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## GERMAN DRIVE ON WEST FRONT IS RAGING

### ALLIES STANDING LIKE ADAMANT SHATTER THE ONCOMING GERMANS

**Hosts of Democracy at Grips With Prussianism on Fifty Mile Front, Hold Their Positions Everywhere and Inflict Extraordinary Losses on Enemy**

London, Mar. 22.—British soldiers have withstood the most stupendous attack hurled against the western front in three and a half years of warfare. The hosts of democracy are at grips with Prussianism on a 50-mile front, and have taken the preliminary round of what may be a decisive struggle.

In their first onslaught the enemy passed British outposts at some points and attained the battle line, but nowhere gained their objectives. Regiment after regiment was hurled against the British. German losses are exceptionally heavy.

The enemy's efforts were evidently directed to cutting off a salient near Cambrai, and driving through the opening toward the old Somme battle ground.

According to reports received here Emperor William, General von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff have left Berlin for the western front to witness the attack.

Bulgarian and Austrian troops are also among the attackers.

Paris, Mar. 22.—The German advance in the Hurlus center at Tabbure, where American artillery is aiding the French, fell down.

With the British Armies in France Mar. 22.—The enemy is reported advancing at several points between the Scarpe river and St. Quentin. The infantry has penetrated the British front line at points north of Lampicourt and Louveral.

Later it was reported the Ger-

mans were advancing on St. Quentin ridge, on the edge of the Cambrai salient, and also through the Ganche wood, in the same sector, and through the brick fields near Croisilles-sur-Villers.

Washington, Mar. 22.—Even word from London that the drive launched yesterday by the Germans on the west front is on a larger scale than any undertaken there since the war began has failed to convince American army observers that the long-heralded German offensive is at hand. They are waiting for the full scope of the enemy action against both British and French fronts to be made clear, and still believe that the logic of the situation points away from a German offensive in the west at this time.

There is a distinct feeling that the tumult of the German guns might cloak some other purpose than to commit the issue of the war to desperate onslaughts against the all but impregnable allied lines in the west. Supreme confidence in the power of those lines to resist the shock characterized the expressions of all officials.

With the American Army in France, Mar. 22.—American artillery has destroyed first and second line positions on a portion of the sector east of Luneville. A patrol crossed to enemy trenches and found them wiped out.

Rome, Mar. 22.—Fighting is very active along the entire front.

### GERMAN HOT AIR HAS CAPTURED THE GOAT

**Official Dispatches of the Enemy Would Indicate That the Drive Has Been Successful**

London, Mar. 22.—A German official statement claims they have captured 16,000 prisoners and 200 guns.

### AIRPLANE PRODUCTION IS ON THE INCREASE

Washington, Mar. 22.—The United States by the last of August will have completed more than double the number of battle planes now in use by Germany, England and France, aviation officials declared today.

While admitting that the airplane program is two months behind the original schedule and contending that the United States' plans have been over-advertised, the officials suggested that a vast work had already been done.

### GOVERNMENT WANTS PAPERS TO ASSIST

Washington, Mar. 22.—The aid of 736 daily newspapers was asked by Secretary of Labor Wilson today in mobilizing farm labor. They will be branches of the federal employment service and a member of the staff on each paper will be made a federal agent. The newspapers asked are those in towns of over 20,000 population.

Secretary Wilson in his letter to the newspapers says:

"There is no more worthy demand than the farmers' for help to produce the nation's food. The department of labor, cooperating with the department of agriculture, is expanding its United States employment service to find all available labor and correlate every activity toward meeting this demand."

### TWELVE ADDITIONAL DEATHS REPORTED FROM DESTROYER

Washington, Mar. 22.—Twelve additional deaths from the collision between the destroyer Manley and a British warship are announced.

London, Mar. 22.—It is indicated that the vote taken by the miners on the government's proposed policy of "combing out" 50,000 miners for military service will show a majority of 30,000 against the proposition.

### ARGENTINE STRIKES QUELLED IN ONE DAY

Buenos Aires, Mar. 22.—Three thousand employes of the state railroads, including 720 engineers and firemen, have been discharged because of their participation in the railroad strike which now has been running for nearly a month, according to a report to Pedro Torelli, minister of public works, by the administrator of the state railroads. The engineers will be replaced by naval engineers and stokers. This is the most radical step yet taken to end labor troubles.

