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FRENCH ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ATTACKS

Troops of Enemy Are Dispersed, Prisoners Are Brought in and Four Aeroplanes Are Shot Down

GERMANS LAY CLAIM TO RECENT GAINS

Berlin Statement Says English Machine Gun Nests Are Cleared

PARIS, April 16.—German long range guns continue their bombardment of Paris.

PARIS, April 15.—The statement issued by the war office tonight reports only artillery engagements along the front.

It reads: "There were artillery engagements of great violence in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre. Our batteries successfully dispersed bodies of enemy troops in the approaches of Demuin and Laon. Two successful raids, one at Four de Paris, and the other at Col du Bonhomme, were carried out and prisoners brought back. The cannonade was intermittent on the rest of the front but became quite lively in the sector of Avocourt.

"During April 13 and 14 four enemy aeroplanes were shot down. Our bombing machines dropped 3000 kilograms of projectiles upon enemy establishments and convoys in the region of Montdidier.

"EASTERN THEATER, April 14.—There were quite lively artillery engagements near St. Ravin, the Cerna Bend and in the Monastir sector. Our artillery carried out a heavy and effective fire upon the enemy batteries. Twenty British aviators bombed an airfield at Rubovo in the Vardar valley yesterday. It is confirmed that two enemy pursuit machines were shot down. British aviators today bombed the depot at Kakara, 12 kilometers southwest of Sere, causing the derailment of a train."

BERLIN, via London, April 15.—The evening statement from general headquarters says: "There were local engagements on the Lys-Wulverghem battlefield and the enemy's lines northeast of Wulverghem were taken by storm."

German troops, supported by naval detachments, have entered Helsingfors, capital of Finland. This announcement is made by general headquarters.

The communication reads as follows: "On the Lys battlefield hand-to-hand fighting frequently developed. Southwest of Neuve Eglise, as well as between Bailleul and Merris English machine gun nests were cleared and their occupants made prisoners. Enemy counter-attacks launched from Bailleul and north-west of Bethune broke down with heavy losses."

"On the battlefield on both sides of the Somme the artillery duels remained within moderate limits, the weather being rainy.

"Eastern theater.—After a vigorous encounter with armed bands, our troops which landed in Finland, supported by a detachment of our naval forces, entered Helsingfors."

LONDON, April 15.—Bailleul and Wulverghem were the central points of the heavy fighting today between the British and Germans in Flanders, while the German artillery displayed increased activity in the sector between Givency and Robecq, according to the report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight.

The report says: "Fighting occurred this afternoon in the neighborhood of Bailleul and Wulverghem and is continuing on the remainder of the Lys battlefield there is nothing particular to report.

"The hostile artillery has shown activity in certain sectors, particularly between Givency and Robecq. Bodies of German infantry moving along La Bassée-Estaires road were effectively engaged by our artillery.

"On the other parts of the British front there was no important incident."

AMERICAN SOLDIERS NOT DECEIVED

Young Italian Gets Two Prisoners and Asks for Match; "Get Another One First," Says Officer—He Does It

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 15.—The German attack against the American positions on the right bank of the Meuse, north of St. Mihiel, yesterday was made by force of 400 picked troops who were recently brought here from the Russian front. Although the Americans were outnumbered more than two to one, they completely repulsed the enemy, driving him back to his own trenches. The known enemy casualties include sixty-four dead, many wounded and eleven prisoners, besides a number of wounded who were dragged back to the German lines by their comrades.

THOROUGH SEARCH MADE FOR SHIP

Unremitting Hunt to Be Made by American and French Boats Until Cyclops Mystery Is Solved Satisfactorily

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Unremitting search of trade routes will be carried on by American and French naval and merchant vessels until every possible hope of finding some trace of the missing navy collier Cyclops has been exhausted.

Secretary Daniels has ordered additional fast scouts detailed for this service.

Although today passed without a report strengthening the slightest degree the hope still felt by Mr. Daniels and several of his chief assistants, these officials refused to believe that the great 19,000 ton collier and the 235 lives she carried could have been wiped out without leaving a trace. Orders have gone out, therefore, for the searching vessels to "quarter" every rod of the route covered by the Cyclops and to visit everyone of the scores of island which dot that portion of the sea. Every isolated bay will be entered and every beach scrutinized.

