

VAST OFFENSIVE BEGUN BY HUNS ON WEST FRONT

German Armies Attack Over Front of 50 Miles in Northern France

BRITISH POSITIONS YIELD

Bombardment Begun Before Dawn; German Losses Declared Heavy

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arily repulsed in a number of engagements, notably on the Verdun and Lorraine fronts.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 21.—The Germans this forenoon launched a heavy attack against the British lines over a wide front in and near the Cambrai sector, and the assault bears all the earmarks of being the beginning of the enemy's much heralded grand offensive.

Hard fighting is proceeding from a point north of Lagnicourt southward to Gache wood, just below Goubaucourt. The attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment from guns of all calibers, and the duel between the opposing heavy batteries has been rocking the countryside for hours.

Gas Shells Freely Used. The Germans have employed gas shells freely and a constant stream of high velocity shells has been breaking with frightful concussions far back of the British lines.

The bombardment began in earnest at 5 o'clock this morning and about five hours later the enemy forces hurled themselves on the British front line trenches north of Lagnicourt and Louverval, the latter place lying due west of Bourisies.

At the same time other German forces advanced behind a smoke barrage along the ridge running northward in Goubaucourt. It may be said that the attack in this region was by no means unexpected by the British and that they had made great preparations to meet the onslaught.

Bombardment Is Terrific. The 110 vast forces have been locked in a bitter struggle over this wide front for hours. The bombardment was of a most terrific nature, and finally the infantry drove forward against numerous points in the Cambrai sector.

The preliminary bombardment had extended from a point below St. Quentin, north to the River Scarpe, and at last reports sanguinary fighting was in progress as far south as the region of Hargicourt and as far north as Bullecourt.

The early stages of the battle would seem to indicate that the enemy was trying to drive a wedge on both sides of the Cambrai salient and pinch it off. A keen struggle has been proceeding in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and Lagnicourt and south of the salient near Hargicourt and Ronsoy.

Attack Expected by British. The British had been looking for this attack today. Not only have prisoners declared that yesterday or today would mark the beginning of the offensive on this front, but there were abundant signs of an enemy smash against this sector, which was the scene of the last great battle in the British theater. That the Germans were as thoroughly prepared as possible was well known, and as a consequence the British had taken extensive steps to meet the blow.

LONDON, March 21.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France describes the German offensive as comprising an intense bombardment by artillery and a powerful infantry attack on a front of over fifty miles. Some of the British positions were penetrated but

the German losses are declared to have been exceptionally heavy.

Blow Failure, Says Haig. On no part of the long front of the attack did the Germans attain their objective.

"About 8 o'clock this morning after an intense bombardment of both high explosive and gas shells on our forward positions and back areas, a powerful infantry attack was launched by the enemy on a front of over fifty miles, extending from the River Oise in the neighborhood of La Fere to the Senne river, about Croisilles.

"A hostile artillery demonstration has taken place on a wide front north of La Bassée canal and in the Ypres sector.

British Outposts Yield. The attack, which for some time past was known to be in the course of preparation, has been pressed with great vigor and determination throughout the day. In the course of the fighting the enemy broke through our outpost positions and succeeded in penetrating into our battle positions in certain parts of the front.

"The attacks were delivered in large masses and have been extremely costly to the hostile troops engaged whose losses have been exceptionally heavy.

"Severe fighting continues along the whole front. Large numbers of hostile reinforcing troops have been observed during the day moving forward behind the enemy's lines.

No Objectives Are Attained. "Several enemy divisions which had been especially trained for this great attack already have been identified, including units of the guards.

"Captured maps depicting the enemy's intentions show that on no part of the long front of the attack has he attained his objective.

Although a battle is being fought which is likely to develop into the greatest struggle of modern history, and perhaps settle the result of the war, the English people preserve the same quiet calm they have worn for the past four years. There are no signs of unusual excitement or nervousness in London, no crowds outside the newspaper offices or elsewhere.

The statement made by Andrew Bonar Law in the house of commons was circulated in the hotels and other public places. That is the last of the majority of the people will have of the great struggle before they see the morning papers, but Mr. Law's words have carried much assurance.

Germans Using Tanks, Report. The Germans had talked so freely about their great offensive that many people thought they were making a feint to conceal some other policy; some looked for a campaign against Salonika, instead of a big attack in France. Reports have been circulated that the Germans have built a large number of super-tanks but the British, who first launched this weapon, are not likely to be stopped by these, nor is it conceivable that they will be behind in numbers of tanks or improvements.

Extensive preparations have been made by the English hospitals to receive the trains of wounded from the battle ports which follow every battle. The first of them is expected tomorrow.

