

YANKS DEFEAT ON TO TURN TIDE

General Bridges, of British Mission, Foresees Struggle of Long Duration.

HUNS SEEK THREE THINGS

Military Expert Says Germans Are After Paris and Channel Ports. Also Hope to Drive Wedge Through Allied Armies.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—American troops have become a vital factor in the great battle in France and have held the balance between defeat and victory, General Bridges, head of a special British military mission to the United States, said here tonight in discussing the renewal of the German drive.

The objectives now before the Germans, the general said, appear to be threefold—the capture of Paris, the division of the main allied armies by an advance through Amiens and the capture of the channel ports.

Enormous Forces Aid. In concealing their preparations so as to make a surprise attack, General Bridges said, the Germans were aided probably by four factors—their preponderant number of divisions, a good railway system, the proximity of woods to the first objectives, where large numbers of troops could be concealed, and the fact that this front long has been organized for attack.

While now on a narrow and dangerous salient, said the general, the Germans will be in a favorable position for advance on Paris should they be successful in pushing out the west leg of the salient and joining it up with the Amiens salient. That, he said, appeared to be their intention as they could be expected to call a halt at the Marne.

Northern Drive Expected.

The allies must now be prepared either to see the offensive resumed in the north, continued General Bridges, or else to see German divisions from the north sent down to exploit the new success. The battle, he added, is likely to continue for weeks and will become a long drawn-out struggle of man power with the first duty of the allies to husband their resources by giving ground for men where possible.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Members of the Senate military committee at their weekly conference today with War Department officials were told by General March, acting chief of staff, that opinion here is that the Germans have reached their present objective—the Marne—and that they probably now will dig in and prepare for a later drive, perhaps on Paris.

With the Germans within 45 miles of Paris the situation, Senators were told, is serious. Military experts were told, he advised, are a unit in realizing the dangers confronting the allies.

Experts Admit Surprise.

The Senators were told that the rapidity of the German advance since their offensive began last Monday was unexpected by military and allied military experts. Twenty German divisions, it was said, were thrown against seven of the allies. The territory taken during the last few days had been regarded as easily defended and a comparatively small force had been left to hold it.

Success of the enemy was ascribed by the war council largely to improved use of gas shells. Although few new types of gas offensive have been developed, the Senators were told, the Germans are employing formerly-used types to much better advantage, using nine-inch gas shells to shell territory from seven to eight miles back of the allied lines. This, it was explained, forced an extensive retreat. The French, it was said, found their second line eight miles to the rear untenable.

More Troops Needed.

Present enemy successes and prospective renewal of the offensive, the Senators were informed, emphasizes the necessity for urgent transportation of American forces abroad. The quarters for shipment of men in May was exceeded, the Senators were told. More than 20,000 Americans—and these, exceeding the number of men fighting men which has been 60 percent—were sent. In June it was planned to send even larger numbers with large percentages of combatant troops.

None of the Americans, the military committee was advised, will be sent into active service until after expiration of at least 30 days' further training abroad.

J. W. SCOTT TEXTILE CHIEF

Chicagoan Heads New Division of War Industries Board.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—John W. Scott, of Chicago, was appointed today chief of a newly created textile division of the War Industries Board. Appointment of Malcolm Donald, of Boston, as acting chief of the division and equipment department of Army Quartermaster Corps was announced today. He will relieve Albert L. Scott, head of the division, who retires to obtain a rest.

Club In New Quarters.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 1.—(Special.)—The Vancouver Commercial Club is now in its new home, in the Oddfellows' building. The quarters occupied since 1905 by the Commercial Club, through its different phases of organization, being shown for various times as the Columbia Club, the Commercial Club, the Chamber of Commerce and at present as the Commercial Club again, are to be converted into store buildings. They are owned by the local Elks' lodge. The new rooms in which the local civic organization is quartered are located farther down town and have been thoroughly renovated and modernized. A spacious meeting place for all civic organizations is provided.

Northwest Men Commissioned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 1.—Robert W. Bell, of 574 East Twenty-first street, Portland, completing a course at Rockwell Field, California, has been commissioned Second Lieutenant, Aviation Section, Signal Corps. James L. Wood, of Tacoma, has been commissioned First Lieutenant, National Army.

Contract Time Beaten.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 1.—Powder-making operations at the \$90,000,000 plant of the Du Pont Engineering Company, of Wilmington, Del., is building for the Government at Hadley's Bend, on the Cumberland River, started today three months ahead of contract time.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

French. PARIS, June 1.—The War Office statements today follow:

Night.—"The day was marked by a series of powerful attacks by the Germans along the whole front comprised between the Oise and the Marne. Our troops, after alternate advances and withdrawals, have given no ground except before forces superior in number, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"Between the Oise and the Aisne we withdrew our positions to the northern outskirts of Carpiquet wood, and on the heights west of Audignicourt as far as Fontenoy.