No Theory Plausible.

Naval officials confessed that no theory yet advanced to explain the disappearance of the Cyclops from March 4, when she left Barbadoes—

BOND SALES BIGGER THAN FIGURED

Numerous Subscriptions of Small Amounts Go to Make Total, and Banks Are Holding Back Until Later Date

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The nation has raised its pledges of liberty loan dollars to \$691,611,000. This, the total at the close of business Saturday, is \$115,000,000 more than had been reported to the treasury before today.

A large proportion of the sum represents subscriptions by individuals for comparatively small amounts. Many messages to headquarters today said banks in some districts are withholding their pledges until late in the campaign, when they can determine better what they will need to fill orders of customers. By the banks, the item of interest on initial payments also is considered more closely by individuals and this is one of the factors causing them to hold back their subscriptions.

The situation is considered encouraging, since it indicates a big number of subscribers and better distribution of the country's financial war burden.

From the Minneapolis district today, where the campaign has just opened, come reports that farmers were buying liberally, and that communities with large German populations had shown particularly good records in the first day's canvass.

Subscriptions for other districts show New York leading in total subscriptions, and St. Louis in percentage of the quota already raised. The San Francisco district ranks seventh with 17 per cent of its quota subscribed.

Mount Angel Praised.

A campaign plan used effectively in the Minneapolis district today was to have local committees determine in a general way what individuals were able to subscribe and to notify them what was expected.

Tacoma, Wash., sent word that it had subscribed full quota at noon Saturday without counting any pledges by banks, and by Saturday night had oversubscribed 20 per cent. One person in every five had subscribed.

Mount Angel, Oregon, 50 per cent of whose population is German or Austrian born, won an honor flag today.

Thousands of loan circulars were distributed over Washington today by Italian, British and American armies.

Military Funeral Planned for Benjamin McClelland

As a tribute to young Benjamin McClelland, a Salem soldier who died Friday night at Camp Harry Jones, Douglas, Ariz., the city council meeting was adjourned last night. The boy's father, James McClelland, 205 North Twenty-first street, is a councilman.

Accompanied by a military escort, the body is en route to Salem, it left Arizona, Sunday night. It will probably take until the end of the week before the body reaches Salem. A military funeral will take place under the auspices of the Rigdon company.

Ganong Is Appointed to Succeed Theodore Wilcox

PORTLAND, April 15.—J. W. Ganong, manager of the Portland Flouring mills, was today appointed by Food Administrator Herbert Hoover to be chairman of the North Pacific milling division, succeeding the late Theodore B. Wilcox. Mr. Ganong accepted the appointment and took charge of the office at once.

Utterances Are Seditious, He Is Sentenced to Prison

HELENA, Mont., April 15.—John Ruck of Winston, aged 50, formerly a resident of Milwaukee, Wis., today was sentenced from three to six years in prison at Townsend by Judge John A. Matthews, on a seditious charge. Ruck said he hoped the Germans would sink every ship America sends to Europe.

HUNS DELAY IN ATTACK ON SECTOR

Area About Arrwege Is Full of German Dead Who Fell in Hard Fighting in Four Fierce Attacks

ONSLAUGHT ON TOWN OF BAILLEUL EXPECTED

Allied Position Is Declared to Be Growing Better Continually

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 15.—(Afternoon)—Another attack on the unhappy town of Bailleul appeared to be boiling up today, following upon the recapture of Neuve Eglise by the Germans last night. Hard fighting was proceeding this morning in the Bailleul sector, but up to the filing of this dispatch (2 p. m.) the enemy had not begun the big onslaught which was expected.

The loss of Neuve Eglise certainly made the situation for Bailleul no brighter, but the allied position, on the whole, has been growing better with the passing of time.

The British were still pivoting on Wytschaete and last night, when the pressure at Neuve Eglise became too great, they swung their line to the northwest, thereby eliminating the salient which bulged out around that place.

German Soldiers Slaughtered.

