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HUNS TURN AGAINST FRENCH; BATTLE SLACKENS SLIGHTLY

ENGINEERS FROM U. S. AID BRITISH FIGHT HUN

Two Regiments of American Soldiers Are Helping to Stem Tide of German Onrush; Some Losses Very Likely Suffered.

American Guns Still Pouring Shells Into German Positions North of Toul; Explosions Are Observed When Shells Hit.

By Fred S. Ferguson
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, MARCH 25.—(U. P.)—Explosions were observed in the rear of the German lines north of Toul today, following American artillery fire.

There is considerable aerial activity and the enemy threw some gas shells into the American lines. This front is otherwise quiet.

American soldiers here are greatly interested in the German drive and wish they could share the brunt of the defense with the British.

A few companies of American engineers are already at the British front. It is believed possible they threw down their tools and fought with rifles as they did in the battles around Cambrai last November. Otherwise, the denial that Americans are engaged in resisting the German drive is reiterated.

Two Regiments Participating
By Carl D. Grant
Washington, March 25.—(U. P.)—American engineers have apparently

3D LIBERTY LOAN TOTALS 3 BILLION

Secretary McAdoo Fixes Amount of Bonds to Be Issued and Interest Rate at 4-1/4.

Washington, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—The third Liberty loan will total \$3,000,000,000 and pay 4 1/4 per cent, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced Monday, after a conference with Chairman Claude Kitchin of the house ways and means committee.

His decision came as a distinct surprise, the amount and the interest rate both falling below expectations. It had been expected the loan would total \$5,000,000,000 at least, but Mr. McAdoo pointed out war expenditures are falling below estimates, and the money market is in such condition that it will not be necessary to pay 4 1/2 per cent, as had been expected. The loan, Secretary McAdoo said, cannot fail to succeed.

People Will Respond
"I am sure the people will respond to the third Liberty loan with the same loyalty and enthusiasm that characterized their support of the first two loans. The great events now happening in France must fire the soul of every American with a new determination to furnish all the dollars and all the material resources of America that are needed to put an end to the execrable atrocities of German militarism."

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MAP TELLS STORY OF FIGHTING

THE WEST FRONT, showing the relation of Germany's attacks to the position of Paris. The heavy black line represents last year's battle line, while the heavy dotted line shows the positions of the armies at the opening of the present offensive. The light dotted lines represent the farthest advance of the Germans in 1914. The circle indicates a radius of 62 miles from Paris. The upper arrow indicates the salient pierced by the Germans near St. Quentin, the lower arrow the position of American forces.



BRITISH FACING FACTS SQUARELY

It Is Defeat but Not Disaster, Is Comment of Manchester Guardian.

By Ed L. Keen
London, March 25.—(U. P.)—Although Great Britain's traditional calmness is unperturbed and its confidence in Haig's ability to hold the enemy is unshaken, there is a general disposition to face facts squarely and not minimize the possibility of further retirement.

One of the frankest comments on the situation is that of the Manchester Guardian. "We have suffered a severe defeat, but we know how to draw a victory out of defeat," declared the Guardian. "But it is not a decisive defeat and won't be, as long as our alignment is maintained the enemy's advance, instead of being progressive, will be retarded."

"We have lost ground, but we are still far in advance of the positions which we held for two years. "It is a defeat but not a disaster; it is a time of great anxiety, but we are justified in awaiting the future with confidence."

New York Papers Comment
New York, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Editorial comment on the great German thrust on the West front here today struck a note of optimism, writers pointing out that the allies have withstood unprecedented concentrations of troops repeatedly in the past and that a drawn battle will be a German defeat. The World points out that again the German general staff is gambling on sheer weight of men and metal, and that so long as the allied line holds, nothing is lost.

"A drawn battle of the Somme would be a decisive defeat for the Germans," said the Times. "and the temper of their people at home would not endure another disappointment of their hopes." "The British front has been bent, but it has not been broken."

Division of Forces Criticized
London, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—The morale of the allied army remains high, said the Daily Chronicle. In an editorial today, "Their numbers so far have been economically used, but we could wish they were larger. What would we not give to have on the western front the large forces which have been held at Saloniki? The present ordeal, if it does nothing else, ought to bring home to the most skeptical the correctness of the western view of allied strategy."

Appeal to Munition Workers
London, March 25.—(U. P.)—Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, today appealed to munition workers not to cease work during the Easter holidays, in order to make good the expenditures on the Western front.

HINDENBURG IS PLAYING LEAPFROG WITH DEATH

By William Philip Simms
With the British Armies in the Field, March 25.—(U. P.)—The sixth day of the monster battle finds the British and Germans fighting like tigers across the famous Posieres ridge, which Haig wrested from Hindenburg in the fall of 1916. Furious fighting continues, the enemy throwing masses in the direction of Albert from the high ground around Montauban. Here the British machine gun positions, are resisting stubbornly.

The Germans also are thrusting westward from Nesle, attempting to drive a wedge there, but their progress continues slow. Allied Resistance Stiffens
The allied resistance is daily stiffening. The enemy is violently endeavoring to break through at three points—south of Arras, toward Albert and toward Noyon. Each sector is the scene of the heaviest fighting, night and day.

The Germans were reported today along a line through Logeastwood, Ligny-Thilley and Montauban, fighting madly toward the valley of the bloody Ancre. The weather continues fine, favoring the Germans. For a few hours,



DU PONTS BACK BIG PROPOSAL, REPORT

Proposed Giant Columbia River Shipyard, Would Use New Principle, It Is Said.

