

AMERICA IS IN STRUGGLE WITH U-BOAT

Government Yards When in Full Operation to Produce More Ships in Year Than All Yards of England

"LOST ART" QUICKLY REVIVED DURING YEAR

Shipbuilding Work of Eight Months Recounted by Chairman Hurley

NEW YORK, March 26.—America's effort to meet German submarine warfare whose full menace has just been revealed in British admiralty figures on sinkings of ships was outlined here tonight by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board in a frank statement before the National Marine League.

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HUNS SPENDING THEIR ENERGY, FRENCH THINK

Paris Firm in Belief That Experiences of Marne Will Be Repeated

CLOSE FORMATION USED

Enemy Will Be Stopped Is Declaration; Situation Held Satisfactory

WASHINGTON, March 26.—France's confidence that the great German offensive is wasting its strength against the allied lines, is voiced in an official dispatch received here today from Paris. The message quotes at length from today's Petit Journal to show that the Germans, though suffering tremendous losses in massed advances, have failed to attain their objectives and that the present situation is satisfactory to the allies.

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HUNS CLAIM CAPTURE OF 3 POSITIONS

Lihons, Roye and Noyon Taken, Asserts Berlin; Old Somme Battle Line Declared Crossed in Places

BATTLE IS RAGING ON SOUTH SOMME FRONT

Allies in Best Position to Check Drive Since Offensive Began

BERLIN, via LONDON, March 26.—The night report from general headquarters announces the capture of Lihons, Roye and Noyon, and declares that the German forces have crossed the old Somme battle line at many points. The text of the statement reads: "In continuation of the great battle in France, our troops yesterday achieved fresh successes. English divisions brought up from Flanders and Italy, and French divisions threw themselves against our troops in desperate attacks. They were defeated."

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SLOW AMERICAN PREPARATION IS CALLED OUTRAGE

Shortage of Ships, Airplanes and Artillery Seriously Deplored

AVIATION IS FAR BEHIND

"Situation Is Scandal to Entire World," Says Senator Poindexter

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Another storm of criticism of America's war efforts broke in the senate today. Democrats and Republicans, concerned over the German drive against France, and spurred by statements of Major General Leonard Wood, before the military committee yesterday, on inefficiencies of American preparation, joined in deploring the shortage of ships, airplanes and artillery.

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YANKS SHELL TOWNS HELD BY GERMANS

Americans Return Two Doses of Gas for Every One Received; Germans Abandon Town of Richecourt

U. S. ARTILLERY KEEPS UP STEADY SHELLING

Aerial Activity Revives With Better Weather—"Boche" Snipers Active

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American artillery continues to heavily shell towns held by the Germans and German batteries opposite the Toul sector with gas. The Germans themselves have reciprocated in kind, but the doses of gas sent against them by the Americans have been twice as large as they have received.

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FIRE DESTROYS BIG STRUCTURE IN JERSEY CITY

Cause of Explosions Which Alarm Downtown Manhattan Is Mystery

DAMAGE IS \$1,500,000

Frightened Women Fill City's Streets—No Loss of Life Reported

NEW YORK, March 26.—Fire following a series of unexplained explosions destroyed the 6-story building of the Jarvis warehouse company near the Erie railway terminal in Jersey City late today and badly damaged the Erie repair shops. No loss of life had been reported tonight. The damage was estimated by Jersey City police and fire officials at close to \$1,500,000.

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BIG BLOW BY ALLIES EXPECTED

Vast Counter Measure to Turn Tide of Battle Anticipated, With Use of Many Reserves; British Front Hourly Grows Tighter

BRITISH RETREAT HELD PART OF CLEVER PLAN

Attention Now Centers on French Front Where Great Battle on Left Bank of Oise River Seems Imminent

(By The Associated Press) After six days of terrific fighting the German offensive in France is beginning to show signs of losing its momentum. The progress of the enemy has been materially slackened and the form of the dent made in the allied line west of Cambrai has begun to resemble the familiar wedge-like salient, instead of the broad straight forward movement of an offensive which carries all before it.

At its apex this wedge has gone beyond Albert, to the south of that place, and is to the westward of the old line as it stood a year ago when Von Hindenburg began his "strategic retreat." From this point the line runs off to the northeast at a gentle angle, with the line to the south running back until it reaches the Oise river.

Official statements issued at London confirm the report from Berlin that American forces are engaged in the struggle. They are reported to be "fighting shoulder to shoulder" with the French and British in the region of Roye, on the south side of the salient driven into the allied front.

There has been no official report sent to Washington as to the identity of these troops who are taking part in this greatest battle in history.

With the slackening of the German pace there are indications that the allies are ready to strike back somewhere along the front. Just where this blow will be launched will not be known until it is struck, but it may be expected that its impact will be terrific. It is known that the allied war council at Versailles created a great strategic reserve of men to be used in just the contingency which confronts the armies which have borne the brunt of the fighting since last Thursday morning.

This force probably will be launched when and where it is believed it will break the force of the German onslaught and send the enemy reeling back over the desert from which the British have slowly withdrawn.

German Losses Frightful. Each succeeding day reveals the plan of the Germans absolutely to crush the allied lines west of Cambrai, a terrain which could not be defended by Von Hindenburg a year ago. Each official report shows that this sector is valueless from a military standpoint and that the Germans have paid a terrible price for their advance to the lines established by the allies during the first two years of warfare.