### 1 HUN RAIDER IS ROUNDED UP BY UNCLE SAM

**WAS FITTED OUT ON WESTERN COAST OF MEXICO, WITH ALL GERMAN CREW**

### CAPABLE OF SINKING ANY SHIP

**Has Been Operating on the Pacific—Officials Investigating to Learn How It Got Papers**

A Pacific Port, Mar. 22.—A German raider, operating on the Pacific coast, has been captured by a United States cruiser and is now being towed into port.

The captured raider is a comparatively small vessel, but capable of sinking any merchant ship on the Pacific. It outfitted from the west coast of Mexico, with what seems to be an all German crew. Officials are now investigating to ascertain how she got her clearance papers.

### BRITISH WAR MACHINE IS IN PERFECT SHAPE

British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 22.—It is too early to predict the outcome of the first few hours of the struggle, in which vast forces and every conceivable engine probably was employed. On general principles, however, it may be stated that the great concentration of attacking forces will probably result in the defensive line being pushed back in places. This would merely be history repeating itself.

This much is certain: At no period has the British war machine been in such perfect condition. Never before has there been higher morale or optimism among the British troops. The general impression on the front is in agreement with that of the Germans—that this is the decisive contest of the war. But on the British side there is no doubt that the decision will eventually be in the allies' favor.

### WAR DEPARTMENT TO REORGANIZE PLANS

Washington, Mar. 22.—Reorganization plans for the war department worked out by Secretary Baker and approved by the president will be put into full effect as soon as the house acts finally upon the senate bill creating two new assistants to the secretary of war.

There has been considerable speculation as to the men slated to hold the new posts which are to be filled without waiting for Mr. Baker's return from Europe. It is generally understood now that Edward R. Stettinius, surveyor-general of supplies, will be made assistant in charge of all industrial and commercial aspects of the department's work while F. P. Koppel, dean of Columbia university and now acting as Secretary Baker's confidential clerk, will be assistant in direct charge of all matters relative to the non-military life of the army.

Washington, Mar. 22.—The senate has adopted a resolution, asking the war department why it withholds addresses in the casualty lists.

### DUTCH MAY BREAK DIPLOMATIC TIES

**Threat Will Be Made in Holland's Parliament of Breaking Diplomatic Relations With America**

Amsterdam, Mar. 22.—A dispatch from The Hague says a prominent member of parliament intends to ask the government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch minister at Washington, and hand his passports to the American minister at The Hague.

### H. G. STARKWEATHER IS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Salem, Mar. 22.—H. G. Starkweather, of Oregon City, has filed a declaration as democratic candidate for governor.

### NOT ALL OF ONE MIND IN GERMAN REICHSTAG

Amsterdam, Mar. 22.—George Ledebour, special democratic leader, speaking in the German reichstag Tuesday and referring to the cessations of Caucasian districts to Turkey, is quoted by the Berlin Vorwarts as saying that as a majority of the people are Armenian and Georgian in these districts they are now faced with the prospect of extermination by the Turks who already have exterminated a million Christian Armenians in Turkish Armenia because of religious hatred.

The German and Austrian governments," continued Herr Ledebour "cannot therefore permit Turkish troops now to enter these territories. Let them be united to a new Caucasian federal state. It is a point of honor for the German government to prevent fresh Armenian massacres. The resolution of July 19 (peace resolution) is made a scrap of paper by these treaties."

### RIGHT REV. O'REILLY HAS BEEN PROMOTED

Rome, Mar. 22.—Right Rev. Charles O'Reilly, bishop of the diocese of Baker City, has been appointed bishop of the diocese of Lincoln, Neb., by the pope.

### RELIGIOUS SLACKERS ARE NOW UNDER BAN

Washington, Mar. 22.—President Wilson today directed that conscientious objectors drafted into the national army and who are unwilling to accept non-combatant service as provided in the draft law, shall, in extreme cases, be confined in disciplinary barracks, but when they do not actually disobey a command, shall be held for whatever disposition the secretary of war may make of their cases.

Each such objector is to be given the benefit of a full explanation of the law by a "tactical and considerate officer," and so far as possible will be given the choice of a wide range of activities including almost everything except actual fighting.

