

BRITISH TAKE TOWN OF BULLECOURT AND LONG TRENCH WORKS

General Haig's Troops Break Deadlock in Spite of Terrific Resistance.

CEMETERY IS STORMED

Hindenburg Sends Men Against Guns in Massed Formation to Certain Death.

London, May 12.—(U. P.)—General Haig's troops broke a four day deadlock today and in a violent attack occupied Bullecourt village. They also took 1200 yards of trenches on the Arras-Cambrai road and stormed and carried German positions over a mile and a half front around Rouex cemetery.

"There was heavy fighting throughout the night," the British commander in chief reported tonight. "We established ourselves in the village of Bullecourt. Fighting continues."

Stretch of Trenches Carried.
"We captured 1200 yards of trenches astride the Arras-Cambrai road," the statement continues.

"Rouex cemetery was stormed. We carried positions over one and a half miles in this neighborhood today." The western British front is a swaying, swinging clinch between two great armies struggling for every foot of ground covered with the blood of those who have perished.

The deadly accuracy of the British artillery smashes reserves behind the line and tears holes in the advancing masses which Hindenburg is sacrificing to shake loose the British grip.

French Too. The French front the same sort of broken up fighting over a large part of the line raged today. There were no mass movements succeeding on either side, although General Nivelle's forces have succeeded in making slight advances and in consolidating their gains.

Bullecourt Regarded Key.

Bullecourt lies about nine miles southeast of Arras. For the past week it has been the center of fierce fighting. The Hindenburg line runs close by and the Germans, feeling the menace of the British thrust, have been continuously striving by counter-attack to press Haig's troops back. Two days ago the British official report declared the village was practically surrounded but the fighting continued unabated.

The Arras-Cambrai main road is about three miles north of Bullecourt. Guemappe, Monchy, Wancourt and Fontaine are all penetrated by this highway and the fighting for positions around these towns has been fiercer proceeding for a week. Three miles to the north of the road is Rouex, lying on the river Scarpe.

British Make Big Gains.

With the British Armies in the field, May 12.—(U. P.)—In the last few hours of daylight today British forces made important gains on both banks of the river Scarpe. About 600 Germans have so far been taken prisoners in this forward movement.

It was nasty fighting all through last night and today around Guemappe particularly Cavalry farm, near the town, was three times the scene of a struggling mass of men on both sides, in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. The British finally succeeded in overcoming the enemy and threw him back on a trench running nearly half a mile to the north.

The same swaying sort of battle was in progress at several other points on the line, the Germans losing heavily in their habitual fighting plan of hurling their troops forward in densely packed ranks.

Parral Is Occupied By a Villista Force

Carranzista Garrison of City Is Defeated and Retreats to Jimenez. Juarez Garrison Is Strengthened.

El Paso, Texas, May 12.—(U. P.)—A Villista force is in possession of the city of Parral, in Chihuahua state, as the result of a defeat inflicted upon a Carranzista garrison under General Ernesto Garcia, May 10, according to an official report of the battle reaching here tonight.

