

GREAT GUN BUILT IN HOPE OF ENDING WAR

Berlin Reports of March 31
Tell of Wonders Expected
From Long-Range Fire.

LIMIT ON SHOTS ADMITTED

Paris Describes Destruction of Two
of Three Monster Cannon by
Means of Aircraft—One
Yet Operating.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The German people are informed that the long-range gun now being constructed in the department of firearms since the invention of powder, in an eulogistic article sent out by the official German press and published in the newspapers under a Berlin date on March 23. The Cologne Gazette of March 21 says:

"The 21st of March, 1918, brought the technical wonder of the 120-kilometer cannon and, with it, the beginning of a new era in the history of the construction of cannon which may be of great importance in the course of the war and perhaps for peace."

"New that the possibility of such technical achievement has been demonstrated, there will not be much to prevent the great belligerent nations from manufacturing cannon. Of course, such giant cannon will be the exception in artillery equipment, for they are expensive, heavy and probably may be used only for a limited number of shots."

PARIS, April 27.—A description of the destruction by French artillery of one of the long-range cannon with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris is published today by the Petit Parisien.

"All the signs that Bertha (a French nickname for the big German gun, referring to Bertha Krupp) was going to fire had been noticed. The smoke curtain had gone up. All around there was a chorus of loud reports. Undoubtedly Bertha and a number of naval guns were firing simultaneously to disguise the whereabouts of the big cannon."

"After a short pause the firing was resumed. This time 10 naval guns supplied the barrage. French air observers were on the lookout, however, and French guns opened fire in their turn. The aviators signalled quickly that the result of the first salvo was most promising. Two heavy shells exploded 250 yards north of the big gun, setting up the railroad tracks leading to the concrete gun platform. The firing was continued, getting closer and closer until finally two enormous shells went through the camouflage. Two formidable explosions were heard and the discomfited Germans saw Bertha damaged beyond the point of repair. A rent 60 feet long in the barrel. The aviators reported that they could see plainly through the camouflage two gaping craters in the platform."

"French gunners then set about preparing to destroy the third Bertha, but thus far they have not succeeded, for shells arrived in Paris again during the small hours of the night."

LONG-RANGE GUN IS BOOMING

Official Statement Refers to But
One Weapon Used by Germans.

PARIS, April 27.—The long range gun continued last night to fire upon the Paris district, says an official announcement. "There were no victims."

It is noted that the official statement continues to speak of but one weapon employed in the bombardment, using the word "gun" in the singular number.

SEYDLER CABINET HATED

ANOTHER MINISTERIAL CRISIS IM-
MINENT IN AUSTRIA.

Food Policy Condemned as Being of In-
sufficient and Tactless Kind by
Christian Socialists.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The possi-
bility of a ministerial crisis in Austria
is related in an official dispatch from
Vienna today which says:

"The German supporters of the govern-
ment, which till now were the
Christian Socialists and the union of
German parties, seem to have been
changed and they appear to wish to
pass over to the opposition. The Chris-
tian Socialists are irritated by the
measures taken by the Seydler cabinet
in what concerns food supplies. They
condemn the requisitions propo-
sed to be made among the peasants
and they declare that the food policy
of Von Seydler is both insufficient and
tactless. The president of the council
should have, in their opinion, obtained
from Hungary larger concessions."

"It is considered certain all the Slav
parties will remain with the govern-
ment. The government has no longer a single
partisan in parliament. The whole
question is to know whether it will re-
sign or whether it will obtain from the
Emperor the dissolution of the Cham-
ber."

"On the other hand a telegram from
Zurich says that, according to infor-
mation received from Vienna through the
Lokal Anzeiger, the Seydler cabinet
appears to have decided to resign as a
body. The question is whether the Em-
peror will accept the resignations."

KANSAS TORNADO IS FATAL

Two Persons Reported Killed and
Several Families Are Homeless.

PITTSBURG, Kan., April 27.—Two
persons were killed, several families
homeless and several thousand dollars' damage done by a tornado that swept
across Crawford County, Kansas, early
today.

