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BRITISH LINE WEST OF ROBECC REESTABLISHED

RECAPTURE OF RIEUX DU VINAGE FARM MAKES POSITIONS BETTER AND STRONGER

BRITISH WRECK BRIDGES

Whole Front Quiet After Terrible Onslaughts by Huns Who Suffer Severe Losses

With the British Army, Apr. 19.—The British have established their line west of Robecq by recapturing Rieux du Vinage farm. The Germans are bombarding Kemmel hill preparatory to fresh assaults today. Exhausted by their yesterday's attacks on the Givenchy-La Bassée front, the Germans spent a quiet night.

London, Apr. 19.—The British have destroyed the bridges thrown across La Bassée canal by the enemy.

Paris, Apr. 19.—The French last night reduced German machine gun nests on the front of yesterday's attack southeast of Amiens.

ALSACE-LORRAINE NOT ONLY OBSTACLE

Springfield, Ill., Apr. 19.—Although Alsace-Lorraine is by no means the only obstacle to peace, no peace can come, Louis Aubert of the French high commission declared in a speech here last night, until the territory wrested from France nearly a half-century ago, is restored.

"The return of Alsace-Lorraine to France," he said, "would commemorate the victory of the principles for which we are fighting. When Herr von Kuehlmann, or Count Czernin, proclaim that Alsace-Lorraine is the only obstacle to peace, do not believe them. But no peace is possible without the result of Alsace and Lorraine to France for the brutal severance of these French provinces was the first crime of the new German empire against democracy and out of that crime have come all the others that have astounded the world."

AUSTRIAN PEOPLE ARE READY FOR PEACE

Amsterdam, Apr. 19.—The Telegraaf reports that the German socialist party in Austria has decided that work shall be stopped on May 1 throughout the country and that demonstrations in favor of peace shall be held.

GERMANY WOULD QUIT THE AIR RAID GAME

London, Apr. 18.—A Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam, says that according to advices from Berlin during yesterday's sitting of the reichstag, Herr Besche suggested making an agreement with the allies to cease making aerial raids on open towns. A government representative replied that no request hitherto had come from the allies, but that should one come it would be examined by the military authorities.

BEAUTIFUL RHEIMS IS NOW A PILE OF RUINS

Paris, Apr. 19.—Rheims has been a fire for a week. It is nothing now but a great pile of smoking ruins. During the week the Germans fired over 100,000 shells into the heart of the city.

ITALIAN TROOPS FIGHT IN FRANCE

Announcement of Italian Fighters on Southern Flank Meets With Applause in Deputies

Rome, Apr. 19.—Premier Orlando has announced that Italian troops will be sent to the battle front in France.

The announcement in the Chamber of Deputies was greeted with a storm of applause.

Washington, Apr. 19.—The Italian embassy has announced that Italian regiments are already in France and form the right wing of the allied armies. (This places them on the extreme south of the French lines and probably releases American troops who have been stationed there in training.)

Explaining the apparent anomaly of sending Italian troops to France while French and British troops are in Italy, military experts said that Italy has many soldiers available if properly equipped and maintained. The allies have furnished this.

BOSCH MAGNETO PLANTS TAKEN OVER BY GOVT.

Washington, Apr. 19.—The government has taken over the big plants of the Bosch Magneto Co., of Massachusetts and New Jersey. The company was completely owned by alien enemies.

ROGUE RIVER APPLES DISCOVERED IN FRANCE

In a letter just received by the Rev. P. K. Hammond from his son, Adjutant V. Ward Hammond, from France, the letter says: "I had the pleasure the other day of eating some Rogue River apples. This goes to show what a little place this old world is. I was much surprised when I found what they were. It seems that the fruit growers' association sent them over for the Y. M. C. A. to distribute free to the soldiers. The apples came from the Triangle orchard near Medford. They were fine and beat anything in this market by a long way."—Ashland Tidings.

GERMANS OFFER REWARD FOR ALLIES' PROPAGANDISTS

With the American Army in France, April 19.—The activities of the German military authorities in suppressing propaganda at home are shown in the following quotation from a German bulletin, which has been received at American headquarters:

"Baron von Gayl, general commanding the Seventh German army corps in Muenster, offers 3,000 marks to the person who first succeeds in implicating an English or American agent guilty of inciting disturbances or revolutions in this district, in such a manner that he may be condemned by a court."

CHEHALIS FURNITURE FACTORY IS BURNED

Chehalis, Wash., Apr. 19.—The factory of the Chehalis furniture and manufacturing company was burned today with an estimated loss of \$110,000. It is believed to have been incendiary.

London, Apr. 18.—The coronation mantle of the king of Bohemia, which long ago mysteriously disappeared, has just been discovered in a little shop owned by an old woman who has been guarding and treasuring it devotedly, says a Central News dispatch from Prague.