"All the enemy attempts west and south of Soissons as far north as Vézery were in vain.

"Further to the south the battle has taken on a character of particular violence on both sides of the Ourcq. The enemy is master of Chouy and Neuilly-Saint-Front.

"Our troops are maintaining the battle on the line of Villers-Nelton, Fauray, Priole, Mothiers and Etrepilly. We hold Chateau Thierry.

"On the north bank of the Marne there is no change. On our right in the region of the road between Dormans and Rheims we have maintained our positions, notably north of Ville-en-Tardenois, notwithstanding the continuous pressure of the enemy.

"The situation remains the same north and northwest of Rheims. South-east of that town a violent enemy attack, supported by tanks, drove us momentarily from Fort Pompelle, on the railroad, but an immediate attack regained the position and re-established our positions entirely. We took more than 200 prisoners and four tanks.

"In May 31 aerial fighting continued along the battlefront. Our aircraft attacked with their usual dash enemy airplanes, 23 of which were brought down and 14 gravely damaged. Enemy captives, taken by four balloons, were harassed without respite, being forced frequently to make a landing. Their observation balloons were shot down and destroyed. Our observers have never ceased to mark out the enemy lines and send information to the commanders concerning enemy movements. They have carried out reconnaissances day and night as far as Vervins, Guise, Lecatue and Heron.

"Finally, in the entire battle zone our escadrilles have employed their machine guns in pushing out the west leg of the salient and joining it up with the Amiens salient. That, he said, appeared to be their intention as they could be expected to call a halt at the Marne.

British.

LONDON, June 1.—Field Marshal Haig's reports from British headquarters in France today read:

Night.—"In the course of the fighting in the neighborhood of Aveluy wood reported this morning, our troops advanced their line by successful local attacks and captured over 20 prisoners.

"On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides.

"The number of German prisoners captured by us during the month of May is 1158, including 29 officers."

Day.—"A hostile raid was repulsed last night east of Villers-Bretonneux. Local fighting has taken place to our advantage at Aveluy wood, north of Albert. A few prisoners have been taken by our troops in these encounters.

"The hostile artillery developed considerable activity early this morning in the Villers-Bretonneux and Hebutern sectors and has been active during the night south and west of Lens and in the neighborhood of Givency."

"Another air raid on the Marne has been made by British air squadrons, according to the official statement on aerial operations issued tonight by the War Office. The statement said that our aircraft have been harassing the enemy's balloons and have carried out much successful work yesterday. During the morning our long-distance bombing machines crossed the Rhine, and in spite of strong opposition from enemy aircraft dropped over a ton of bombs on the station at Karlsruhe. One machine failed to return.

"Another group of our airplanes have dropped a ton of bombs on the railway triangle of Metz-Sablon with good effect and without losses. During the course of the day 21 tons of bombs were dropped on different targets behind the enemy lines.

"Twenty German machines were destroyed in air fighting and three more of down out of control. One hostile machine was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. One of our machines is missing.

"During last night 15 tons of bombs were dropped by us on targets in enemy territory. Six tons were dropped on the Brussels docks and on the Zebrugge-Bruges canal. In addition, four tons were dropped on railway junctions and the stations at Metz-Sablon, Karlsruhe and Trier. All our night bombing machines returned.

"One German light bombing airplane was brought down in flames behind our lines."

American.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—General Pershing's reports to the War Department today follow:

"The day was quiet at all points occupied by our troops.

"Our aviators shot down a hostile machine."

Day.—"Section B.—The fact is now established that at least four distinct counter attacks on our new positions near Cantigny were made before noon May 30.

"The enemy airplane referred to as brought down in the communiqué of May 31 was an Albatross biplane, shot down at 1500 meters by Lieutenant Douglas Campbell in the region of Thout. Both pilot and observer were killed.

"In the Wever, in the early morning of May 21, a raid on the German lines was carried out by volunteers and technical detachments. The raiding party blew up 22 dugouts and a bridge, killed and wounded more than 20 of the enemy and brought back a captured machine gun."

Italian.

ROME, June 1.—The official communication issued by the War Office tonight reads:

"Between Lake Garda, the Adige and Asiatic plains and the front of the artillery duels at times were intense.

"The fire of the British batteries caused large conflagrations to break out in the enemy's depots at Tezze and Selva.

"At Baito, Monticello and Montecorno hostile patrols were dispersed by our fire. Four hostile airplanes were brought down."