Washington, March 25.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—It is reported here that the investors who want to go into shipbuilding on an extensive scale on the Columbia river, and who were introduced to Senator McNary by a Delaware senator, are the DuPont interests of Delaware, one of the most powerful financial combinations in the country. This report tended to be confirmed by the announcement that the interests concerned are prepared to handle the machinery without complication to the government program.

Senator McNary is submitting a statement in their behalf to the shipping board to the effect that the ships proposed will be of an auxiliary type and will require nothing used in present marine engine work, such as boilers, steam piping and condensers, nor will they require smokestacks or coal-conveying machinery. The ships will lack propeller shafts and will be driven by internal combustion engines, driving electric generator motors operated on a new mechanical principle. Senator McNary is submitting these plans in the hope that permission will be given for starting the big development project which needs only the assurance that ships contracted for can be delivered when built.

Steel Mill Expected To Rise at Linnton

Indications that plans will be followed up for the erection of a steel roller mill near Linnton by the Pacific Coast Steel company is found in the filing for record Monday of a deed to 10 1/2 acres of land.

The land was bought from M. L. Holbrook, trustee for the former Merchants National bank, and F. J. Mann. The papers had been held in escrow until the full purchase price of about \$30,000 had been paid. The initial payment was \$10,000. The Pacific Coast Steel company bought five acres about a year ago. This tract adjoins the larger one. The original announcement of the transaction named in the deed just filed was reported in The Journal a year ago.

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NOYON EVACUATED DURING NIGHT; FRENCH HOLDING SOLIDLY ON LEFT BANK OF OISE; DELAY HUN DRIVE

Fighting is dying down east of Albert and Roye is reported from Field Marshal Haig; continued fighting north of the Somme expected, but battle had not developed early today; between 500,000 and 800,000 Germans engaged.

LONDON, March 25.—(U. P.)—The capture of Roye by the Germans was announced by the British war office in an official statement tonight.

PARIS, March 25.—(U. P.)—Noyon was evacuated during the night, the French war office reported today. The retirement was made in excellent order. The French are holding solidly on the left bank of the Oise. The battle continued violently during Monday evening. The enemy multiplied its attacks on the Noyon-Chaulnes front. The French artillery was well established in the Noyon region and efficaciously supported the infantry, whose resistance and frequent counter attacks delayed the German drive and inflicted heavy losses. (Noyon is about 20 miles west and south of La Fere, which marked the line before the German advance started.)



M'ADOO REVEALS NEEDS OF ALLIES

Additional Loans of \$1,500,000,000 Will Be Required During Summer.

Washington, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty-three names were included in the casualty list announced last afternoon by the war department. Seven men were killed in action, seven died of disease, and three were victims of fatal accidents. One man was severely wounded in action and 10 were slightly wounded.

Killed in Action
PRIVATE DEWERT MINTWERE.
PRIVATE WILLIAM K. NEAL.
Died of Accident
CORPORAL ROSS E. SHELTON.
PRIVATE GEORGE C. GRAY.
PRIVATE WILLIAM CHRISTIAN.
Died of Disease
SERGEANT VINCENT C. HARGOOD; pneumonia.
CORPORAL LYNN ODELL; diphtheria.
CORPORAL ROSS E. SHELTON; pneumonia.
PRIVATE GEORGE ARNETT; nostalgia.
PRIVATE OLE BECK; diphtheria.
PRIVATE ELMER MATHEWS BYERLEY; peritonitis.
PRIVATE PHILIP C. SMITH; diphtheria.
Private Edward Dittman.

Wounded Slightly
Major George J. Lawrence, Major Timothy J. Moynihan, Lieutenant George F. Hutton, Sergeant Warren W. Loker, Cook Karimines, Private Frank Evans, G. Cooper, Private David R. Pollock, Private Harry F. Westman, Private Tony Wisniski, Private James Wyatt.

Secretary McAdoo will make known to the ways and means committee tomorrow the amount of additional treasury certificates of indebtedness he desires to issue.

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GERMANS TWO TO ONE

FOLLOWING is an estimate of the number of men engaged and the casualties in the "greatest battle of the greatest war," based on the best obtainable information, but subject to official confirmation:
Germans, total number engaged in past six days, 1,250,000.
Total number engaged daily, 850,000.
Total casualties, 400,000.
British, total number engaged in past six days, 600,000.
Total number engaged daily, 500,000.
Total casualties, 150,000 (including German claim of 45,000 prisoners).
Note.—Estimated casualties included killed, wounded, captured and missing.

LONDON, March 25.—(U. P.)—Every hour brings nearer the moment when the allied armies' reserve will be ready to intervene in the struggle, before Hindenburg must have achieved a decision or be prepared to see the tide go against him, dispatches from the French front declared today. The German advance will be stopped as soon as its initial momentum is absorbed by the exhaustion of battle and collision with equal forces. The way to Paris is blocked by a powerful French army under a general of proven capacity.

LONDON, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Fighting in the mighty battle in Picardy died down during the night, the British war office reported today. The official statement dwells on the severity of the German losses, calling them "appalling."

French forces have extended and reinforced that portion of the British fighting front which they took over along the southern end of the battle zone. Violent infantry fighting and heavy bombardments continue along the 60 mile battle front, with the severest German pressure now centered in the district between Bapaume and the Oise river. The Germans, using vast forces of troops, are trying to advance to the westward of Guiscard, along the road from Nesle to Roye, towards Chaulnes from Peronne and on the road from Bapaume to Albert.

Great quantities of German artillery have been moving to the front to support the solid columns of infantry. In fact, the Germans in their present drive have established a new record in regard to the nearness with which the artillery is kept to the firing line. Desperate fighting is reported from the district west of the Somme river between the Noyons heights and Peronne. (The German crown prince is in command of the German troops north of Peronne and it is evident from the reports of the German war office that

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