In accordance with the president's order, the secretary of war will review sentences of courtmartial heretofore held of persons who come within the conscientious objectors' class and judgments at variance with the order will be changed.

### BRITISH ARE HOLDING THE LINE SAFELY

**FIRST STAGE OF OFFENSIVE HAS PASSED WITH NO POINT YET LOST**

### BRITISH FRONT IS STILL INTACT

**Captured Documents Show Enemy Plans Have Failed of Execution in First Stages of Onslaught**

British Headquarters, Mar. 22.—Fighting continues, but the first stage of the offensive has passed. Late yesterday counter attacks restored some positions the British had abandoned temporarily.

Captured documents show the enemy failed badly in the execution of his program, in the early hours of the offensive.

One most brilliant counter attack occurred at Doignies, where British drove back the enemy with tanks and infantry last night.

The British line is still intact, though bent backward at points. General Haig predicts further hard fighting.

Berlin, Mar. 22.—German troops are attacking from the southeast of Arras and have captured the British front line as far as Lafers.

British Headquarters, Mar. 22.—Germans are today continuing their assault on the Cambrai sector, notably in the region of Croisilles and Hargincourt.

No such concentration of artillery has occurred since the war began. The enemy had a thousand guns in one small sector, being one in every 12 yards.

### LENROOT'S MARGIN IS PROBABLY 2,500

Milwaukee, Mar. 22.—Irvine L. Lenroot, republican, will have approximately 2,500 majority over James Thompson, reputed to represent the LaFollette sentiment in Wisconsin, in the contest for the nomination for United States senator, according to latest unofficial returns.

Reports are current to the effect that pressure will be brought to bear upon either Davies, democrat, or Lenroot to withdraw in favor of the other, to prevent success of any possible combination between Thompson and Victor Berger, socialist nominee. It is known positively that Davies will not withdraw and Lenroot has stated that no one has been authorized to make a statement that he contemplated doing so.

It was said today that someone would introduce a resolution at a conference of the Wisconsin loyalty legion tomorrow afternoon requesting that either Lenroot or Davies withdraw from the race but officials of that organization, which is non-partisan said tonight that nothing was known of such a step.

### 500 MUNITION WAGONS DESTROYED FOR HUNS

London, Mar. 22.—Thirty German soldiers were killed and over 100 injured and 500 munition wagons were blown up by an explosion near Mons, Belgium.

### GERMAN BLUSTER IS AIMED AT HOLLAND

London, Mar. 22.—Dispatches from The Hague report that a local news agency says that Germany considers her relations with Holland altered by the attitude of the Dutch government toward the entente and the United States and publishes a report that the abandonment by the Dutch government of the remaining restrictive clauses in its shipping loan terms would be regarded by Germany as cause for war.

Washington, Mar. 21.—Although officials declined tonight to put any definite interpretation on dispatches from The Hague, purporting to outline Germany's attitude toward Holland, it was pointed out that the Dutch government under German threats had rejected the British-American shipping demands. The belief was general here however, that the requisitioning of Dutch ships in American and British waters would result in German reprisals upon Holland and that unrestricted submarine warfare would be extended to the Dutch zone.

### AMERICAN PATROLMEN RETURN MEXICAN FIRE

El Paso, Mar. 22.—The American border patrol today returned the fire of Mexicans near Fabens. It is believed four Mexicans were killed. There were no American casualties.

### HOP GROWERS WANT CONTRACTS ANNULLED

Salem, Mar. 22.—Washington county hop growers have complained to Attorney General Brown that German brewers in New York refuse to cancel pre-war contracts, so that thousands of acres of hops are thus preventing farmers from growing grain, and ask if there is any way to evade the contracts. The attorney general is investigating the conditions.

### NEW SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION FORMED

Baltimore, Mar. 22.—Articles of incorporation for a new \$2,000,000 shipbuilding company to be located at Curtis Bay, were filed today at the office of the state tax commission. It will be known as the Curtis Bay Shipbuilding company. The yards will be equipped to build ships of any length.

### DIVISION APPARENT IN THE REICHSTAG

Amsterdam, Mar. 22.—The main committee of the German reichstag has voted 12 to 10 against a motion of independent socialist democrats, to evacuate Aland island and not to interfere with the internal affairs of Finland, by sending troops and supplying arms.