



# ALLIES COUNTER BEGUN

## PERSHING ASKS THAT ENTIRE AMERICAN FORCES BE USED IN PRESENT BATTLE

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Request Made in His Own and Country's Name War Office Announces Today. GENERAL FOCH HEARS AMERICAN APPEAL

PARIS, March 29.—General John J. Pershing conferring with French officials on the front Thursday asked in his own name and the country's that the entire American forces be engaged in the present battle, the war office announced today.

Pershing has placed the American army entirely at the disposition of the French. He made his request to General Foch in the presence of Premier Clemenceau, minister of munitions Leclerc and General Petain.

"I come to tell you the American people would feel highly honored if our troops were engaged in the present battle. I ask this in my own name and in my country's name."

"Now the only question is to fight. Infantry, artillery, aviation—all we possess—is at your disposal. Other forces are following—as many as shall be necessary. I came here especially to tell you the Americans would be proud to participate in the finest and greatest battle in history."

### WELCH BROTHERS ARE NEW PROPRIETORS OF THE KOPPER KETTLE

F. E. and James Welch, proprietors of the Court street cigar store, this morning purchased the equipment and other assets of the Kopper Kettle, closed recently by bankruptcy proceedings, and expect to reopen it soon to the public. The purchase was made of John Dickson, trustee of the creditors, at a private sale. The Welch will retain their cigar store in its present location and will conduct the Kopper Kettle as a soft drink, ice cream, confectionery and light lunch establishment. J. H. Welch will assume active management of the place and, as soon as some improvements are made, they will open for business.

### MRS. CRABB WINS IN SUIT AGAINST HALF BROTHERS

Mrs. Jerusha Crabb has won out in her suit brought against her half brothers, Homer I. Watts and Marvel Watts of Athens, for the cancellation of deeds which their father gave them and their wives to valuable farm property just prior to his death. The case was brought in the federal court, argued here several months ago, and Judge Wolverton has just handed down a decree in favor of the plaintiff, copies of which have been received by local attorneys interested in the case. The decree orders the deeds cancelled and requires the Watts brothers to make a full accounting for all the crops raised on the land since they have had it in their possession.

The slogan—"Work or fight," is said to be making the Sons of Rest fighting mad.

### GERMANS FACE NEW STRATEGIC RETREAT

(J. W. T. MASON)  
NEW YORK, March 29.—Apparently the western combat is definitely turned favoring the allies as the Germans are beginning sullen defensive tactics at important points. The German front formations are precarious and retreats are probable. Hindenburg today faces the delicate situation of having overstepped his resources. He can not protect the new battle line. Even if the allies do not start a major offensive, local attacks may force the retreats. Before the present offensive the German front was 85 miles. Now it is 125. The Germans must increase their trench garrisons 200,000 with reserves for constant casualties.

### BULLETINS

BERLIN CLAIMS 70,000 PRISONERS  
BERLIN, March 29.—Seventy thousand prisoners and 1100 captured guns is claimed in the Berlin official statement.

AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED  
PARIS, March 29.—Phelps Collins, Detroit, among the most successful of American aviators was killed today while chasing a German plane.

MANY HURT IN EXPLOSION.  
PARIS, March 29.—Many people were injured today in an explosion at a munitions depot at Laxouneuve. Extensive damage was done. The explosion was heard forty miles. The American ambulance corps was first to reach the scene.

TWO CADET FLYERS KILLED.  
FORWORTH, March 29.—Two aviation cadets were killed today on Kell field. They were Scott Rowan of Montreal and E. Dwyer, both of the Royal Flying Corps.

TWO GERMAN PLANES DOWNED.  
PARIS, March 29.—Dwight Putnam, Brookline, Mass., a member of the Lafayette Escadrille brought down two more German planes today making a total of five.

### French Seize Wireless And Find Eccentric Spanish Millionaire

PARIS, March 29.—When the police arrested the owner of a wireless outfit at La Baule, near St. Nazaire, early this week they did not catch a spy, according to the newspapers, but an eccentric Spanish millionaire, Gregorio de Angula y Garcia, whose passion in life is to have the corner time. In his large villa on the right bank of the River Loire, there was found a collection of time pieces, ancient and modern, and in pursuance of his harmless craze he had installed a wireless receiver to catch the time signals flashed from Eiffel tower. The receiver was disguised when private wireless plants were prohibited at the beginning of the war and it was for this offense that he was arrested.

### TROOPS TO QUEL STRIKERS

Two Persons Shot During Trouble  
KANSAS CITY, March 29.—The Seventh regiment, Missouri national guard, early this morning was ordered to mobilize for duty in connection with the general strike in sympathy with Kansas City laundry workers. Disorders in which at least two persons were shot and seriously wounded marked the first day of the general strike called in sympathy with the striking laundry workers. Two strikers were shot by guards who fired into a crowd of several hundred that attacked a laundry plant with bricks and sticks.