BRITISH LINE STANDS FIRM BEFORE TEUTONS

Line is Bent But Not Broken and German Offensive is Checked and in Danger of Failure; Six German Divisions Thrown Into Eleven Mile Front Near Givenchy

London, Apr. 19.—The Germans were repulsed yesterday in attacking around Givenchy. After heavy losses they had secured only a limited footing on one or two points in the more advanced British defenses. There is no change in the entire front.

Attacks on the British lines on the northern part of the Lys battle area south of Kimmel were repulsed. The night was comparatively quiet except for the artillery fire.

Six different German divisions, (approximately 120,000 men) were engaged in the Givenchy-St. Venant sector attack, on a front of about 12 miles.

The British captured a few prisoners and some machine guns in minor enterprises during the night.

Although the German offensive launched last week against the British lines from Givenchy to Ypres has bent back the British front badly in the entire area, the offensive stands checked today and is in imminent danger of utter failure so far as the larger results aimed at are concerned.

General Haig's troops met one of the most severe tests yet put upon them yesterday by withstanding the German effort to broaden the salient. They came through the ordeal with flying colors.

From Givenchy to St. Venant, on an 11-mile sector, the German troops were hurled against the British in masses attempting to break through behind Bethune and compel the British to fall back. The defensive line held. The British line is now declared to be more secure than it has been for days.

Further desperate efforts are expected as the Germans are in too much of an exposed position from enfilading gunfire in the narrow salient to rest comfortably.

By Associated Press

Reinforced by French troops, the allied line is holding hard against further incursions by the Germans in the region of La Bassée to the south of Ypres.

GOLD HILL SOON TO START PROJECT

John Dubuis, engineer for this irrigation district, was in Gold Hill looking after the project at that place. The Gold Hill project will soon be in shape for the calling of bids and the letting of construction contracts.

The Gold Hill project, which joins the extreme eastern end of the Grants Pass project, will construct a canal large enough to supply both districts. This is the intention at least, and depends somewhat upon the answer which the federal board at San Francisco gives to the petition of the Grants Pass district for the issuance of bonds. The answer is expected any day.

But Gold Hill is going ahead with their work and will be in shape when this district is ready to commence.

Jefferson City, Mo., Apr. 18.—Ten thousand persons yesterday viewed the body of the late Senator William J. Stone, which, for several hours, lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol. The cortege left here last night for Nevada, Mo., where interment will take place this afternoon under Masonic auspices.

A company of home guards and a large delegation of civilians acted as guards of honor while the body was in the city.

Everywhere the Germans have struck the line in an endeavor to press back the defenders they have been repulsed with heavy losses and have been successful nowhere in gaining further ground.

Attacks of an extraordinarily violent nature are being thrown by the Germans on a ten-mile front between Givenchy and Robecq, where an endeavor is being made to cross the La Bassée canal and bend southward the salient which now outflanks the important railroad town of Bethune. A division of troops to each mile is being used by the Germans on this sector, but the British, at last accounts were holding and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

If successful, the new attack of the Germans would jeopardize the entire Arras sector, which includes the famous French coaling region about Lens, and the equally famous Vimy ridge, where the Canadians are holding forth.

It seems evident that this is part of the strategy of the German high command—to wipe out the salient by an enveloping move, rather than again to give battle to the British about Lens and Vimy, two regions that already have proved slaughter houses for their men.

Following the usual custom prior to the launching of an attack, the Germans throughout Wednesday night, literally rained shells of all calibres between Givenchy and Robecq, the firing by daybreak having reached the intensity of drumfire. Large quantities of gas shells were intermingled with the high-powered missiles.

During Thursday, midway between Bailleur and Ypres, the Germans vigorously attacked the British positions south of Kemmel, which the British had recaptured from them on Wednesday, but were unable to gain any advantage in the face of the strong defense.

Considerable fighting has developed along the front in the northern Flanders between Langemark and Kippe, held by the Belgians.

PRESIDENT SIGNS WOMEN ALIEN BILL

Washington, Apr. 19.—President Wilson today signed the bill extending the provisions of the espionage act to women, requiring women aliens to register.

STRIKE IN SYMPATHY WITH THOMAS MOONEY

Newport, R. I., Apr. 19.—Government munition plants here will be affected by a strike of all union machinists in this district which has been called by labor leaders to be effective for 24 hours, beginning May 1. The strike is in protest against the death sentence of Thomas J. Mooney, in connection with the fatal explosion at the San Francisco preparedness parade.

IRISH TO BITTERLY RESIST CONSCRIPTION

London, Apr. 19.—The leaders of the nationalists in Ireland, including the Redmondites, who are now led by John Dillon, the Sinn Feiners, O'Brientes, Laborites and Clericals, are united in their determination to resist conscription "by the most effective means at our disposal," which is the wording of a resolution passed at a meeting of bishops at Maynooth yesterday.