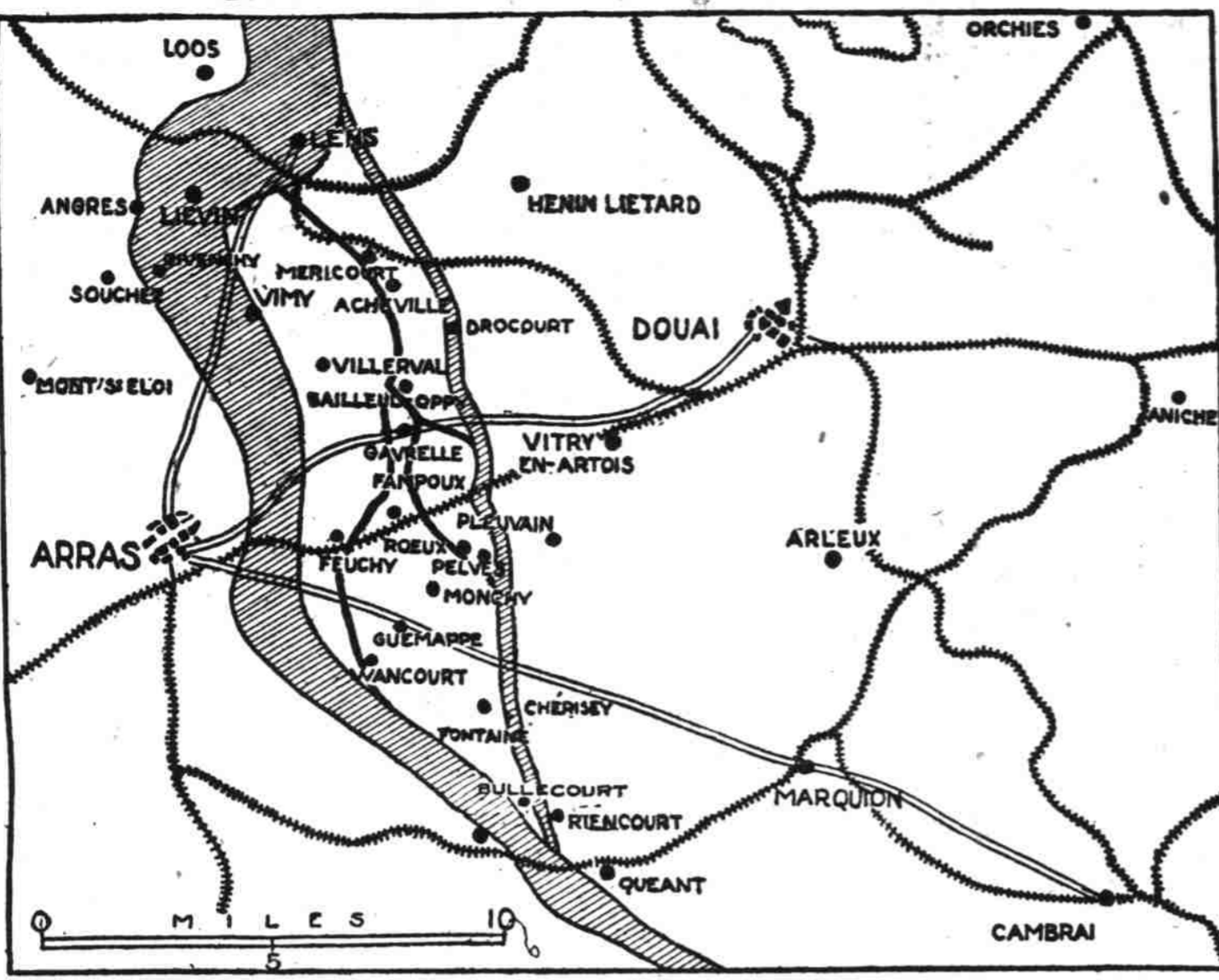
The report stated that the Carranzistas retreated to Jimenez after their defeat. The Villistas were commanded by Jual Beltran. No details of the number of troops engaged were included.

Fifteen hundred federal troops were added to the garrison at Juarez today. Several wounded Carranzistas, who said they participated in a battle between Salazar's Villistas and Carranzista forces near Ojinaga, crossed the border this morning, and applied for medical aid at the camp of the Thirty-fourth U. S. infantry, near Ruidoso Texas today.

5000 Miners Given Raise of 20 Per Cent

Denver, May 12.—(U. P.)—A 20 per cent wage increase, dating back to May 1 and affecting approximately 5000 miners, employees of the nine largest mines in the state, was announced here today. The increase is a result of a series of conferences between United Mineworkers' officials and company representatives. Other conferences scheduled are expected to result in a similar increase by additional independent mines.

MAP SHOWING ARRAS BATTLEFRONT



Yesterday's fighting along the Arras battlefront was featured by further advances by the British on the Arras-Cambrai road around Bullecourt.

FIRST STEP TOWARD PREPARING FOR TRADE-WAR IS TAKEN BY U. S.

Tariff Commission to Gather Data for Campaign to Follow Big Conflict.

Washington, May 12.—(I. N. S.)—The United States today took its first step toward preparing for the trade war that will follow the conflict with Germany.

The preliminary preparations for the commercial conflict will be in the hands of the recently appointed tariff commission. Its task will be to collect all information necessary to the mapping out of a plan of campaign. The campaign, itself, probably will be planned and directed by the federal trade commission.

Today the tariff commission announced the appointment of Commissioners Culbertson and Costigan as a "committee to make an investigation into foreign trade relations, commercial treaties and bargaining treaties." In the course of their investigation the two commissioners will visit practically all of the allied countries.

They will leave in June, the commission announced, for a trip that will take them to Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and China.

The action of the United States in preparing for a vigorous trade offensive at the end of the war is in line with similar action taken by all of the allied countries. It comes as the outgrowth of the series of conferences held by trade experts of the British and French war missions to the United States with American officials.