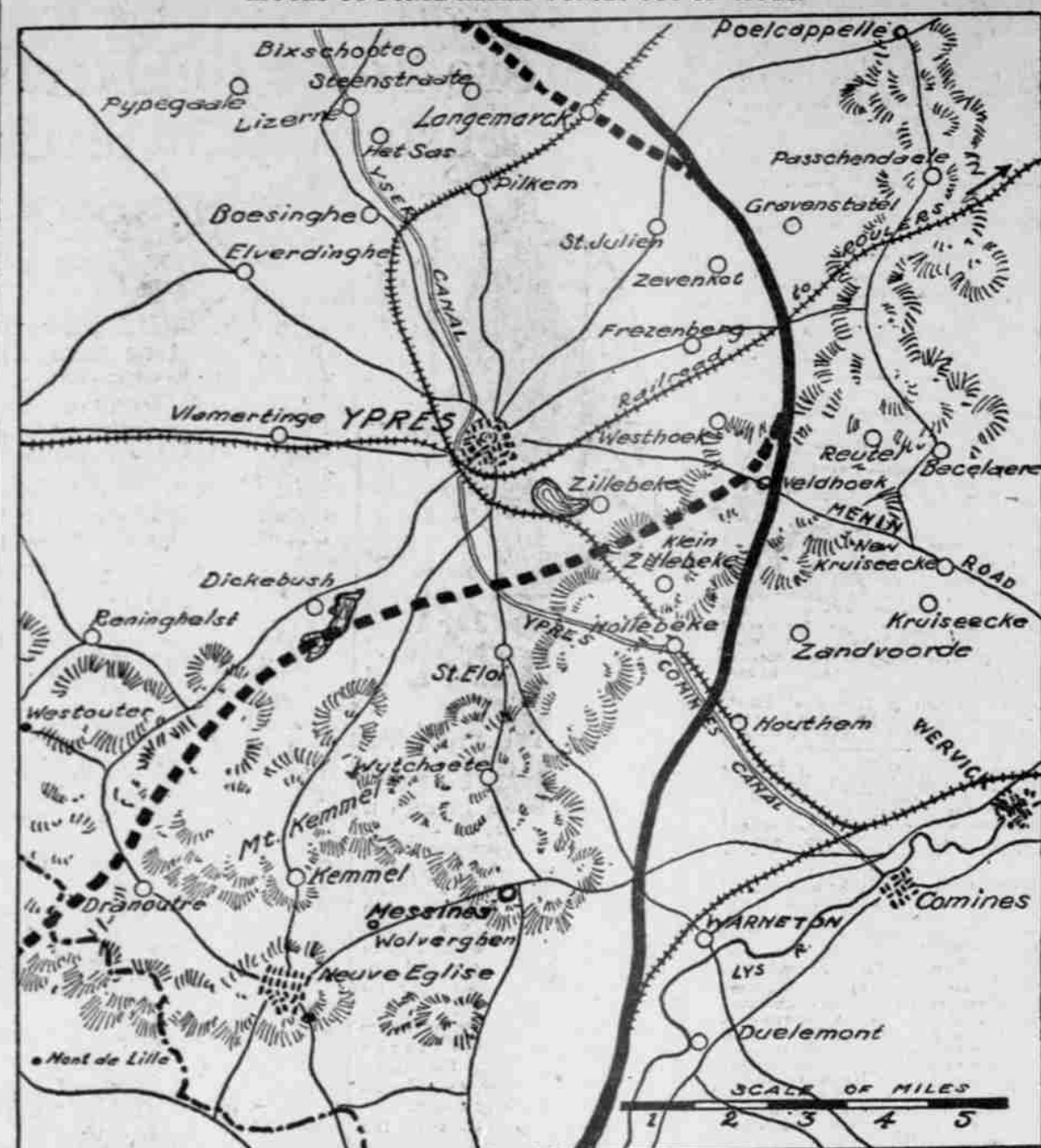
Austrian Censorship Busy.

LONDON, April 26.—A Reuter dis-
patch from Stockholm says the Austrian
censorship is suppressing reports of
the Jewish Pogrom in Cracow.

On account of the scarcity of kero-
sene and other means of making light,
the Danish government is purchasing
400 tons of tallow from which it ex-
pects to make 3,000,000 candles, to be
distributed at about 40 cents per pound.
The few candles that may now be found
on the Copenhagen market are sold at
about 20 cents each, or 22 to 24 per
pound.

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MAP SHOWING AREA IN YPRES SECTOR WHERE GERMANS ARE LAUNCHING HEAVY ATTACKS IN
EFFORT TO FORCE ALLIED FORCES OUT OF YPRES.