### GERMANS IN QUARANTINE

PACIFIC PORT, March 29.—The Alexander Agassiz arrived today with Germans aboard and was held in quarantine. The Agassiz is not a raider, but supplied a German raider base it is believed. The engine was damaged by the crew.

### HUNGRY SOLDIER BOYS KEEP AMERICAN GIRLS BUSY



There's an unending line to the buy two sandwiches, a cup of coffee, sandwich counter at the Red Cross tea or chocolate and there is always a line of American soldiers from the some of the hungry American kids in opening until the closing at seven o'clock at night.

### TODAY AND TOMORROW EXPECTED TO BE CRISIS IN WEST FRONT FIGHT

(CARL R. GROAT)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. Expectantly and confidently America watches the west front. Today and tomorrow, say army officials, will tell the tale of gladness or sorrow for democracy. All of today's news is cheerful.

Gen. John J. Pershing indicates that the enemy is drawing his reserves to the utmost, staking all on the present offensive. The British defense is solidifying and snuffing the German vitality.

Germany is apparently redoubling submarine activities hoping to cooperate with the land drive. Diplomats are hoping that the casualties will stir the Germans to revolution. The Teuton disposition is to feed on success and despair at reverses and the Germans went mad for failure on west front it is hoped.

Dispatches declare the Austrians are surprised and demoralized because the British and French have not withdrawn to Italy to oppose an offensive there but a massed blow against the Italians is still expected.

"Keep the home gardens growing" should be the burden of our song, and that will "Keep the home fires burning."

### TIDE OF BATTLE EVER RISING, NEW FRONT IS 70 MILES LONG

(WILLIAM PHILLIPS SIMMS.)  
The tide of battle is ever rising. The great struggle is extending northward and southward. The new battle line is over seventy miles long. There are three principal fighting centers, the north flank towards Arras, astride the Somme, and the third against the south flank between Monte-Didier and Noyon.

III Strains With Dead.  
After comparative quiet since the offensive opened the sector from Avion to Scarpe is the scene of ferocious bombardment with high explosives, gas shells, shrapnel and infantry action following. The conditions are identical with the initial attack a week ago. The fiercest fighting has developed and the enemy is making progress below the Scarpe with massed formations and at frightful cost.

Meanwhile the struggle is maintained north and south of Arras, the Germans desiring Amiens 12 miles distant. The lack of enemy reports are commanding the Germans in the three storm centers. Otto Von Below at the north, Von Hutier at the center, Von Fatter at the south. Continues Despite Drought.  
Fighting continues today despite a sudden change of weather. A gale and rain is sweeping the battlefield. Cold, stinging rain all night made fighting difficult. The moon was obscured and the night was pitch black. The result was a conjunctive fall following a hard day although the outposts and patrols clashed constantly, under brilliant flares.  
Fight With Gas.  
Enemy dealt bitter the ground south of the Somme. After repeated assaults, the Germans beat the British back to Hamel. Below this the French brilliantly held the road toward the south, driving the "Crown Prince's" hordes with bayonets.  
The Germans with strike perseverance are hitting west against the British near Arras making some progress and necessitating foot line trenches on Orange Hill and Neuville-Vermes.

### HAIG THRUSTS TO NORTH AS PETAIN STRIKES IN SOUTH

### FOOD COMPLAINTS TO GO TO HEADQUARTERS

Recently, when patrons of local eating houses evidence a lack of cooperation in the conservation of food by making unseemly complaints of the food administration regulations as enforced by the proprietor, he will be presented with a little card inviting him to carry his complaint to the local representative of the food administration or to the Unaffilia County Patriotic Service League.

As a protection to the proprietors, many of whom have been criticized by their patrons for their enforcement of the food regulations, the executive committee of the patriotic service league, of which Dr. W. D. McNary, local representative of the food administration, is a member, authorized the printing of the following card for distribution to the hotels and restaurants:

### To The Patrons of This House

Your attention is invited to the strict regulations imposed by the United States Food Administration upon restaurants, hotels, cafes, bakeries and like establishments. These regulations admit of but one interpretation. The proprietor of this place has responded to the call for co-operation in the conservation of food resources and has accepted the regulations as construed for him by the administration officials. He is entitled to your co-operation which can best be given by a cheerful acceptance of any curtailment in service organizations. The proprietor has been requested to report to the undersigned any lack of co-operation manifested by patrons. If you have any complaint to make, do not make it to the waiter or proprietor who are only doing their duty. The undersigned will grant you a hearing.

Respectfully,  
W. D. McNary Representative of Food Administration,  
Unaffilia County Patriotic Service League.