It is officially reported that seventy German divisions or 840,000 men, have taken part in the fighting and that troops have been moved from every part of the western battle front to reinforce the armies which have been forging the British to fall back. Observers at the front say that the German losses have been frightful, and that the enemy has lost from ten to twenty per cent of his men, by the most conservative estimates.

British Nearer Supply Base. While the German line of communications has been growing longer, the British have constantly moved nearer their base of supplies. It is probable that the line where stern battles will be given is not far away from the present positions of the allied armies.

There has been continued activity on the Italian front, but no attacks of importance have been made by either side in this theater of the war. The American lines in the Lunenburg and Tonn sectors have been bombarded once more, but no infant

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The Brown Shoe Co's BROWN'S MARK MEANS QUALITY HIGH GRADE SHOES The Brown Shoe Co. is a wonderful organization of many specialty shoe factories owned and operated by one management, but each factory equipped to produce one particular class of MEN'S, WOMEN'S OR CHILDREN'S SHOES. Buster Brown Shoes for Boys are built of selected leather suitable for boys wear, and every pair has best grade oak tanned leather soles, which means honest service. Buster Brown Shoes for Girls have proven so satisfactory that mothers who wore them when they were young now insist upon having them for their daughters.

Maisonette Height Stormed. English troops, freshly brought forward, attacked violently on a wide front from the direction of Albert. The enemy was driven back after a bitter struggle.

LONDON, March 26.—The battle continues on the whole front south of the Somme river. Field Marshal Haig reports from the war zone in France tonight. The Germans have also launched new attacks around Chaulness. The statement says: "North of the Somme local fighting has taken place at different points. Much movement of hostile troops and transports has been observed in the battle area and these have been engaged by our artillery and airplanes."

Tentons Claim 963 Guns. BERLIN, VIA LONDON, March 26.—The number of guns captured by the Germans in the battle now in progress has increased to 963, army headquarters announced today. More than 100 tanks were lying in captured positions, it is added.

Blaches, Barleux and Etalon have been captured by the German forces. "Our troops were just brought forward attacked the German lines violently from the direction of Albert. They were driven back, the report states, after a bitter struggle."

French Holding Huns. PARIS, March 26.—The French co-operating with the British south of St. Quentin have taken up strong positions on the left bank of the Oise, above Noyon, where they are holding the Germans according to the war office announcement tonight. The text of the statement reads: "Our troops are holding solidly to their positions on the left bank of the Oise above Noyon. The fighting continues along the front comprising Braye-sur-Somme, Chaulness, Roye and Noyon."

41 Members of I. W. W. Still Confined in Jail. BUTTE, Mont., March 27.—The forty-one men carrying I. W. W. membership cards arrested in a raid on Finlander hall by the police officials Monday night are still confined in the city jail waiting developments in the investigation which has been started. It is declared by the authorities that the meeting was called for the purpose of considering a strike among the metal trade workers in the mines.

Declines to Run for Mayor, But Appreciates Effort of His Friends. Gideon Stolz will not be a candidate for mayor. To the seventy-seven Salem citizens who addressed a petition to him urging him to become a candidate for nomination at the primary election in May, Mr. Stolz has issued a statement of appreciation, but names several reasons why he does not care to accept.

Roosevelt to Deliver Address at Portland, Me. OYSTER BAY, N. Y., March 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will leave tomorrow for Portland, Me., where he will deliver an address Thursday night before the Republican organization of the state. The physicians refused at first to give their consent to his making the address, but finally he decided to go even against their advice.

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"Pitiless Publicity" Advised. Senator New of Indiana, Republican, said although the original aviation program called for delivery of 12,000 airplanes July 1, only 37 will be delivered under present estimates. When he repeated General Wood's statement that German aviators fly at times over the American trenches in France, Senator Johnson of California interrupted to say: "There is just one way to correct this outrage on American youth and that is through pitiless publicity."

"Scandal," Says Senator. This situation was characterized by Senator Poindexter of Washington, Republican, as "a scandal to the entire world." He also criticized the administration's attitude toward Japan and military action in Russia, but was told by Senator King of Utah, Democrat, who recently conferred with President Wilson, that when military exigency demands, Japan will go into Siberia with approval of the allies and this government.

The entire discussion was deplorable by Senator Overman of North Carolina, Democrat, who in a sharp tilt with Senator Poindexter, said the debate was calculated to discourage and dishearten the American people and asked if partisan politics was involved.

Kansas Union Labor Calls General Strike. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 27.—The second call for a general strike of all union labor in Kansas City, effective at 8 a. m., was issued early this morning by the executive committee of the central labor council. The strike originally was set for Monday, but was postponed forty-eight hours to permit further negotiations to settle a strike of laundry workers, to aid which the general sympathetic strike was called.

German Editors Freed for Lack of Evidence. PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—Upon the ground that no evidence had been presented to make out a case, Judge Oliver B. Dickinson, in the United States district court today directed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Louis Warner and Martin Daskow, editors of the Philadelphia Tageblatt, who were charged with treason in the publication of certain articles, headlines and alleged news dispatches in the German newspaper.

GERMANS USING MANY RESERVES. Nearly Two-Thirds of Whole Army Has Been Thrown Into Fray. LONDON, March 27.—Telegraphing late Tuesday, the correspondent of the Daily Mail at British headquarters in France says that nearly two-thirds of the entire strategic reserve of the German army now has been thrown into the fierce and vigorously continued attack.

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