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Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

It has been learned through official sources at Berne, that the steamer Sterling with a large cargo of grain for Switzerland, has just been sunk as the result of a collision.

There will be no consistency until the war is over, Pope Benedict said recently upon hearing that the report had been published that he intended to call a consistory shortly.

Attacks were made by the Germans at several points on the French front Thursday night, the Paris War office announces. In Lorraine there was violent hand-to-hand fighting. Everywhere the French repulsed the Germans.

Trapped in an upper corridor, one man lost his life early Friday in Butte, Mont., when fire destroyed the Wolfstone Block lodging house. Fifty other guests dazed by the smoke were led or carried out of the building by firemen.

A call for a general strike beginning Monday morning in sympathy with the strike of laundry workers and drivers was issued in Kansas City Tuesday by local labor leaders. Labor leaders claimed more than 25,000 persons would obey the call.

One hundred and twenty-two baseball teams composing 17 regimental leagues have been organized at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark. The leagues were formed at the suggestion of Major General Samuel D. Sturgis, commanding Camp Pike.

A Petrograd message received in London Thursday carries the report that on Monday night three of the people's commissioners, names not given, intrusted with the organization of the red revolutionary navy, were mysteriously murdered.

Uprisings on the part of natives in Beluchistan recently resulted in fighting in which many casualties were inflicted, the India office announces. The natives attacked British posts and were repulsed completely. Punitive measures are being undertaken.

Final articles of agreement for the world's championship fight between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton July 4 will be signed in Chicago next week, according to an announcement made after a conference between the Willard and Fulton representatives.

So long as the exigencies of the service permit, Jewish battalions in the British army are definitely intended for employment in Palestine. This announcement was made in the house of commons by J. I. MacPherson, parliamentary under-secretary of the War office.

More than 5000 instances of failure of liquor dealers to report goods on hand last October 3 subject to floor taxes of the war revenue act have been discovered by internal revenue officers. About \$2,000,000 has been assessed against the dealers as the 200 per cent penalty.

The crew of the Norwegian steamship Wegadesk, 4271 tons gross, has been rescued from lifeboats, according to a report of the Norwegian foreign office as forwarded in a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. Bombs from a German submarine were placed on the Wegadesk but no word as to her fate has been received.

The sorting of the St. Maries, Idaho, I. W. W. prisoners into two classes, those who will be charged with criminal syndicalism, was begun Thursday by Prosecuting Attorney Holsclaw, of Benewah county, Idaho. In the meantime, the number of arrested men is increasing steadily as the crusades against the I. W. W. strongholds are going on peacefully but effectively.

HUNS DRIVEN BACK

Fresh Attacks Fail and Foe is Forced to Recross Somme — American Engineers Aid in Battle.

British Army Headquarters in France—A further advance late Sunday by the Germans at some points along the battlefield is reported.

American engineers have again been in the throes of fierce conflict in which they have done excellent work in transportation.

London—Fresh attacks by the Germans have developed northward and southward of Bapaume, the war office announces.

The British repulsed powerful attacks Sunday afternoon northward of Bapaume.

The British drove back to the eastward bank of the Somme bodies of German troops which had crossed the river between Licourt and Brie, south of Peronne.

The statement follows: "The battle continues with great violence on the whole front. Powerful attempts delivered by the enemy Sunday afternoon and evening north of Bapaume were heavily repulsed. Only at one point did the German infantry reach our trenches, whence they were immediately thrown out. Elsewhere the enemy's attacks were stopped by rifle, machine gun and artillery fire in front of our positions and his troops were driven back with great loss."

"During the night and morning, fresh hostile attacks have again developed in this neighborhood and also to the south of Bapaume. "South of Peronne bodies of German troops who crossed the river between Licourt and Brie were driven back to the east bank by our counter attacks."

