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EFFORTS ARE RENEWED BY GERMANS TO REACH AMIENS RAILWAY CENTER

Hindenburg's Hosts Batter Allied Lines With Little Success—In Spite of Heavy Loss Objectives Are Not Gained—British Artillery Does Frightful Execution In Serried Bodies of Troops Massing For Attack—Many Heavy Attacks Upon British and French Positions Break Down

By William Philip Simms,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

With the British Armies in France, April 5.—Big guns are shelling German troops seen massing on the road running southwest from Albert, parallel to the railway from that city to Amiens.

It is not yet apparent whether the Germans will storm the embankment, but such an attempt is ardently desired by the British.

Reports from south to the Somme indicate the fighting died down after the German "grab" toward Amiens on Thursday, when they massed troops on the Corbie road, in the Ancre valley.

The British along the railway embankment prevent any serious westward advance via Corbie.

Simms' dispatch, filed today, indicates that at the time of filing the heavy fighting described in today's British and French official statements had died down at least temporarily. The dispatch evidently covers a later period than the communiques.

Both London and Paris specifically mention the fighting as under way Thursday afternoon, evening and night. Simms referred to the German attack of Thursday as an action already concluded.

(Corbie is eight miles due east of Amiens, on the Albert-Amiens railway.)

London, April 5.—The Germans are renewing their efforts to take Amiens in an "extremely violent battle" in the Montdidier region over a front of more than nine miles, the night communique of the French war office declared. The British war office's night statement said the fighting "is continuing."

The enemy launched the attack early yesterday morning with eleven divisions (132,000 men) between Grivesnes and the Amiens-Roye road. Grivesnes is four miles northwest of Montdidier and 15 southeast of Amiens. The Amiens-Roye highway crosses the battle front near Demuin, ten miles west and south of Amiens.

In ten desperate assaults, the Germans gained only a few hundred yards, the French communique said. They captured the villages of Mailly-Baizeval and Morcel, southwest of Moreuil in about the center of the front of heavy attack. The French, however, hold the neighboring heights, the statement said, and made some progress in the Grivesnes region.

The British statement, in describing the same attack, said the allied retirement was near Hamel on the south bank of the Somme, "where fighting is continuing."

The Berlin war office merely reported the breaking down of four allied attempts to retake the heights southwest of Moreuil.

"Before Verdun (where American troops are now in the line) and at Parroy wood, there was at times a more lively artillery engagement," said the report.

British Pressed Back
London, April 5.—British forces were pressed back to positions east of Villers-Bretonneux (eight miles east of Amiens) in heavy fighting yesterday afternoon and evening, Field Marshal Haig reported today. The British are maintaining their positions.

"Between the Luce and the Somme where was heavy fighting yesterday afternoon and into the evening," the statement said.

"Strong enemy forces in repeated assaults were beaten off with loss."

"We were pressed back to positions east of Villers-Bretonneux, which we are now maintaining."

GERMAN HOSTS WORN
By William Philip Simms
(United Press staff correspondent.)
With the British Armies in France, April 4.—Hindenburg's retreating, battle-hardened soldiers no longer are retreating and no longer glad.

They commenced the battle with spirits higher even than before the Marne. Disillusionment was driven home in part the first day. Later the thrust dawned upon Germany that the roads to Paris and Amiens are not roads to be held.

Hindenburg's hosts have been buffeted and hammered. Lack of success, exposure and heavy casualties have broken down their artificial war spirit.

Dazed and shattered divisions—

PLAYS ALLIES' GAME IN ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE THROUGH LINES

As Long As Amiens Is Saved General Foch Welcomes German Offensive

By J. W. T. Mason
(Written for the United Press)
New York, April 5.—Resumption by Von Hindenburg of his slaughter of German man power to reach Amiens is playing the game of the allies.

As long as General Foch is able to save Amiens and prevent the Germans from cutting the Amiens-Paris railway every now and then ordered by Von Hindenburg must increase the inevitable reaction in Germany against the blood.

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EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DRAFT RECRUITS COMING

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand and Will Go To Camps During Month

ADDITIONAL QUOTAS WILL FOLLOW QUICKLY

By July First Four Hundred Thousand Men Will Be In Training

Washington, April 5.—President Wilson is preparing to launch the second great draft of American fighters.

He is expected to issue a proclamation this week notifying 800,000 registered men that they must hold themselves in readiness for service.

The first great call to camps under the second draft will approximate 150,000 men, to start moving the latter part of this month. There will be a continuous stream of men to camp thereafter under present plans and probably 300,000 or 400,000 will be called before July 1.