Masses of Troops Used. LONDON, March 21.—By employing masses of troops, supported by a great weight of artillery, the Germans appear to have penetrated the British front line at certain points between the Scarpe and Venduill, says Reuter's Limited, correspondent at British headquarters, telegraphing this evening.

"Our counter-measures have not yet developed," the correspondent adds, "Therefore it is difficult to define the position. Apparently the enemy's purpose has been to lurch converging attacks upon the two flanks of the Flesquières salient, in the hope of cutting it off.

"There are unconfirmed rumors that the enemy has employed tanks."

Ostend Is Bombarded. LONDON, March 21.—Ostend was bombarded by British tanks, seaplanes and Helgolands was attacked by seaplanes, according to the official announcement tonight.

The admiralty statement says: "Ostend was bombarded this afternoon by British monitors with successful results. Prior to the bombardment four enemy aircraft were destroyed by air naval squadrons. Enemy aircraft attacked the British machines while springing the bombardment, with the result that another enemy machine was destroyed.

"British seaplanes engaged in reconnaissance in Helgoland light, at tactical enemy mine sweepers with machine gunfire. There were no casualties on the British side. All our machines returned safely."

Ambulance Lines Form. LONDON, March 22.—Long lines of ambulances began forming at the Charing Cross railway station early this morning to receive wounded men from channel port trains.

Scenes not unlike those during the battle of the Somme were enacted, the line of ambulances stretching away from the station for four city blocks.

Only small groups of night workers and railroad employes greeted the first arrivals from the front.

U-Boats Sink Three French Merchantmen

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Submarine or mines sank only three French merchantmen during the week ending March 16, one over 1500 tons and two smaller craft. The weekly report received here tonight records one vessel of over 1500 tons which was sunk during the previous week but not included in last week's announcement. The dispatch says that 975 merchant ships of all nationalities above 100 tons entered and 920 sailed during the week. This does not include fishing boats and local craft.

BAKER EXPAINS CENSORSHIP RULE TO U. S. TROOPS

Military Secrecy Regarded Means of Saving Lives of Soldiers

RAINBOW DIVISION LIKED

Members Should Be Proud They Fight for Own Home, He Tells Men

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 20.—Secretary of War Baker continued his inspection in the zone of advance today in a cold rain, over heavy roads and under generally uncomfortable conditions. The program included visits to certain divisional headquarters that had not previously been inspected and conferences with various high officials.

In an informal address to the Rainbow division, officially known as the 42nd division, the secretary took occasion to explain to the army, as well as to the people of America, the reasons for the military secrecy which deprives the soldiers and the population at home of news of each other during the present stage of the preparations.

Enemy Has "Eagle" Eye. "While it was in training at home I saw a good deal of the Rain of the past four years. Then one day, it was gone to France, where it disappeared behind that curtain of military secrecy which must be drawn unless we choose to sacrifice the lives of our men for the sake of publicity? The enemy's elaborate intelligence system seeks at any cost to learn the strength, the preparedness and the character of our troops. Our own intelligence force assures us that the complete knowledge of our army in France which some assume to exist does not exist. At least, we would make him work for his information and share no pains to keep him as confused as possible.

"If we were to announce the identity of each unit that comes to France then we would fully inform him of the number and the nature of our divisions. Published details about any division are most useful to expert military intelligence officers in determining the state of the divisions training and the probable assignment of the division to any section.

Rainbow Division Efficient. "But now it is safe to mention certain divisions which were first to arrive in France and have already been in the line. This includes the Rainbow division, famous because it is representative of all parts of the United States, which, however, as a military unit, is to be judged only by its efficiency against the enemy, regardless of its origin. At the same time this division should find in its character an inspiration to the esprit de corps and general excellence. It should be conscious of its mission as a symbol of national unity. The men of Ohio I know as Ohioans and I am proud that they have been worthy of Ohio. A citizen of another state represents in this division a friend of himself equally at home in some other group of this division, and the gauge of this state's pride will be in the discipline of that group as soldiers, its conduct as men, its courage and skill in the trenches.

"You may learn more than war in France; you may learn lessons from France, whose unity and courage have been a bulwark against the invader. In those trenches you are learning in the trenches. The Frenchman is, first of all, a Frenchman, which stimulates rather than weakens his pride in Britain as a Briton, in Lorraine as a Lorrainer, and his loyalty and affection for his own town or village and his home.

In truth, he fights for his family and his home when he fights for France, and civilization against the principles of the ruthless conquest of people of other races and cultures.

"Thus you will fight best and serve best by being an American, with no diminution of your loyalty to your state and your community."

10 CENT "CASCARETS" BEST LAXATIVE FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Don't Stay Constipated, Headachy, Biliary, With Breath Bad or Stomach Sour.