Persistent attacks with strong forces of infantry and lavish use of artillery have not enabled the Germans to break through the British defense, and, after four days, the great offensive blow in Northern France has not yet brought a decision for the attackers. Heavy fighting is in progress around Bapaume, near Peronne and where the British and French fronts join.

U. S. LOSS BIG, SAYS BERLIN
Claims Complete Victory Over British, French and Americans.

Berlin—Victory in the battle which has been raging near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere is claimed for the German army in Sunday's headquarters statement.

The British 3d and 4th armies and parts of the American and French reserves which have been brought up are declared to have been beaten and to have been repulsed with heaviest losses on the line from Bapaume to Bouchevesnes and behind the Somme between Peronne and Ham, as well as at Chauny.

Washington, D. C.—German statements that American troops had taken part in the fighting on the British front in France had not been confirmed Monday, and officials, including Major General March, chief of staff, declined to comment on the reports.

Officers indicated that there was nothing here to show that any American troops other than engineers or special units had been attached to the British forces.

Official Washington, including President Wilson, anxiously scanned British and German statements. Whether the war department has received confidential advices from General Pershing was not disclosed.

U. S. ARTILLERY HURTS HUNS

Destroy Communication Lines, Ammunition Dumps and Billets.

With the American Army in France—On the Toul front there was considerable artillery activity during Sunday night. American guns heavily shelled the German front line positions. Enemy batteries replied, using many gas shells. Later photographs were taken from airplanes of the damage inflicted by the Americans. American artillery on the Toul sector continued to shell effectively enemy first-line and communication trenches, the town of St. Baussant and the billets and dumps north of Boquetau. Many of the American shells have fallen in the German trenches and the first two lines in at least one place have been virtually abandoned.

GERMANS START BIG DRIVE ON WEST LINE

British Front Object of Heaviest
Attack of War.

ALLIES STAND FIRM

Smoke Barrage Screens Teuton Lines While Artillery Duel Rages Along Fifty Miles—Much Gas Used.

British Army Headquarters in France.—The Germans Thursday forenoon launched a heavy attack against the British lines over a wide front in and near the Cambrai sector. The assault strongly suggests the beginning of the enemy's much-heralded grand offensive.

Hard fighting is proceeding from a point north of Lagnicourt, southward to Gauche wood, just below Gofzeaucourt.

The attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment from guns of all calibers and the duel between the opposing heavy batteries has been rocking the country-side for hours.

The Germans have employed gas shells freely and a constant stream of high velocity shells has been breaking with frightful concussion far back of the British lines.

The bombardment began in earnest at 5 o'clock in the morning. About five hours later the enemy forces hurled themselves upon the British front line trenches north of Lagnicourt and Louveral, the latter place lying due west of Boursiers.

At the same time other German forces advanced behind a smoke barrage along the ridge running northward from Gouzeaucourt.

It may be said that the attack in this region was by no means unexpected by the British and that they had made great preparations to meet the onslaught.

The two vast forces have been locked in a bitter struggle over this wide front for hours. The bombardment was of the most terrific nature, and finally the infantry drove forward against numerous points in the Cambrai sector.

The preliminary bombardment had extended from a point below St. Quentin, north to the river Scarpe, and at last reports sanguinary fighting was in progress as far south as the region of Hargicourt and as far north as Bullecourt.

The early stages of the battle would seem to indicate that the enemy was trying to drive a wedge on both sides of the Cambrai salient and pinch it off.

2500 MAJORITY FOR LENROOT

James Thompson Believed Defeated in Wisconsin Senatorial Contest.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Irvine L. Lenroot, Republican, will have approximately 2500 majority over James Thompson, reputed to represent the La Follette 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 contemplates doing so.

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

Tax Slackers Are Warned.

Washington, D. C.—Tax slackers who fail to file their income tax report by April 1 will be prosecuted as vigorously and relentlessly under the war revenue act as draft slackers were under the selective service act, according to a statement made Thursday by Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue.

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