Heavy Black Line Indicates Allied Positions Before Latest German Offensive. Dotted Line Shows Approximate Battle Line Today. Mont Kemmel and Kemmel Village, in the Lower Left of Map, is Where Most Severe Struggle Has Taken Place Within Last Two Days. By Mont Kemmel's Capture the Germans Are Enabled to Dominate Flanders Plain.

ALLIES HALT ENEMY

Immediate Success in Ypres
Sector Seems Thwarted.

WITHDRAWAL IS PREDICTED

Some Military Experts Point Out
That British May Readjust Line
So as to Eliminate Awkward
Salient North of Kemmel.

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As a whole, does not seem to be a particularly happy one from the allied viewpoint. The scheme of the entire high command, however, it is pointed out, does not appear to be particularly regarded of the map except where vital positions are threatened and confidence is expressed in the unified leadership to keep the situation well within their grasp on the northern as well as the southern battle front.

In the south, indeed, below the Somme, new evidence has been given of the strength of the allied position through the continued progress of the battle and the success of the French in again forcing their way into Hanard and again forcing themselves of other valuable ground in this region.

Hun Progress Is Slow.

The Germans, as the week closed, were virtually no nearer their objective, the allied base at Amiens, than they were before their smashing attack on Wednesday night. The German gunners, but up to noon today the enemy had made no further attacks in this region. General von Arnim was busy consolidating the positions won yesterday and reorganizing his forces for a new drive against the other hills held by the allies west of Kemmel.

German Losses Heavy.

The German commander will have to bring up fresh troops for further operations, for the casualties suffered by the enemy yesterday were exceedingly heavy. Proof of this was given by the distressing sight on the battle field of the German gunners, who were struggling during yesterday's attacks by the enemy one British brigade inflicted four times as many losses as they themselves suffered.

The proportion might not hold good for the whole sector, but certainly the German losses were excessive at many points. At Loos, which the French recaptured last night and where the fighting raged most of the day, the number of German dead was very large.

General von Arnim employed about 10 divisions in yesterday's assault, five of which were fresh troops. This meant that a front of about 10,000 yards, between Dranoutre and Hanard, the allies had a total of 120,000 troops against them. One of the new German divisions arrived at Kemmel from Verdun April 24.

French Make Advance.

The French in last night's operations not only drove the Germans from Loos, but took Hoepel and Loos farm, both strong points lying to the southeast of the village. Loos was one of the most hotly contested points along the front.

The allied attack south of Villers-Bretonneux yesterday gave rise to very heavy fighting. Some progress was made toward reclaiming this position, which the enemy held as a result of the German push on Wednesday. The enemy, in a counter-attack, threw themselves against the French division seven times without being able to get forward.

The British today had nearly 900 German prisoners in the cages as a result of other counter-operations which began Wednesday night. The

British yesterday also took several hundred in the fighting north of Kemmel.

General von Arnim, commander of the German troops in the Ypres sector, paused last night in his drive against the entire allied territory about Kemmel, undoubtedly to enable the reorganization of his forces for a fresh attack. German artillery continues to hammer the defending positions, but during the early hours today no fresh German offensive in this region was recorded.

Lull Comes in South.

The southern battle field was comparatively quiet last night, except for the incessant drizzle of heavy guns. The Germans today were holding Mont Kemmel, Kemmel Village and Dranoutre in force, and the battle lines were drawn up east of Mont Rouge, Scherpenberg Hill, La Clette and Dikchunck Lake.

It is obvious the capture of Kemmel and the surrounding territory presents a serious threat against the allied defenses in the north.

New Hun Attack Impends.

It would be more serious if General von Arnim should succeed in his apparent attempt to take Scherpenberg, Mont Rouge, Mont Des Cats and the other elevations in the chain of which Mont Kemmel is a part. Another enemy blow against these defenses may be expected at any time.

The fighting yesterday between Dranoutre and the Ypres-Comines Canal was intense. The day opened with the allies under the impression that the positions they gained on Thursday, and this move was followed quickly by another German attack. By 9 o'clock the fighting was raging furiously all along the line.

The contest between Loos and La Clette, in front of Scherpenberg, was particularly fierce, for this elevation was one of the main German objectives. Three times the enemy troops were flung forward in force, and each occasion they were thrown back. The fourth assault, however, carried them into Loos.

Further desperate attempts by the enemy to break through in front of Scherpenberg failed and he suffered losses. The attacks along the Ypres-Comines Canal were continued throughout the day and the enemy pushed forward to the region of Voormezele.

LOSS OF KEMMEL HEAVY BLOW

London Papers Think Withdrawal
From Ypres May Be Necessary.

