job of commanding the Western Department at San Francisco, 6000 miles from the battlefield.

The conference with the President was arranged by Secretary of War Baker, to whom the General had made the same plea yesterday.

For half an hour General Wood sought to persuade the President to rescind the order which halted and turned him back virtually as the Eighty-ninth Division of the National Army, which he trained at Camp Funston, was getting ready to leave for France.

Active Duty Sought. The General pleaded that he be allowed to go to the firing line, or failing that, to serve in some more active capacity than that of department commander.

Mr. Wilson listened to General Wood's appeal without committing himself further than to say that the request would be referred to the Secretary of War.

Secretary Baker said that General Wood's request had been referred to Chief of Staff March.

On leaving the White House General Wood had no idea himself whether the President is disposed to modify in any degree the order of banishment to the Pacific Coast. He said that he had a "pleasant talk" with the President.

Cheerful Obedience Promised. "I can't say anything about my visit to the President," said General Wood tonight. "Whatever orders I get I shall obey with a cheerful heart."

The order barring one of the foremost American officers in active service today from the scene of conflict where all the military skill the Nation possesses is sorely needed created a sensation in the Capital.

Party lines went to smash and Democratic leaders were heard echoing the comment of the New York World, chief journalistic defender of the Administration. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 5.)

HUN LANGUAGE IS DOOMED IN OREGON

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SIGNS NEW ORDER.

French and Spanish to Replace German in Many Leading High Schools of State.

SALEM, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The German language will be stricken from the high schools of the state entirely as a course of study. This action was taken today by the State Board of Education, comprised of Governor Withycombe, Secretary Olcott and Superintendent Churchill.

In its place courses will be included in French and Spanish. Those who are taking the course this year will be allowed to complete it to secure their credits.

German is now taught in four-year courses. It will be optional with the schools as to whether they place a four-year course in French or Spanish, or whether they give two years' French and two years' Spanish. All schools of the state except those in Portland are affected by the order, and German already has been removed from the courses there.

Many wonder why we give language courses," said Mr. Churchill. "Standard colleges and universities require at least two years in language courses before they admit students from high schools, and in addition, many are desirous of studying five languages and are verse to Latin or Greek. Spanish has been selected for one course because of the possibility of our relations with Mexico and the Spanish-American countries after the war."

THE HAGUE, May 28.—Eighty-eight of the persons who were killed when the British air squadron raided Cologne on May 18 were buried in the same grave, according to Les Nouvelles.

HALF HOLIDAY INSISTED ON

Seattle Metal Trades Refuse to Give Up Time to Speed Ships.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 28.—The Seattle metal trades council, said to represent nearly 20,000 shipyard workers, tonight voted against endorsing the action of the Shipwrights and Joiners' Union of Seattle and the Metal Trades Council of Portland, Or., in waiving the Saturday half-holiday during June, July and August, in order to speed up ship production.

The council likewise voted against endorsing the action of the local shipwrights' union in accepting straight-time pay for working on the half-holiday, instead of time and a half for overtime.

32D AIRPLANE IS RECORD

Leading Italian Ace Adds Another to His Mark Against Enemy.

PARIS, May 28.—Major Baracca, the leading Italian ace, has brought down his 32d adversary, according to a dispatch from the Italian front to the Temps.

He shot down the leading airplane of an enemy squadron.

WAR HONOR GIVEN WILSON

President Honorary Member of Great Military Society.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Honorary membership in the military order of foreign wars of the United States was conferred on President Wilson today by a committee of the New York commandery.

GERMAN CITIES RAIDED FROM SKY

Ten Allied Airmen Hurl Bombs Upon Landau.

COLOGNE DEATH LIST LARGE

Mannheim-Metz Railway Station Smashed.

LIEGE DISTRICT ATTACKED

German Aviators Again Menace Paris From Clouds, but Are Driven Off — Long-Range Guns Resume.

AMSTERDAM, May 28.—Nineteen bombs have been dropped on Landau, Germany, by 10 allied airmen, the Tageblatt, of Berlin, reports.

The garrison headquarters and private houses are said to have been damaged.

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FRENCH COMPOSERS AIDED

President Wilson Extends Copyright Privilege to Allied Nation.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—In a proclamation under the copyright law of 1909, President Wilson today gave to citizens of France the right to copyright within the United States musical compositions by French composers and parts of musical instruments serving to reproduce mechanically musical composition.

France has extended similar rights to American citizens.

AVIATRIX EAGER TO FLY

Katherine Stinson, Wrecked in Potomato Patch, Repairs Plane.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 28.—After landing upside-down in a potato patch this morning, Katherine Stinson attached a new propeller to her aeroplane and made another test flight at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

She said that her fall, aside from marring the propeller, injured nothing but her pride.

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FRENCH HURL BIG RESERVES AT HUN

Furious Battle Centers West of Rheims.

VESLE CROSSING EFFECTED

Germans Throw 25 Divisions on Small Allied Force and Make Rapid Advance.

RETIREMENT IS ORDERLY

Tanks, Machine Guns and Poison Gas Shells Main Factors in Helping Enemy Gain.

PARIS, May 28.—The situation tonight is more reassuring. The latest advices from the front show that, while the violence of the enemy's effort as yet is unabated, he is only making headway on the center, and that even there the German momentum is giving signs of slackening. The allies are beginning to react with effect on the wings.

PARIS, May 28.—Heavy counter attacks by the French troops stopped the German advance on the heights of Neuville-sur-Margival and Vregny, northeast of Soissons, and other heights dominating the valley of the Vesle River, according to the War Office statement tonight. The Germans, however, succeeded in crossing the Vesle in the region of Bazoches and Fismes.

PARIS, May 28.—The Germans are trying to force a passage of the Vesle at Fismes, which is the center of most important communications, according to the Liberte correspondent at the front, who adds: "The battle is being fiercely contested with alternating fortunes. Our reserves are commencing to arrive south of the Vesle, and their effect is already felt at Fismes."

BERLIN, via London, May 28.—"We are now fighting for the Vesle sector, between Soissons and west of Rheims, and have captured the southern bank on both sides of Fismes," says the official report from headquarters tonight.

Success Is Claimed. "Our attack across the Aisne is being continued, and yesterday's successes have been further extended. "Up to the present 15,000 prisoners are reported."

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—At least 25 German divisions today joined in the attack and forced further back the French and British divisions holding the line. Tanks, machine guns and poison gas shells were the principal factors in the successful advance, said from the numerically superior force of the Germans.

Notwithstanding the smallness of the allied armies they did their utmost to stave the immense push of the enemy troops, 10 times their number. The German advance, which was one of the most rapid since the beginning of the war, could not be held, however, as wave after wave in dense lines came forward.

Reserves Hurry to Front. The western allied flank has maintained its positions well, and reserves are hurrying toward the danger point of the greatest advance. The retreat of the French and British was made in orderly fashion, the troops destroying their material as they left, or taking it along with them. The army staff still retains the fullest confidence in the outcome of the battle.

As was foreseen, the entente allied troops were compelled to cede ground yesterday in the Champagne before the massed German attack, but they retired in perfect order. The Germans, executing a repetition of their tactics of March 21, yesterday threw overwhelming forces which they had brought forward during the night onto the lightly held position extending from the westward end of the Chemin-des-Dames to Courcy, near Brimont. At least 25 selected German divisions participated in Monday's onslaught. Among them were two guard divisions. The attack was