The British yesterday recaptured Arrwege, just east of the Nieppe forest. The whole area is reported full of German dead who fell in the hard fighting. South of here at Cornet Malo, east of St. Floris, the Germans yesterday delivered four fierce attacks. All were repulsed with heavy losses to the attacking troops.

The fighting here has been continuous and the British are holding Cornet Malo with machine guns trained from house windows. These rapid firers have done great execution in the enemy's ranks. At one time the enemy got a foothold in the hamlet, but machine gunners got in on the advancing troops and smashed them badly.

The importance which the Germans attach to Bailleul had added confirmation on Saturday night when troops were sent into the attack with orders that they must capture the Metereen-Bailleul highway at all costs. They paid in advance, but did not get what they were after. Here again the machine guns reaped a harvest.

The trend of operations in the northern battle may be seen from the number of troops the Germans have been using since the opening of the struggle. On April 9, when the attack began they were using 11 divisions in the line. On April 10 this was increased to 13; on April 11 and 12 to 20; April 13 to 21 and 20; and April 14 to 23, other divisions being held in reserve.

From the southern battlefield comes word that German officers of the 24th reserve division, captured at Hangard wood April 13, stated that the casualties of the German forces engaged on this front averaged 50 per cent since the attack began. In addition the enemy suffered much from transport trouble and shortage of food and ammunition. This was partly due to the great number of horses killed and the bad condition of the road.

Date for Shasta Case Is Set at Washington

The hearing of the case of the public service commission of Washington against the Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad company, et al., known as the Shasta arbitrary case, will take place at the office of the Interstate commerce commission in Washington, D. C., May 4. This information was received by the Oregon commission yesterday from George H. McGinty, secretary of the Interstate commerce commission. The Oregon commission is an intervenor in the case.

Eastern Washington Has Not Reached Half Quota

SPOKANE, April 4.—Total liberty loan subscriptions of \$3,209,200 of a quota of \$8,000,000 were reported officially from the eastern Washington district to headquarters here tonight. Subscriptions from this city totaled \$1,235,050, of a quota of \$5,000,000.

While his train was held here, Major General E. D. Swinton, chief of staff of Lord Reading, British minister to the United States, addressed a street meeting and a theater crowd here tonight in the interest of the liberty loan.

TEXAS CITIES DRY FOR GOOD

Liquor Sales Prohibited Within Ten Miles of Any Army Encampment

DALLAS, Texas, April 15.—The saloons in practically all Texas cities of more than 5000 population closed their doors for good at 9:30 o'clock tonight, the result of a law enacted at the last special session of the legislature prohibiting the sale of liquor within ten miles of any army camp.

Attorney General Looney put a final dash on the hopes of the optimists when he interpreted the law to mean any place where an airplane lands or where any military work is being done was a military camp within the meaning of the bill.

Bruton of Walla Walla Endorsed for Congress

PASCO, Wash., April 15.—Delegates selected by Republican county central committees in seven of the twelve counties in the fourth Washington congressional district, meeting here today, endorsed E. L. Bruton of Walla Walla as candidate for congressman from this district. W. L. La Follette is the incumbent.

Of the twenty-nine votes in the convention, Mr. Bruton was given fifteen, and State Senator E. V. Kuykendall of Pomeroy was given fourteen. Representation was on the basis of the Republican vote for president in the last election.

Endeavor Workers to Convene at Hubbard

At a meeting of Christian Endeavor workers last night plans were discussed for the coming Marion county convention, which is to be held at Hubbard May 3, 4 and 5. A program has been mapped out for a three-day session, and among the speakers will be Levi Pennington, of Pacific college, and Miss Helen Orr, of Portland. Marion county has about twenty-five societies comprising 600 members, and it is expected that not less than 100 delegates will be present at the convention. Further details of the program will be given later.

Four Deaths Caused By Tornado in Texas

DALLAS, Texas, April 15.—The tornado that struck several north Texas counties Sunday night demolishing homes and outhouses and crippling wire communications, caused at least four deaths, reports to-night show. Many persons were believed to have been injured but poor service made it impossible to obtain accurate figures or the extent of the damage.