LONDON, April 27.—Commenting on the Flanders battle in serious tone, the morning newspapers contend that the situation imposes upon Great Britain the necessity of putting forth the utmost effort, especially of furnishing more men to supply the wastage in the ceaseless fighting.

"We are faced with a crisis more perilous and momentous than any that has hitherto arisen, even in the appalling war," writes the military correspondent of the Daily Telegraph.

"Possession of the Channel ports by the enemy would make our task land and sea infinitely more intricate and costly."

The Daily News in an editorial says

the situation has changed seriously for the worse in the past two days and that the German drive toward the Channel is a matter of serious concern. Nevertheless, it regards the situation as in no wise yet stabilized and says that if the Germans mean to break through they must do it quickly before American reinforcements finally turn the tide.

The Daily Chronicle thinks that Ypres could be held despite the loss of Mont Kemmel, but the tenure would be costly and precarious. It hopes that it will be found possible to dislodge the enemy, as at Villers-Bretonneux.

Otherwise, it says, a further withdrawal of the Ypres line may be desirable. The Chronicle contends, however, that the present value of Ypres is only secondary.

The Daily Mail says it would be folly to minimize the success the enemy has achieved, and if the loss of Kemmel should prove permanent the difficulty in holding Ypres would be increased materially. It concludes by urging the necessity of maintaining the supply of men.

LANE DRAFT MEN ENTRAIN

Thousands Cheer as 39 Registrants
Depart for Camp Lewis.

EUGENE, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Hundreds of Lane County citizens crowded the Southern Pacific Station platform for almost two hours tonight awaiting a belated train to carry the largest draft increment yet taken from Lane County, numbering 39 men, to Camp Lewis, Wash., where they will enter the National Army.

The boys were in fine spirits and were cheered to the echo as they started on their way to the front in the war for liberty. Some of the recruits traveled more than 100 miles by stage and train in reaching the city, following the receipt of orders to en-
train.

A dinner was served to the men at a local restaurant, after which they marched to the depot in a body.

COOS SENDS 23 SOLDIERS

Twelve of Quota Are From Marsh-
field, Two Being Newly Married.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Twenty-three embryo soldiers departed from Coos County this morning on the Coos Bay Limited, en route to Camp Lewis. Twelve of the quota were from Marshfield.

George M. Carr, newly wedded, only arrived home last night from his honeymoon trip. Mrs. Carr is a deputy in the City Recorder's office. Ernest Lloyd, principal of the Prosper School, was a member of the party. He was married last summer. Mrs. Lloyd assumed his place in the schoolroom when her husband departed. The "23 for Uncle Sam" will reach Tacoma tomorrow morning.

Professor G. A. Clark Dead.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 27.—Professor George Archibald Clark, academic secretary of Leland Stanford University since it was founded in



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1891, died at his home here early today. He was 53 years of age. Professor Clark gained note as a special government investigator of the fur industry in Alaska.

Merchant Undergoes Operation.

Mark Gill, senior member of the firm of J. K. Gill & Company, underwent a serious operation at St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday. Dr. J. D. Sternberg operated and expressed his opinion last night that Mr. Gill would recover, although his condition was still serious.

Montana Forts to Be Hospitals.

BUTTE, Mont., April 27.—Red Cross officials here were notified from Washington today that the War Department has decided to use Fort William Henry Harrison at Helena, and Fort Missoula at Missoula, for base hospitals for the reclamation of Pershing's casualties.

Embezzling Censor Sentenced.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Corporal Wilbur L. Judd, of the Army censorship department here, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at McNeil's Island today in the United States

District Court, after he had pleaded guilty to embezzling more than \$7000 from letters.

11 AMERICANS WIN CROSS

Gallant Service by Ambulance Men
Rewarded in France.

PARIS, April 27.—Eleven American ambulance men have won the war cross by gallant services performed during the battle now in progress.

Lieutenant Ralph Richmond, commanding section 412, with Sergeant Junius Beebe, G. I. Harris, Henry K. James, E. A. Littlefield and John J. Frenning were cited in eulogistic terms for carrying away wounded men from positions right up against the enemy's lines under the heaviest fire.

Charles A. Reed, of section 525; Henry W. Holman, Johnson N. Hunsberger, Jr., and Hobart S. Puryski, of section 504, and Jesse M. Barby, of section 501, were cited in regimental orders for courage displayed on April 6.

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