No odds how bad your liver, stomach or bowels; how much your head aches, how miserable and uncomfortable you are from a cold, constipation, indigestion, biliousness and sluggish bowels—you always get relief with Cascarets.

Don't let your stomach, liver and bowels make you miserable. Take Cascarets tonight; put an end to the headache, biliousness, dizziness, nervousness, sick, sour, gassy stomach, bad cold, offensive breath and all other distress; cleanse your inside organs of all the bile, gases and constipated matter which is producing the misery.

A 10-cent box means health, happiness and a clear head for months. All druggists sell Cascarets. Don't forget the children—their little insides need a gentle cleansing, too.

Freddie—It's always in damp places where mushrooms grow, isn't it, papa?

Freddie—Yes, my boy.

Freddie—Is that the reason they look like umbrellas, papa?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

TODAY—TOMORROW

BEAUTIFUL

Enid Bennett

"THE KEYS of the RIGHTEOUS"

MACK SENNETT COMEDY IT PAYS TO EXERCISE WITH CHESTER CONKLIN

ENID BENNETT IS BACK in a powerful Drama of thrills, suspense and rapid fire action in a copper country

SUNDAY—DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN "HEADIN' SOUTH"

The OREGON GO!



Whom shall I love? ENID BENNETT in 'The Keys of the Righteous' A Paramount Picture

WAR INDUSTRY IS DISCUSSED

Central Institution to Co-ordinate Activities Given Consideration

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Industrial war production was discussed today at a two-hour white house conference between President Wilson and heads of six big war agencies. It was the first of a series of meetings which may be held weekly in the future and was considered especially significant in view of recent advocacy in congress and elsewhere of a central institution to co-ordinate different kinds of war activities.

Besides the president there were Secretary McAdoo, acting mainly in his capacity as director general of railroads; Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the shipping board; Bernard Baruch, chairman of the war industries board; Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the war trade board; Food Administrator Hoover and Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Each discussed general problems confronting his department, and special consideration was given to shipbuilding and rail transportation and coal production and distribution as affecting those questions. Another conference will be held next Wednesday and it is understood that will be continued if the department heads and the president find the exchange of information and ideas profitable.

It was stated after the meeting today that no plan was discussed for establishing some other central government body to meet continuously, and deal in specific and scientific way with matters touching more than one phase of government war management. The conference itself expects to deal only with the broad aspects of coordination and will leave details to be carried out by subordinates.

CAMP LEWIS NOTES

CAMP LEWIS, TACOMA, Wash., March 21.—Every officer and enlisted man at Camp Lewis will become part of a great liberty loan army to push the campaign for the next liberty loan starting April 6, under a plan outlined by the adjutant general's office at Washington and brought before the members of the 91st division in an official bulletin from headquarters today. Every officer and enlisted man is asked to write a letter to a friend or relative asking them to subscribe to the loan and get at least ten other subscriptions. With the mean strength of the camp placed at between 26,000 and 27,000 in the last divisional health report, this means that the national army men here will obtain more than 285,000 subscriptions to the new loan. If the plan is carried out successfully.

Provisions for the payment of men of the 91st division who are absent with permission from camp on the last day of the month was provided for in an order issued today authorizing the company commander to receipt for the man's pay and forward it to him without the man having previously receipted for it.

Medical officers assigned to the athlete structure donated to the camp by A. J. Davis of Butte, Mont., is nearing completion and with the installation of electric fixtures and wiring will be ready for occupancy. No date for the formal dedication has been set but Captain T. G. Coe, camp athletic director, said today this would be some time this month. He plans to turn over the building to Major General Greene who will accept it for the camp and a big athletic program may be arranged to follow this ceremony.

Chinese Reported Working With Bolsheviki Bandits

HARBIN, March 21.—It is reported that Chinese troops on the Manchurian frontier are robbing Russians and fraternizing with the Bolsheviki. It is alleged by observers that Western Siberia is already economically under German control. Omsk banks, shops, newspapers and public utilities are under German influence. German prisoners serve on soviet and municipal committees and are able to travel about freely. They are holding reunions and regaining the confidence of the people. There has been a marked rise in the value of the ruble in prospect of Japanese intervention. Banks are compelled to purchase rubles in Japan, where they have been "cornered."

Private Guy E. Fisher of Company E, 347th machine gun battalion, has been brought here from Sumas, Wash., where he was arrested charged with desertion and making seditious utterances. He will be tried by court martial Friday. He came here from Cascade, Idaho, and is alleged to have said he hoped every American transport would be sunk. He was a cook for a time but later was returned to the ranks and is said to have deserted February 25, a week after his demotion.