"The officer hopes to secure a brief furlough in which to visit his mother, Mrs. A. Terry, in Portland. Lieutenant Terry, who was associated with Mr. Moser in law practice for more than three years, is a graduate of Oregon University and Harvard law school.

U. S. IS HUN NIGHTMARE

American Menace Looms and Boches Would Avoid Consequences.

PARIS, June 1.—The avoidance by the Germans of the use of the word "American" in the official announcement of the loss of Cantigny is widely commented upon in the French press.

"The inference, for insistent, after noting that the communiqué mentioned merely 'the enemy' as having occupied Cantigny, remarks that 'Americans' is a word the Germans dislike to pronounce."

"America," comments the newspaper, "is the great menace they are seeking to avoid. We, seeing the effect of the word on the Germans, rally closer around the device 'count on America.'"

SHORTAGE OF FUEL GREAT

London Advocates Setting Ahead of Clocks Two Hours Now.

LONDON, June 1.—The shortage of fuel continues so acute that the government is being urged to save another hour of daylight by putting the clock ahead a total of two hours during the Summer months.

Advocates also favor the abolition of street lighting during the Summer.

Lieutenant Roy K. Terry, of Portland, returned from France to act as instructor in field artillery.

CREEL DECLARES HE IS NO SOCIALIST

Censor Denies Employment of I. W. W. in Offices of Publicity Committee.

LOYALTY TO U. S. AVOWED

Report Made to Chairman Pou That 13 Division Heads in Public Information Bureau Are Republicans.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—In a letter to Chairman Pou of the House subcommittee today, George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, denies that he is a Socialist, and declares he is a Democrat.

No Industrial Workers of the World ever have been employed in the committee's offices, Creel asserts.

Creel defends articles written by him in 1910, which have been denounced as attacking the Constitution of the United States.

"The articles were written in 1910 in Colorado in support of the initiative, referendum and recall. Every word I wrote had the complete approval of Senator Thomas M. Patterson, owner of the paper, as fine and loyal as American as ever lived, and all three propositions were endorsed at the polls by large majorities."

Creel's apology recalled. Creel's letter was in response to a request made by Mr. Pou for information as to the personnel of the information committee staff. Mr. Pou's committee had before it a resolution for a Congressional investigation of Creel's speech in New York recently, in which Congress was attacked. Creel has since apologized for his remarks.

"I dissent absolutely from the fundamental tenets of the Socialist faith," says Creel, adding:

"Instead of holding a contempt for our form of government, I believe in it with all the strength of my being. Democracy is a religion with me, and throughout my whole adult life I have preached America as the hope of the world."

Political Activity Denied. There is no activity in the committee, Creel says, that is not open to Congress. The military intelligence service, he adds, makes continuous investigations of the committee personnel. His committee, he declares, has never mixed in politics.

Creel's detailed statement shows there are 26 division heads in the bureau, whose political affiliations are divided as follows: Democrats, 5; Republicans, 12; Independents, 8.

RECORD CROWD COMING

HUNDREDS OF VETERANS INQUIRE ABOUT G. A. R. CONVENTION.

Thousands Letters Asking Donations With Which to Provide Entertainment Are Being Sent Out.

Large numbers of letters requesting information regarding the Grand Army of the Republic National convention to be held at the Grand Hotel, June 24, are being received at G. A. R. headquarters in the Court House. Each letter tells that a veteran is looking forward to a great time.

The fact that Uncle Sam has offered reduced rates of one cent a mile to the Grand Army men is expected to bring an unusually large number of veterans to this year's gathering. Each of the 14 departments of the organization is to send a quota of representatives to the meeting.

About 1900 letters asking contributions from business men of the city to a fund to be used to provide entertainment and purchase souvenirs for the 25,000 to 40,000 veterans who are expected to attend, have been sent out by the committee in charge of entertainment.

The members of the general committee are: General Charles Beebe, chairman; George L. Baker, Rufus C. Holman, O. M. Clark, Timon H. Stevens, Julius A. Meier, director-general; A. L. Mills, treasurer, and Frank C. McCrill, secretary.

It is planned to open competition soon for a design for the official badge for the convention. About 2000 of them will be needed.

Dr. Mallory Denies Guilt.

Dr. W. E. Mallory, a naturopath, under indictment for an alleged criminal attack on a 17-year-old Sellwood girl, yesterday appeared before Presiding Judge Morrow and entered a plea of not guilty. He is at liberty under \$750 cash bail pending his trial, which is scheduled to come up at the coming term of the Circuit Court.

Policeman Sues for \$25,000. H. C. Bales, motorcycle policeman, yesterday started a personal injury suit against the Sterrett Packing Company, in which he demands \$25,000 in damages as the result of injuries sustained November 2, 1917, when he was struck by an auto truck owned and operated by the defendant company.

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