HOUSE APPROVES MARINE INCREASE

Sea Soldiers Increased to 75,000 and Will Go to French Front in Near Future

Washington, Apr. 19.—The house naval affairs committee has agreed to increase the marine corps to 75,000 men and to provide a major general of marines to accompany them to the French front. This matter has been before congress for some time and the action was not unexpected. Anticipating the call, a marine training school for officers has been established on each coast and is already at work. The present strength of the marines is about 40,000.

THE TURK ARMY IS APPROACHING KARS

London, Apr. 19.—On the Caucasus front the Turks in an invasion of former Russian territory are approaching the city of Kars. In capturing Batum the Turks took 150 guns and 3,000 prisoners.

JENNIE RANKIN REFUSED PERMISSION TO TALK

Deer Lodge, Mont., Apr. 19.—Miss Jeannette Rankin, of Missoula, Montana's representative in congress, was refused permission to speak in Deer Lodge last night, where she had been scheduled to give a liberty loan speech.

A meeting of citizens voted not to permit Miss Rankin to speak here, basing their action on her alleged association at a liberty loan meeting at Butte Wednesday with men who had been prominent last summer in a mining strike, and who were accused of I. W. W. affiliations.

LUSITANIA MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED

New York, Apr. 19.—Open ports on the lower decks of the Lusitania were largely responsible for the ultimate loss of the ship after she had been hit by a German torpedo, in the opinion of Frederick J. Gauntlett, one of the surviving passengers who testified yesterday in the proceedings brought by the Cunard Steamship company to be relieved of liability in connection with damage suits, amounting to \$8,000,000.

Mr. Gauntlett said that he was in the dining room when the ship was hit and that there was only one explosion. He shouted to the stewards, he testified, to close the air ports, most of which were open, but they were not closed, he said.

CHARGES AGAINST PROFESSOR DISMISSED

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 19.—The charge against Professor William Thomas, a University of Chicago professor, and Mrs. H. M. Groope, wife of an army officer, who were arrested recently in a room in a Chicago hotel, was dismissed today. The judge ruled that the fact that they were found in a room together did not constitute disorderly conduct in the hotel.

ASHLAND PREPARING FOR BIG ROUND-UP

Ashland, Apr. 19.—On Sunday afternoon, April 21, the preliminary tryout of bucking bronchos will take place at the round-up grounds on Butler field. This will be a free-for-all show, and reserved seats will be available to all who get there early.

LIBERTY LOAN QUOTA ALMOST REACHED TODAY

BUT \$10,050 REMAINS TO BE MADE UP TO RE-EMBURSE THE BANKS

APRIL 26 SET FOR LIBERTY DAY

President Issues Proclamation Asking Nation to Concentrate to Put Over Liberty Loan

At the close of business today a total of \$95,950 in Liberty bonds had been subscribed for in Josephine county. The three banks have guaranteed the entire allotment of \$104,000, and there remains to be subscribed the sum of \$10,050 to pay back the banks the amounts that they have advanced.

With the voluntary subscriptions in and the county canvassed the committee will check up all purchases and pick out those who have not subscribed. The committee will call on these early next week and everyone will be given a chance to subscribe.

"No slackers will be overlooked," said Frank C. Bramwell, chairman of the committee this afternoon. "We will check up on our questionnaires and everyone who has not subscribed and who is able to buy bonds will be given an opportunity to invest."

Washington, Apr. 19.—Friday April 26, will be "Liberty day" throughout the United States, under a proclamation issued last night by President Wilson, calling on citizens of every community to hold liberty loan rallies, and "liberally pledge anew their financial support to sustain the nation's cause."

Patriotic demonstrations, similar to those of the opening day of the campaign, will be held on April 26, and the day devoted to giving the race toward the three billion dollar war credit goal a new impetus for the final week.

Now with the loan campaign also almost half over, \$1,089,794,900 subscriptions have been reported to the treasury and committees in every district have received orders to make extraordinary efforts to gather in pledges faster, in the hopes of meeting Secretary McAdoo's expressed hope for an oversubscription of the three billion dollar minimum.

Sunday, April 21, will be devoted by thousands of preachers to special liberty loan sermons. The treasury has received a flood of letters from ministers promising their support of the loan campaign on that day.

San Francisco, Apr. 19.—One hundred and thirty Oregon cities and one county have been awarded honor flags. Honor stars, designating 100 per cent over-subscription have been awarded Carlton and Cornelius.

BRITAIN, FRANCE AND URUGUAY SIGN TREATY

Montevideo, Apr. 19.—Treaties providing for compulsory arbitration between Uruguay and France and Great Britain have been signed.

OREGON MAY GET BETTER FREIGHT RATE

Washington, Apr. 19.—The interstate commerce commission has tentatively approved the filing of new rates on canned goods from Oregon, Washington and Idaho points in car load shipments to various destinations in Manitoba and Ontario.