

50 MILES SLASHED FROM FOE'S FRONT

Allied Successes Make Great Showing; Salients Are Flattened Out.

32 U. S. DIVISIONS ABROAD

Shipping Board's Deliveries Not Yet Abreast of Demands of Enlarged Programme—Some Vessels Are Chartered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Allied successes on the Marne, in Picardy and in Flanders have resulted in a contraction of the western battle front by more than 50 miles, General March announced today.

The allies in engagements conducted this week, he said, have maintained their possession of the initiative by making attacks on limited fronts and at widely separated points.

At the beginning of the German offensive in March the battle front in France measured 250 miles. Today it is less than 200 miles in length, and the latest British gains are reducing it further.

Foe Hard Hit in Flanders.

General March said he was without official confirmation of the results of the British advance north of the Scarpe and therefore would refrain from comment.

Summarizing the results of recent operations, he pointed out that the Flanders salient had been driven back by the enemy retreating from one to two miles on a 14-mile front; on the plains of Roye the line had been put well back of the old 1916 and 1917 line, and between the Aisne and the Oise the French have carried the line forward four miles to the plains surrounding the city of Reims, which is only four miles beyond.

Sharp Salient Disappears.

Capture of the town of Frapelle in the Vosges, the chief of staff said, has resulted in the elimination of a very sharp salient.

This operation was carried out by the Fifth American Division of regulars, which has been under Major-General John E. McMahon.

Thirty-two American divisions have arrived in France, General March said. They are the First to Sixth, inclusive, of regulars; the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd and 93rd National Army.

Division Stations Given.

The chief of staff said that the 26th National Guard and 90th National Army divisions, including many Texans, reached France between July 30 and August 12 and have been in training. The 90th, he said, has not yet reached the front line.

The 26th National Guard Division (New England), which participated in numerous attacks near Chateau Thierry and which aided in the capture of the towns of Torcy and Belleau, was relieved from its position on the Marne front on July 22 and is now back of the lines for recuperation.

Seventy-Seventh Not in Italy.

General March corrected a report that the 77th Division (troops of New York City and vicinity) was being sent to Italy. It was last reported, he said, in the Vosges.

General March said the 76th Division (New England and New York National Army) now is serving as a depot division and is stationed in a back area.

The 80th Division (Pennsylvania and Virginia National Army) is serving with the British in Flanders.

Transportation of troops under the enlarged military programme is dependent, in the main, upon ability of the government to secure adequate shipping, General March said.

While the Shipping Board's deliveries were constantly growing, more tonnage will have to be chartered and hired to carry out the present schedule.

General March mentioned, incidentally, that Brazil had given the United States a vessel for two trips without compensation.

COLONIAL QUESTION VEXES

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Understanding of peoples, good will and fair play in international relations, but whose political creed broke down under the experiences of the war.

Where does the blame lie? Nowhere but in the spirit which animates our enemies—that spirit which is a dishonor and has turned to scorn the grand ideal of a league of nations by a simultaneous demand for commercial war against Germany.

"If I believed that the spirit which at present seems to prevail in England and which speaks clearly in Mr. Balfour's speech and which was manifested against us in the Pemberton-Billing case—if I had to believe that this spirit would always have the upper hand in England then I also would advocate that the war should be fought to the death."

"I am, however, firmly convinced that before the end of the war comes, an intellectual revolution must and will ensue against this kind of spirit. Otherwise the realization of a league of nations remains a Utopian war aim."

Referring to Mr. Balfour's second charge, he said:

"This is directed against our eastern policy. To this I reply that the Brest-Litovsk peace came about by agreement between the Russian and German governments that the frontier people of Russia, after centuries of oppression, should be permitted to live their own national life, for which object they had been striving. This agreement on the fate of the border peoples is a fact of world importance which never can be erased from history."

Treaty Declared Preliminary.

"Not about the aim, but about the ways and means leading to conferring their own national life upon these peoples did the Russian and German conceptions differ. Our conception was and is that the path to freedom shall not lead through anarchy to wholesale murder. Between the first bursting of the bonds and full capability for self-determination of the border peoples there lies a natural transitory period. Until the regulation forces should cooperate in the various countries, Germany felt called upon to protect these communities in their own, as well as in the general interest, as indeed she has been called upon to do by both national majorities and minorities."

"The Brest-Litovsk peace is a framework, and the picture which is to appear within is only sketched in rough lines."

England's Attitude Attacked.

"England forfeited the right to act as moral champion of the Russian border states in their unparalleled time of suffering. During the war they repeatedly appealed to England for help. It was always denied them."

Dr. Solf said there was a time when England combatted Germanism in Russia more bitterly than any nation, but he added, "when in the course of the war in Eastern Russia the oppressed people were plundered and murdered, England remained mute and before the world excused and falsified the facts about the conditions in Russia. Thus, thanks to England's moral support, Russia committed murders on an unparalleled scale without interference from the conscience of the world. The record of stolen goods cannot be the judge."

British Declared Selfish.

He declared that England's attitude toward Russia was merely selfish.

"The recognition of the Czech-Slovak—those landless robber bands—as an allied power is the logical keystone of the singular structure of Anglo-Russian friendship."

"The economic distress in the territories occupied by us is undoubtedly great, but it is cynicism when England launches this because her hunger blockade is directed against the occupied territories just as it is directed against us, against neutrals and against the whole world."

Dr. Solf denied that Germany had ill-treated Finland and the Baltic provinces and said that not a single soldier of those countries had been forced to fight for Germany's cause.

