

ENEMY'S OFFENSIVE IS BEING SLOWED DOWN

ONLY HALF OF SURRENDERED AREA REGAINED

Despite Stupendous Slaughter of Men Hindenburg Gets Back but 65 Per Ct.

ADVANCING FRONT IS NARROWED GREATLY

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(J. W. T. MASON) NEW YORK, March 26.—Von Hindenburg's stupendous German manpower slaughter is still failing to wrest back the full area of territory voluntarily surrendered last March. He has now recovered sixty-five per cent of the terrain then lost. Only breaking the British line can compensate the unprecedented casualties. The advancing front is narrowed. German shock troops are not displaying the reckless impetuosity of their first attacks. The best divisions appear exhausted. Nevertheless Hindenburg is evidently planning to break through the southern portion of the British front. The combat across the Somme being under the control of Crown Prince makes its success more urgent to maintain Hohenzollern prestige. Thus the slow advance across the Somme is a happy augury for the allies. The British front is solidly intact where the greatest blows are falling.

RESISTANCE OF ALLIES GROWS STIFFER DAILY

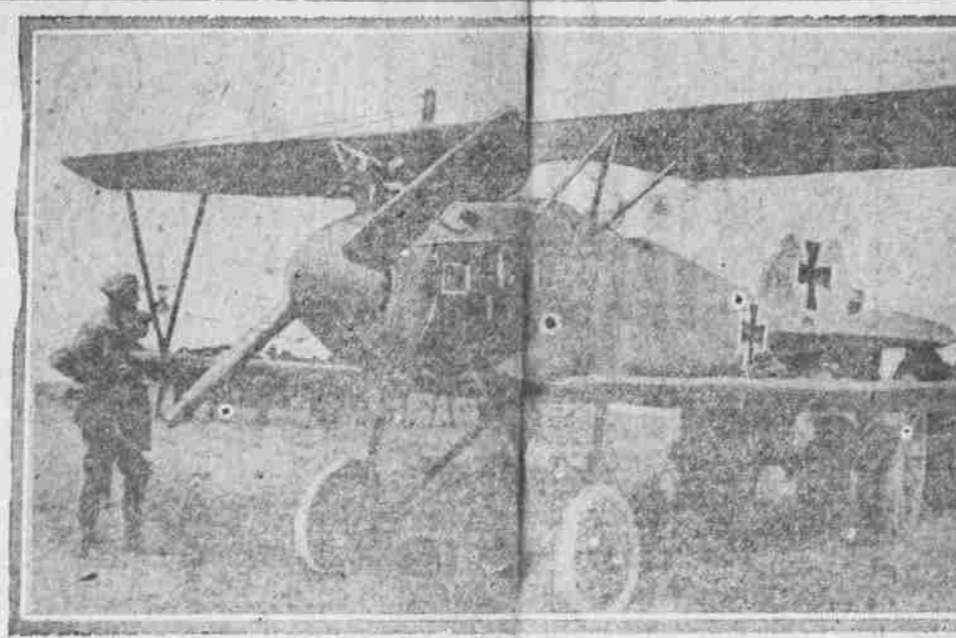
Tigerish Battle Rages Across Posieres Ridge; Weather Favors Enemy.

200 MACHINES DOWNED IN LAST FOUR DAYS

Hindenburg Plays Leapfrog With Death in Driving Divisions.

(WILLIAM PHILLIPS SIMMS) BRITISH FRONT, March 26.—Monster battles on the sixth day found the British and Germans fighting tigerishly across Posieres ridge. The enemy is throwing masses against Albert and the British are stubbornly resisting. The Germans are slowly advancing westward from Neve. Allied resistance is daily stiffening. The enemy is violently attempting to break through near Arras, Albert and Noyon. The finest weather is favoring the Germans. It was cloudy briefly this afternoon but a north wind cleared it. Airman are most active. Two hundred machines have been downed in four days. Low flying machines are ceaselessly harassing the Germans. Leap Frog Divisions. Hindenburg is playing leapfrog with death, driving thirty divisions until exhausted then thirty more through those then leapfrogging the first thirty through the second. Simms indicates more extensive rear fighting than Haig. Posieres is on the Albert-Bapaume road.

NEW GERMAN AEROPLANE CAPTURED BY THE ALLIES



Here is the newest type of German airplane which the soldiers of the allies have captured on the west front. It is a powerful biplane, with a propeller fastened unlike anything heretofore taken from the Germans.

JERSEY CITY ROCKED BY SERIES HEAVY MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS

NEW YORK, March 26.—Several are reported killed, over a score are known to be injured this afternoon by an explosion wrecking the Jarvis warehouse at Jersey City. Great supplies of ammunition were destroyed.

shock was plainly felt for miles. It is reported the blasts were near the Jarvis warehouse on the Jersey waterfront, where ammunition cars are located. All communications with Jersey City failed. Passengers in Jersey tubes were turned back. Clouds of smoke and debris came over the Hudson river into the streets of lower Manhattan. Thousands crowded the New York waterfront. There are many wild reports. Hoboken and many headquarters said the explosions were in the warehouse of the Erie railroad.