Purchasing Commission Planned.
Washington, May 12.—(I. N. S.)—The greatest purchasing commission in the history of the world will soon have its headquarters here. It will purchase all supplies needed for France, Italy and Great Britain. By so doing it is expected it will be possible to eliminate competition and keep prices below the prohibitive mark. A draft of the proposed agreement which creates the commission now is in the hands of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. It will be taken up with the British and French missions probably next week.

The allies will expend in this country all of the money that is to be loaned them by the United States. This money will go through the hands of the proposed commission.

Germany Becomes Isolated.

Amsterdam, May 12.—(U. P.)—Except between themselves and Switzerland, Holland and Scandinavia, the central powers are now entirely isolated from mail communication with the world. Berlin's announcement today that "owing to impossibility of safe communication," mail service has been discontinued with Spain, Mexico and Central and South America, put the final seal of isolation on the central power nations.

Deserter Talks Too Much.

San Francisco, May 12.—A recruiting officer approached John Donahue as a prospective recruit for the army.

"I have been in the army and they fed me on worms," concluded Donahue at the end of an oration in which he told of his disrespect for Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

COAL STRIKE DANGER AVERTED IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FIELDS

Department of Labor Says Miners to Remain at Work in Critical Time.

Washington, May 12.—(I. N. S.)—The department of labor this afternoon officially announced the danger of a strike in the central Pennsylvania coal field has been averted. In an official statement it is announced that an agreement to settle the points at issue has been reached and that the details now are being worked out.

The following statement was sent to upwards of 155 secretaries of local United Mine Workers' organizations in the central Pennsylvania district: "The miners of district No. 2 are hereby directed to continue at work by the committee and the department of labor. Your committee along with the department of labor represented by Secretary Wilson, has reached an agreement on the questions of car pushing and also on the question of brushing on the main lines. The details are now being worked out."

"The district committee and international representatives at Washington are unanimously in favor of the proposition."

"The government approves the settlement and requests the miners of central Pennsylvania to remain at work under the proposition." "The government represented by Secretary Wilson, wishes to impress upon the miners of district No. 2 the necessity of that field continuing operations at this critical time."

New Wage Scale Signed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 12.—(I. N. S.)—A new wage scale granting the men an increase of from seven to eight cents per ton on all coal mined was signed by the Southern Wyoming coal operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers of America today.

Corn Is Suggested For Use as Food

Washington, May 12.—(U. P.)—With a world wheat shortage the agricultural department today launched a country-wide propaganda urging general wartime use of corn on the table.

At present, only 10 per cent of the American corn output is utilized as human food. The rest is fed to cattle. Of this five per cent has been exported. Without seriously affecting the meat supply, it is believed, the present 200,000,000 bushels now annually used as food, could be many times multiplied. Corn substitutes—unsuitable for the table—it is pointed out, can, to a great extent, supplant corn as feed, at least during the war. There is virtually four times as much corn as wheat grown in the country—and the department wants more planted.

Circulars and posters describing various corn dishes and foods, will be circulated broadcast, bearing the slogan, "Eat more corn."

Ice Cream Cones for Hogs.

Chicago, May 12.—Morris & Co. is fattening its hogs on ice cream cones as an example for food economy. Corn costs about \$1.70 a bushel, while the cones were bought for \$25 a ton.

Japanese Enter Argentine Trade

Washington, May 12.—Additional competition for our new merchant marine has already established itself. Consular reports just received from Buenos Aires tell of the inauguration of a regular line of Japanese cargo steamers between Japan and Brazil and Argentina.

The Osaka Mercantile Steamship company of Tokyo protected the line, and one vessel, the Kasato Maru (820 tons) already is in service. The line will touch at Vladivostok, Chinese ports, Singapore, Durban and Cape Town, in addition to South American ports.

Brazilian ports are reported to have contracted for large numbers of Japanese colonists to help harvest the coffee crop.

Flypaper Export Prohibited.

London, May 12.—House files will stick around Sweden this summer. The Swedish government has prohibited the export of fly paper.

POISON OAK OR IVY NO LONGER TO BE DREADED

ANYONE who has ever experienced the tortures of poison oak or ivy will be grateful for the information that this extremely irritating annoyance is no longer to be feared. The itching, fever and irritation disappear almost like magic with a few applications of Santiseptic Lotion, and the eruption and redness of the skin soon follows. Timely use of Santiseptic will even prevent the poisoning in many cases. Santiseptic heals other skin irritations, such as sunburn, chaf-

WOMEN STUDENTS OUTNUMBER MEN

London, May 12.—One curious result of the war is seen in the fact that there are now more women than men students at the famous Aberdeen university, Scotland.

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