U. S. WITH ALLIES TO END, SAYS READING

British Ambassador, Back in London, Tells of War Spirit in America.

AMERICAN IDEALS LOFTY

Diplomat Denies Report That He Had Returned to England to Draft Offensive and Defensive Alliance.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Lord Reading, the British Ambassador to the United States, was the guest of honor today of the American Luncheon Club.

Lord Reading, after referring to the success of his mission in America as due to the generous good will of the United States, expressed his thanks for that country's tribute of high admiration for the efforts Great Britain had made in the war and the valor and heroism of her soldiers and sailors.

When he first visited America, in 1915, he found the country neutral, but sympathetic. On his second visit he found America at war, and added:

"When the history of the war comes to be written as to the part America played, very high will rank the achievements of the Administration and legislature which passed the selective draft."

Nation Thoroughly Awakened.

On his third visit he found that preparations were proceeding with redoubled energy. He declared that the events in the beginning of March had awakened America, and added:

"I shall never be able to give expression to the sympathy shown."

When the demand for men was made, that which seemed an impossible thing became a living thing almost as soon as put forward. At the same time the British found ships, cost what it may. Whatever else might happen America would always be entitled to the gratitude of Great Britain and France.

Lord Reading reminded his audience of the change that had taken place in the situation at the front since America entered the war. No American would want him to say America did it all, he said, but an American would want him to pay equal credit to the French and British and Italians.

Just Cause Gains Support.

"Too many in the past have been inclined to think Americans materialists, whereas Americans are ready to sacrifice everything for an ideal, provided the cause is noble and just," he declared.

He said he did not believe there was any room for criticism of America because she had not entered the war sooner, for the head of the Nation did not feel that the time was ripe or was not ready to take the responsibility until the Nation had made up its mind.

Now that America was in the war one of the other of the world ideas must survive.

One thing that impressed any visitor to America, continued the Ambassador, was the all-abiding faith in democracy, the unalterable opposition to autocracy, the existence of which Americans hold means war.

America Not to Turn Back.

"No democracy ever sets out to plot for war," he said. "True to the American spirit," continued the speaker, "once they have entered upon a path there will never be any turning back. America is with you to the end, the only end possible; that is, until victory has been attained."

When the Ambassador denied the reports that he had returned to England to draft the terms of an offensive and defensive alliance between Great Britain and the United States the audience chorused: "Too bad! Too bad!"

"I want to say a word about the good service Germany has done as Germany has taught us to know the good in our own people. We knew it but did not realize it."

Robbers Get \$15,000

OFFICES AT ABERDEEN AND HOQUIAM LOOTED.

Liberty Bonds, War Stamps, Money and Jewels Are Taken by Thieves From Several Safes.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Liberty bonds, war stamps, jewels and money estimated at \$15,000 were stolen between Saturday night and Monday morning from safes in the offices of Bridges & Bruener, lawyers, and Ralph D. Emerson in Hoquiam.

The burglars escaped, apparently without leaving a clue.

The first of the series of burglaries reported to the police was that of the office of Bridges & Bruener in the Hayes & Hayes Bank building. Here the burglars secured unregistered liberty bonds and war savings stamps totaling \$4000 and a collection of jewelry belonging to Mrs. Bridges, comprising a number of valuable rings and jewels. The total haul from the Bridges & Bruener office is estimated at \$6000 to \$7000. Both Bridges and Bruener were out of the city. Mr. Bruener left Sunday to enter the Naval officers' training camp at Seattle, while Bridges was away on legal business.

At the office of the Saginaw Timber Company, where the robbery was not discovered until yesterday, \$2000 in liberty bonds and war savings stamps belonging to the company and to members of the office force who had brought their training camp at Seattle, were taken by the burglars.

The robberies in Hoquiam, executed within a short time of those here, in the same manner, brought the thieves about \$2500 from the office of Ralph D. Emerson and a small sum of money from the Morgan & Brewer safe. In Mr. Emerson's safe a \$1000 liberty bond was overlooked. The manner in which the robberies were carried out points to the work of expert rogues.

CHINESE WOMAN ATTACKED

Oriental Attempts to Kill Mrs. Kwong Wing Chong With Ax.

What is believed may be the forerunner of another long war took place in Chinatown last night when a Chinaman holding a short-handled ax in one hand broke through a window at the residence of Mrs. Kwong Wing Chong at 2724 Taylor street and attempted to kill her. "I'll get you yet," screamed the frenzied celestial as he brandished the ax.

Mrs. Kwong screamed for her husband, who was in an adjoining room, and he immediately came to the rescue. Her husband grasped a chair to combat the intruder and he escaped through the open window and over the roof of an adjoining laundry.

Yakima Labor Protests.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—The Yakima Trades and Labor Assembly has adopted a protest against the "Prussianizing" of American labor by the proposed war-draft amendment to the new draft law and has wired the protest to the two Washington Senators and the chairman of the Senate and House military committees.

Aid for Armenians Urged.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—J. J. Handsaker, of Portland, Northwestern secretary of the Armenian-Syrian war fund, addressed an audience of South Bend people at the Commercial Club Monday night on the atrocities committed by the Turks and Germans on Armenians, and the urgent need of America's sending funds to that stricken country.

Army Trucks Damage Pavement.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Army trucks that have been hauling spruce logs from the Warren Spruce Company camps near this city have damaged the pavement on Water street, and some of the business buildings on that street have also sustained damage from vibration, as the heavy loaded trucks passed along the street. The City Council has instructed the City Attorney to ask the Warren Spruce Company for compensation, and have the routing of the trucks changed.

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