Because his wife refused to become a fugitive with him, Private A. Buchanan of the quartermasters corps is confined in the guard

JOIE RAY SETS WORLD'S RECORD

Three-Quarter Mile Is Run in Three Minutes and Four Seconds

NEW YORK, March 20.—Joie Ray of the Illinois Athletic club, Chicago, established a world's indoor record for three-quarters of a mile, covering the distance in three minutes, four and four-fifths seconds, at the Commercial Institute games at Madison Square Garden here tonight.

The former record was 3:07, made by Joe Driscoll at Buffalo, March 15, 1913.

In an attempt to equal or better the one-mile indoor record of 4:16, made by Johnny Overton last year, Ray continued on, paced by F. W. Gordon, of the Pelham naval training station. His time for this distance, however, was 4:19.45.

In the three-quarter-mile event, Michael A. Devaney of the Boston navy yard, was second, six yards back of Ray, and twenty yards ahead of E. H. Fall of the Great Lakes naval training station, Chicago.

PROPERTY BILL IS PROPOSED

Measure Would Give President Power to Take Any Kind of Property

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Under a bill sent to the senate military committee today by Acting Secretary of War Crowell, the president would be empowered during the war to take over private property of any kind, personal or real estate with compensation for the owner, whenever deemed necessary for the national security or conduct of the government.

The chief object of the legislation is to enable the government to get quick possession of real estate, office buildings and other property needed in connection with the conduct of the war. In a letter to Chairman Chamberlain, Mr. Crowell said it is desirable to avoid delays of condemnation, to save money and at the same time to do justice to property owners.

The bill provides that the president by proclamation or through any legislative agency, might designate property to be taken over. It would be appraised and in case owners were not satisfied they would be paid 75 per cent of the appraised value and the federal district court would decide disputes as to the balance.

Dalziel Files Candidacy for Labor Commissioner

Loval M. Graham, Republican, of Forest Grove yesterday filed with Secretary of State Olcott declaration of his candidacy for representative in the legislature from the fifteenth district. His platform is "Apply good business principles and economy to legislative affairs, and will work consistently for just legislation to promote the best interests of Oregon and of Washington county." His slogan is "I propose to apply good business principles and economy to legislative affairs."

William A. Dalziel of Portland filed declaration of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for labor

SPORT CHATTER

The Zulu Kid has tipped his hand. No honest-to-goodness Zulu could be so tame as the New York battler has shown himself in his recent bouts.

Following the lead of the American association, the Western league has barred the use of the spitball and the emery ball by the league twirlers.

Unless all signs fail Pittsburg boxing fans will be treated to a dazzling display of jab and duck on April 1, when Tom Gibbons and Harry Greb meet in Smoketown.

Ted Lewis and Jack Britton, who seem to have acquired a fondness for battling with one another, are to have another clash next month, at Atlanta.

Battling Levinsky wants to fight Jess Willard, but as Jess has declared he will engage in just one more fight, the battle's entry in the championship class will be scratched.

After considerable lay-off of the boxing game, St. Louis has come back strong for the sport. The Mound City promoters are staging AI bouts, and the scrappers are coping some big money.

Jim Barnes, western open golf champion, and Jock Hutchinson, the Chicago pro, both wizards of the ancient pastime, are among the entries for the United North and South open championship at Pinehurst.

The large number of Ohio soldiers in training at Camp Sheridan, Montsomoery, Ala., has provided a regular "old time week" for the Cincinnati Reds, who are working out in the Alabama capital city.

Word comes from Macon that the Yankees are killing the ball, circuit drives being as plentiful as pickaninies watching the pastime. But the Yanks always were great hitters—in Macon in the spring.

Sometimes it is called the National Amateur Hickey league and at other times the National Hockey league. Perhaps the "amateur" stuff is applied to some of our hockey performers is puzzling to the scribes.

It doesn't pay to trifle with Connie Mack, even in the names of pastimes. Atlanta sent a player named Munch to Connie and he promptly slunched a pastime to the Georgia coast, who carries the moniker of Valentin.

Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, is trying to purchase the interest in Fulton's earnings held by Mrs. Ad Wolgast, wife of the former lightweight champion. Ad bought the Fulton stock several years ago.

"Buck" Herzog gumped up the Braves-Giant deal by demanding \$5000 bonus to sign with Stallings. The Braves' refusal to slip "Buck" the bonus has caused a halt in negotiations with the Giants, the players involved in the trade being Herzog, Barnes, Deane and Smith.

Johnny Dundee, the New York boxer, is credited with having made a bale of money out of the game, notwithstanding the failure of his efforts to grab the lightweight crown. "This said the Scotch wop has earned on an average \$36,000 a year for the past five years.

The visitor looked into a room in the neighborhood house, where a small girl was pounding the piano to her heart's content. "You may play on, Mary, if you are sure that your hands are clean."

"Oh, I'm being 'careful, miss," was the quick response; "I'm only using the black keys."

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