The heaviest damage occurred in Wise and Denton counties, according to reports. At Roanoke, Wise county, Bud King was killed and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. King, were seriously injured. Several other homes also were destroyed there. A negro woman was killed in Wise county.

In Grayson county, near Sherman, a Mrs. Jones was killed when a farm house was demolished and Mrs. W. L. Shannon was killed when her home was wrecked at Bellevue, Clay county.

Missoula County Passes Its Liberty Bond Quota

MISSOULA, MONT., April 15.—Missoula county reported a \$200,000 over-subscription of its liberty loan quota at noon today, three hours after the opening of the third campaign. Employees of the Northern Pacific had subscribed \$200,000 worth of bonds. Reports to F. S. Lusk of Missoula, district chairman, said that Mineral county also had exceeded its allotment during the day.

Seaman Is Acquitted, But Judge Orders His Re-Arrest

NEW YORK, April 15.—When a jury in the Brooklyn federal court today returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Oscar Anderson, a Swedish seaman accused of violating the trading with the enemy act, Judge Claffield, who was presiding, announced that he had ordered that Anderson be re-arrested and charged with unlawfully bringing a letter into the country outside the regular mails.

According to federal authorities, Anderson admits that a letter was given him before the vessel on which he worked, the Bergensjord, departed from Christiania, Norway, in February, and that in accordance with instructions, he mailed the missive upon arrival here.

SILVERTON MAN DEAD IN FRANCE

OTTAWA, ONT., April 15.—The name of G. R. Dwyer, Silverton, Ore., appears in tonight's Canadian list as dead.

PORTLAND MAN STILL MISSING

Two Missionaries Released by Bandits, but Kyle Still Gone

PEKIN, Wednesday, April 10.—Miss Katherine Schmidt and Mrs. Stanley M. Dixon, American missionaries, formerly of Springfield, S. D., who were captured by bandits April 8, have been released. The whereabouts of George A. Kyle of Portland, Or., who was captured by the outlaws March 11, has for the last ten days been unknown.

The foregoing dispatch from Peking confirms advices to Washington, April 13, that the two missionaries had been released.

Motor Registration Shown in State Grows Rapidly

The 1918 registrations in the motor vehicle department of Secretary of State Olcott's office yesterday passed the entire total of motor vehicle registrations for the year 1917, which was 48,632. On April 23, 1917, the total registrations for the year 1917 passed the total for the entire year 1916, which was 33,917. This is evidence that either a greater number of motor vehicles are being purchased by the residents of this state or they are registering their cars more promptly.

Andes Spanned First Time By Pilot in An Aeroplane

BUENOS AIRES, April 15.—Lieutenant Candelaria of the Argentine army, today crossed the Andes by airplane from Zapala, Argentina, to Curico, Chile, a distance of 180 kilometers. The machine crossed the mountains at an altitude of 3200 meters.

This is the first recorded crossing of the Andes by airplane. On June 24, 1916, a balloon, operated by Captain Zuloaga and Engineer Bradley, crossed the Andes from Santiago, Chile, to Uspallata, Argentina.

No Assurance Given of Vladivostok Withdrawal

LONDON, April 15.—Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, answering a question in the house of commons today, said: "No assurance has been given that the British and Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Vladivostok as soon as order is restored, but it is hoped that the incident will soon be closed."

Letters May Be Sent to U. S. Men Held Prisoners

NEW YORK, April 15.—The Atlantic division of the American Red Cross announced here today that it had been granted by the German war trade board an exclusive blanket authorization for the sending of food, letters and money through the American Red Cross to American and allied soldiers in German prison camps.

Two ten-pound parcels a week may be sent from Berne to American prisoners. The parcels may contain two heavy loaves of bread a week, tobacco and soap. Special parcels for invalids may be sent when necessary.

Because of the overcrowded condition of the mails, however, the Red Cross advises that parcels be not sent to allied prisoners, but that money be mailed to the bureau of allied prisoners relief, which will arrange for the purchase and forwarding of food and tobacco.