### FOCH NAMED INTER-ALLIED COMMANDER

WASHINGTON, March 29.—President Wilson today cables General Foch congratulation on "your new authority." It is indicated Foch is named inter-allied commander of all the forces in France.

He said, "Such unity of command is the most hopeful augury of ultimate success."

"We are following with profound interest the bold, brilliant action of your forces." The appointment of Foch was conveyed to the president during a cabinet meeting. The president's congratulatory message was published before the cabinet adjourned.

### Harold Grady Makes Good As Aviator

PORTLAND, March 29.—Harold Grady, who left Portland about two months ago to enter the training camp for aviators at Berkeley, Cal., has finished his course with honors. He had the distinction of finishing at the head of his class and was placed in command of a squadron of 18 men to be sent to the flying field at San Diego. Grady will soon be ready for service abroad.  
Mrs. Grady is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. R. Thompson, in San Francisco and is teaching dancing at the St. Francis and Oakland hotels. Later she plans to spend the summer with Mr. Grady's parents at La Grande, Or.  
Mr. and Mrs. Grady, who have played Patagonia's credit for several seasons, re-established Harlow-Grady Hall in this city, a school of dancing.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The great allied counter offensive is now developing according to army men. It may take two days to reveal itself. The situation this morning is favorable. Further violent German efforts are expected. Now is the psychological moment for allied counter, with the Germans fatigued. Thursday's French thrust is the first phase.

American army officials in Washington believe the big allied counter offensive is already begun. They see the first stages in passing of the initiative in General Haig's thrust on the northern flank and General Petain's attack on the south flank. They also believe the necessary dispositions of troops have been made and the mysterious army of maneuver is ready to strike. The Hindenburg machine is believed battered and exhausted until most vulnerable.

PARIS, March 29.—The French are firmly holding the territory recaptured yesterday in the Monte Didier section. The official statement says: "We stormed and captured Monchel and repulsed a counter attack against Plessisdenojades."

"There is furious fighting before Plessis-de-Roye. Enemy assaults were hurled vainly against the French indomitable resistance. Prisoners confirm heavy German losses here."

"North of Monte Didier the Franco-British are victoriously checking the enemy along Avre and before Lanetville, Siere-Bernard, Mezeres, Marcelcave and Hamel."

"On the road from Laon to Lafere the German infantry columns were dispersed by French artillery. The whole front is active with artillerying."

(Ed L. Keen)

LONDON, March 29.—Haig reported the British took prisoners, machine guns north of Somme, inflicting heavy losses. "The Germans frequent attacks showing great determination throughout Thursday gained only our outposts by severest hand-to-hand fighting. His reserves were thrown back everywhere. Our machine gun and artillery fire did the greatest execution. There was heavy and continuous fighting south of the Somme until Thursday night. We maintained our line against greatly superior numbers throughout the attack, giving up only advanced posts." There is no reason yet to believe that General Von Ludendorff has increased his prospects of winning a great political gamble as represented by the German offensive. Every effort to draw out the allied serve still fails while the German reserves are being constantly added to. Meanwhile the German line is in an increasingly precarious position. The time is approaching for the intact allied reserves to strike wherever they please.

### BALLPLAYERS REPORT HERE ON APRIL 3

The Portland ball players of the Pacific Coast International League will report at Pendleton on April 3 for the beginning of training according to advices received this morning by local fans from Judge McVee, owner of the club.  
As a result of the announcement, J. H. Welch, who has been appointed by the fans guaranteeing the expenses of the players, started work this morning putting the Round-Up grounds in good shape for practice. The installation of a hot water heating plant in the auditorium so that the players may have the use of the shower baths has also been started. Councilman Phelps has donated the equipment necessary.  
Within another week the sound of Hickory meeting horsehide will be a familiar one at the park, and if the present trend of weather continues the players should round into condition rapidly.

### Situation Grave But Growing More Favorable

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Acting Chief of Staff March today read General Bliss dispatch to the house military committee. "The enemy is being held at all points." The dispatch indicated the situation, though still grave, is gradually assuming more favorable aspect.  
The committee also heard General Petain's plan, had whipped the Teutons before the west drive began. He said the allies withdrawal was based upon complete familiarity with every step of the German preparations for an offensive. He said he knew the British plans before leaving France. He assured the committee General Pershing is taking advantage of all the latest scientific methods of combatting the enemy.

### AMERICAN SCHOONER IS LOST

Wrecked Off Africa — Grain for Swab Goes Down.  
LONDON, March 28.—Lloyd's announces that the American schooner Carrie A. Lane has been wrecked off Assinie, on the gulf of Guinea, Africa. The crew abandoned the vessel. The Carrie A. Lane was a vessel of 202 tons and was owned by John B. Phillips of New York.