

GERMANS NEARER TO DEATH TRAP

Hindenburg Encountering New Difficulties in Trying to Reach Hazebrouck.

By J. W. T. Mason. New York, April 17.—(U. P.)—The British are covering the initiative in the struggle for the hills south of Ypres.

Hindenburg's continued efforts to penetrate through the Ypres highlands from any direction at so heavy a cost in casualties, has now become a measure of self-defense to protect a highly dangerous German salient to the east of Nieppe forest.

Huns Lead to Slaughter. If the British hold fast to Ypres the German front cannot be straightened. Any time General Foch concludes the situation is critical he can strike the German Nieppe salient with his reserves and doubtless bend it back.

HAIG REGAINS GROUND; GUNS MOW DOWN HUNS

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pered the artillery and the airmen, it proved favorable to German military operations. The movements of the German foot soldiers were screened and they were able to surprise the British in some localities.

British Conserving Forces. Southwest of the town, in Nieppe forest, fierce fighting has been going on. The British troops, though battle weary, held on like grim death and the German soldiers were thrown back every time they tried to advance.

General Plumer was sent to Italy during the Austro-German offensive. Formerly Lloyd George, in his short statement Tuesday night on the course of the battle, spoke of General Plumer as being "quite confident."

It is probable that there has been no bloodier or harder fought struggle in the whole war than the mighty engagement which has raged over the plains of Flanders during the past few days.

Military experts have been puzzled during the past few weeks over the real German manpower situation on the Western front. There has been a wide divergence of statements as to the exact number of divisions engaged. Estimates of the number taking part in the Flanders battle range all the way from 20 to 50.

It is a favorite device of the German high command to juggle with the

WATCHED CITY GROW FROM FOREST LANDING



LIFE OF PIONEER SPAN OF EVOLUTION

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mercy that he so often denied. To the hour of his death, Mr. Terwilliger delighted most in reviewing the old days of Indians and vast, uncharted forests.

In his latest efforts to reach Hazebrouck, however, Hindenburg has come perilously near overplaying his hand. The British position here is a continuation of the British salient at Ypres.

Surviving Hiram Terwilliger is his widow, Mrs. Mary Edwards Terwilliger, who had been his helpmate for 49 years and who is the mother of the two sons and two daughters surviving.

Strength of the German units. Some divisions number as low as 10,000 bayonets, while others contain from 12,000 to 15,000. This effort is intended to fool the allies as to the actual number of men taking part in a campaign.

Purchase of Testing Grounds Authorized

Washington, April 17.—(U. N. S.)—Purchase by the secretary of the navy for \$1,000,000 of 1000 acres of land, half in Maryland and half in Virginia, was authorized by the house this afternoon.

High Grounds Command Position. By William Philip Simms. With the British Armies in France, April 16.—(U. P.)—From the Flemish Flanders southwest of Ypres rise a group of more or less independent hills, like pimples on an otherwise smooth face.

Germany is determined to make this the decisive battle of the war, as is shown by the fact that it is calling up more men to throw into the fray.

Southward from Merville to La Bassée it is apparently quiet and it is believed the Germans there are digging in.

Prisoners declare the Germans are still eying Hazebrouck.

AUSTRIAN PREMIER RESIGNS HIS POST

Former Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Succeeds Count Czernin.

Zurich, April 17.—(U. P.)—Austrian Premier von Seydler has resigned, according to reports received here today.

Amsterdam, April 17.—(U. P.)—Baron Stephen Burian von Rajec, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has been appointed successor to Count Czernin, who resigned from that office following the recent exposure of Emperor Karl's letter to Prince Sixtus.

Hungarian Cabinet to Resign. Copenhagen, April 17.—(U. P.)—Hungarian Premier Wekerle, his cabinet will resign, according to reports received here today.

Prince von Hohenlohe, Emperor Charles' chief of court, has been dismissed, the report said, and has been succeeded by Count Alexander Esterhazy, brother-in-law of Count Revertera.

Revertera was counselor of the Austrian legation in Switzerland in 1917, when he is alleged to have approached a French representative on the subject of peace negotiations.

AMERICANS MAKE GOOD, IS WORD OF SEC. BAKER

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inspired—and certainly inspiring—determination. Anyone who goes there must have an increasing sense of admiration for the magnitude and speed with which we have gone about our task of building communication lines and structures of various kinds, in organizing the task as a whole.

Our boys are well, physically strong and robust and in every other way. Their behavior is good and their relations with the British and French cordial and sympathetic.

The secretary said he could hear over the telephone some of this cheering when the word came. Baker said his trip had shown him much as to cooperation between the army and the department.

The secretary was to see President Wilson this afternoon. Manpower, artillery and aviation, it is understood, will be among Baker's leading topics.

BAKER ANXIOUS TO GET ALL WORK UNDER SPEED

Washington, April 17.—(U. N. S.)—Further speeding up of all war activities of the United States is the chief recommendation Secretary of War Baker makes as a result of his overseas inspection trip.

The war secretary was expected to confer with the president at length as soon as both can spare the time. Meanwhile he has placed in the hands of the chief executive a preliminary report sketching the general result of his observations abroad.

While the losses so far sustained by the British are not considered vital, their seriousness is frankly admitted here.

The allied experts here point out that sustained counter attacks very likely will have to be directed to drive the Germans from Messines ridge.

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Election Illegal; Board Member Was Under Age

Vancouver, Wash., April 17.—Because a member of the election board was not of age, an election held at the Lake Shore school house last Saturday to decide upon the consolidation of the Lake Shore and Vancouver school districts has been declared illegal by County Attorney James O. Blair.

The latest reports received here show that the Germans are still using some 20 divisions in the effort to overwhelm the British. They are driving toward Hazebrouck with every possible man and gun.

Roseburg Guard Is Ready for Service. Two Companies Have Been Organized, Officers Elected and Mustered into Oregon National Guard.

Roseburg, Or., April 17.—Roseburg's home guard company has been mustered into the Oregon National Guard. There will be two companies under the new organization.

Glendale Company Formed. Roseburg, Or., April 17.—Sheriff George K. Quine was called to Glendale to aid in the organization of a home guard company, which has an even 100 members.

Preacher Delayed Filing Too Long. Salem, Or., April 17.—When C. E. Tuel, 61 years old, and Elizabeth A. Bargin, 53, were married by Rev. Mr. Dietrich in May, 1917, they asked the preacher to delay filing return certificates for a week or so, as they desired to avoid being charivariated.

President Kerr Has Made Second Trip. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 17.—President Kerr returned here last night from the second lap of his speaking tour of the state, finishing last week, Saturday and Sunday, with three speeches a day.

Instruction in Bayonet Work. Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 17.—Lieutenant W. J. Koonen of the college regiment, special instructor in bayonet work, leaves Thursday for Camp Lewis where he is to receive the latest official instruction in bayonet practice.

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