Candidates Invited to Give Talks at Mehama

At a picnic to be given in Mehama grove on May 11, all Republican and Democratic candidates for office are invited to speak at the afternoon program. Among those who have already consented to speak are County Judge W. M. Bushey, L. J. Adams, who is a candidate for county judge against Mr. Bushey, and Walter L. Toole, who is not a candidate for office. Ed. Taylor who was in yesterday from Mehama announced the plans for the occasion.

OREGON MAY BE FIRST IN UNION

Woodburn Is One of Two Towns in State Yet Short of Quota

PORTLAND, ORE., April 15.—(Special to The Statesman)—Oregon still holds fair to be the first state in the union with all towns over the top in the third liberty loan campaign in addition to the honor of being the first state in the union to oversubscribe its quota. Only two towns are holding back and they are very nearly up to their quotas. Woodburn, Marion county, lacks but 2 per cent and Oakland, Douglas county, 15 per cent of reaching their allotments.

With Oregon so near the coveted goal feeling runs high all over the state and scores of telegrams are being sent to the delinquents by other towns urging them on to victory.

KEY POINT OF BRITISH IN DANGER

Haig's Forces May Center Attack to Drive Germans From Neuve Eglise Where Bloody Fight Took Place

MESSINES RIDGE IS NEW GOAL OF HUNS

German Troops Enter Helsingfors, Finnish Capital—Americans Firm

(OFFICIAL SUMMARY)

Seven days after the Germans launched their gigantic assault against the British lines between Lens and Ypres, the momentum of their attack has been broken and the waves of the Teutonic forces are recoiling before the rock of the British defense. While the Germans have made gains of ground and have driven a wedge into the allied lines to a considerable depth, they seem to have failed in their attempt to break through or take important railroad junctions.

During the last day there have been bitterly fought engagements in four places, all on the northern side of the salient to the south of Ypres. Seven assaults against the British trenches at Merville, near the apex of the triangular dent in the British line have been hurled back by the British. Neuve Eglise, on the extreme southwestern spur of Messines ridge, has been taken by the Germans after a struggle which will go into history as one of the greatest of the past week.

The British, however, have not retired far and it is possible that they will at once organize a counter-attack to force the Germans out of the salient, according to Berlin, might be a "kicking off" point for an attack which might outflank and make untenable Messines ridge, the key to the British positions about Ypres.

German Method Ineffective.

Bailleul and Wulverghem between Neuve Eglise and Merville, have been the scenes of hard fighting, but except for Neuve Eglise, on the northern side of the salient, have fought firm. On the southern side of the salient, according to Berlin, fierce struggles have been fought.

It has been the German plan of campaign since March 21, when the great offensive started, to strike hard at some particular sector, and if that blow was parried, to turn powerfully against some new point. This procedure probably will follow in the next few days by a new assault somewhere south of Arras. An attack north of Ypres is hardly possible, for the low lands of Belgium are as yet too water-logged to permit active operations. An attack on Arras would entail the hurling of troops against Vimy ridge, the Labyrinth and other formidable military works protecting that city.

Finnish Capital Entered.

It may be that the savage fighting reported at Hangard-en-Santerre, south of Albert, and on the center of the line facing Amiens, may mark the beginning of a new attempt to sweep westward toward Amiens.

German troops have entered Helsingfors, the Finnish capital. It was reported last week that the Russian warships which have been there had made their escape and reached Kronstadt, the great Russian naval base.

American forces near Toul are standing firm before heavy attacks by the Germans and have held their lines intact in spite of all the weight of men and metal the enemy has loosed against them. The Germans have lost heavily.

The constant German attacks in this sector may have some bearing on the development of the German offensive campaign and much interest in the situation throughout the region held by General Pershing's men is evidenced by the allied leaders.

ACCUSATION IS BRANDED LOW

"My Cannon in West Is Out Last Reply," Says Charles to William

BASEL, Switzerland, April 15.—Emperor Charles of Austria has sent the following telegram to Emperor William of Germany, according to advices from Vienna: "Clemenceau's accusations against me are so low that I have no intention longer to discuss this affair with France. My cannon in the west is our last reply.

"In faithful friendship. (Signed) Charles."