Plans for big celebration on April 6 to mark the beginning of the Third Liberty Loan drive and the anniversary of America's entrance into the war are proceeding rapidly and despite the fact that the date falls on Saturday, an effort will be made to make the day a partial holiday at least.

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ELLENBURG, Wash., March 26.—Authorities today are investigating the fire believed incendiary which destroyed the Galbraith Bacon Company warehouse with a loss of \$50,000. It contained a thousand tons of hay, barley and gasoline tractors. It is believed the result of a German plot.

BERLIN, March 26.—The fighting has spread to the Flanders front. The British from Italy were defeated there. The Germans have captured Balocco, Babucourt, Bieville, Greville, Isles, Miramontand and also crossed the Ancre.

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PROTECTING EAR DRUMS WHEN BIG GUNS SHOOT AT GERMANS



This photograph was taken the instant one of the largest guns of the front fired nearby held his hands to his ears to protect himself. Every soldier had them stuffed with cotton.

BRITISH FORCES ESTABLISH NEW POSITIONS AT ALBERT AND ROYE; NOYON IS EVACUATED

German Losses Continue Severe; North of Somme Continuation of Fighting is Expected; Italians Start Extended Activities; Berlin Admits Losses are Heavy But Smaller Than Expected.

LONDON, March 26.—Fighting has died down east of Roye and Albert, Haig reports. The British established new positions there. North of the Somme continuation of fighting is expected. Enemy losses continue severe. He is obliged to reinforce his lines. Over seventy enemy divisions are involved.

SAY ALLIED OFFENSIVE IS IMMINENT LONDON, March 26.—French dispatches declare the moment is imminent when the allied reserve will sweep against the Germans. The way to Paris is blocked by a powerful army.

NOYON EVACUATED IN GOOD ORDER ROME, March 26.—It is announced Noyon was evacuated last night in excellent order. The French are holding the left bank of the Oise solidly. Noyon is twenty miles southwest of the previous battle line.

The battle continued violently Monday evening. The enemy multiplied attacks on the Noyon-Chaulnes front. French artillery effectively supported the infantry, whose counter attacks delayed the German drive inflicting heavy losses.

LODGE DECRIES WASTED EFFORTS OF PAST YEAR

GERMAN TANKS PRAISED

COPENHAGEN, March 26.—Berlin front correspondents declare German losses are great but smaller than expected. The Kaiser is working tirelessly. Berlin is flag decorated with bells ringing.

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AMERICAN BANKER HELD WASHINGTON, March 26.—Henry Emery, New York banker and member of the American-Russian military mission is held in the German prison at Danzig the state department was today informed.

HOUSE ADOPTS REPORT WASHINGTON, March 26.—The house this afternoon unanimously adopted the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill carrying seven hundred thirty seven millions for war work. It now goes to the president.

BELIEVE ALLIES OFFENSIVE NEAR

FEW COMMITMENTS TO STATE HOSPITAL

Not since the Eastern Oregon State Hospital was founded has there been such a small number of commitments as during the past month, according to Superintendent W. D. McNary.

High allied military officials declared Germany's Titanic effort has failed "as the end of the first phase of battle."

Downfall Of Lenin Appears Imminent

BERNE, March 26.—Premier Lenin's fall is imminent say German papers. The accession of socialists and those opposing the German treaty is considered inevitable.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN TO TOTAL THREE BILLION

News that only three billion dollars would be raised in the Third Liberty Loan was received here as a surprise as it was generally believed by bankers that the loan would not be less than five billion. The lower amount means that Umattila county will probably not be called upon for any larger sum than was assigned as a quota during the second loan. The minimum quota for the county then was \$932,694, the maximum quota \$1,553,374 and the amount actually subscribed \$1,753,490. County Chairman W. L. Thompson telegraphed this morning to learn upon what basis the state, county and district quotas would be fixed but as yet has received no reply.

BRITAIN CALM AND AWAITING FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

(ED L. KEEN) LONDON, March 26.—Although Britain's traditional calmness is unchanged and confidence in Haig is unshaken there is a general disposition to face the facts squarely admitting the possibility of further retreatment. The Manchester Guardian frankly says "We have suffered a severe defeat but know how to draw victory from defeat. It is not a decisive defeat and won't be. It is not a disaster but a time of great anxiety. We await the future confidently."

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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 \$2,000,000,000 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 a 4-1-4 per cent, as had been expected. The loan, Secretary McAdoo said, cannot fail to succeed. He said: "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. "Defeat faces the Kaiser. Let us hasten it by asserting America's might with increased vigor in concert with our gallant comrades." Secretary McAdoo must have the authority of congress to increase the interest rate from 4 to 4-1-4 per cent. He will ask this authority in the form of a bill to be introduced in the house tomorrow by Chairman Kitchin, at the same time he will seek authorization for future bond issues up to \$4,500,000,000. It will be necessary to rush the bill if it becomes law before April 6, the date set for the opening the third Liberty loan campaign. Chairman Kitchin, upon agreeing to introduce the bill, also promised to call it up for consideration in the house on Wednesday.