Call for Photographers
Washington, April 5.—A special draft call for 400 skilled photographers to serve with the signal service in France was sent out by the provost marshal general's office today.

The men will be mobilized at Madison barracks, Sackett's Harbor, N. Y.

For this work men found fit for limited military service will be accepted.

Preparing for Recruits
Camp Fremont, Menlo Park, Cal., April 5.—Orders from Washington to have Camp Fremont ready to receive 70,000 additional men within a month caused great activity at the camp today, when workmen began extending

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CONDITIONS IN GERMANY FORCED HINDENBURG DRIVE

Letters Found On Captured Soldiers Tells Story of Privation and Unrest

This is the second of a series of the two stories, based on letters taken from German prisoners, detailing conditions in Germany, which supply one of the chief motives for Hindenburg's desperate offensive. The first told of the strikes, the following story tells of food and economic conditions.

By Henry Wood,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the French Armies in The Field, Mar. 18.—(By Mail).—This is a story of the economic and food situation in Germany as told by the German people themselves.

Real numbers of letters were found on hundreds of German prisoners captured during French raids in February and March, in which the "people back home" writing to their fathers, sons and brothers at the front, told something of the inner economic life of Germany at present.

All these letters, before being forwarded to the soldiers, passed through the hands of German censors, and any phases that painted the situation a little too dark were deleted. Scores of letters dealt with each phase of the difficulties which Prussian militarism has imposed on the German people. Excerpts have been taken from two or three.

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PRO-GERMAN LYNCHED BY ILLINOIS MOB FOR DISLOYAL SPEECH

Lynchers Were Not Masked and There Is Likely to Be No Prosecution

Collinsville, Ill., April 5.—Robert P. Praeger, aged 45, was hanged by a mob here early today, paying with his life for alleged pro-Germanism. A mob of 350 unmasked men, led by well known citizens, invoked the lynch law to punish Praeger for reported socialistic and disloyal remarks against President Wilson at Maryville last night.

Praeger's body was swung from a tree two miles west of town along the national highway after he was lynchwooded through the streets, waving an American flag. Once rescued by the police, he was hidden in a sewer pipe in the jail basement here only to be jerked out by the mob, which disregarded the pleadings of Mayor Siegel. Praeger died praying and protesting.

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LIBERTY PARADE GREATEST IN HISTORY OF CAPITAL CITY

Patriotic and Civic Societies and Hundreds of Citizens Are Enlisted

Arrangements are being made by the special features committee of the Liberty loan organization, which is in charge of the parade tomorrow, to have the biggest possible kind of a celebration. The present plans call for the participation of every organization in the city, the school children, and of every automobile. The parade will form along Marion street not later than 12:30, and to insure that the exhibition is a success, the stores are to remain closed from 12 to 2.

The various sections of the parade have been divided among the members of the committee in charge, and those expecting to take part are requested to report to them by 12:30 tomorrow. W. H. Prunk who has charge of the

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BIG BOND DRIVE FOR THREE BILLION IS ON TOMORROW

All Preparations Have Been Made for Greatest Whirlwind Campaign

PRESIDENT WILSON TO ASSIST WITH ADDRESS

Glen Ridge, New Jersey, Leader in Second Drive Held Up As Model

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW LOAN

Interest rate, 4 1/2 percent,
payable semi-annually on September 15 and March 15.
Size of loan, \$3,000,000,000,
with over subscriptions, \$50,000,000.
Bond denominations, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000.
Maturity of bonds, ten years, dated from May 9, 1918.
Taxation, carry same exemptions as second loan.
Selling campaign, twenty-eight days, ending May 4.
Terms of payment, five percent on application, twenty percent on May 28, thirty five percent July 15, and forty percent August 15.
Secretary of the treasury authorized to purchase during the first year an amount equivalent to one-twentieth of the original issue and each subsequent year one twentieth of amount outstanding at start of year, until one year after the close of the war. This provision is designed to maintain the bonds at par or higher value.

Washington, April 5.—America will start subscribing for her third liberty bond tomorrow.

With the loan bill signed, the first bonds off the presses and others coming by the thousand, the nation is ready to open the campaign on the first anniversary of the war with a whoop.

Both swollen coffers and slim pickpockets will be freely opened, is the

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COUNTER ATTACK GAINS

After Repelling Great Massed Attack French Drive Forward Taking Strong Positions—Capture Villages and Wooded Positions—"Cruel" Casualties Inflicted Upon Enemy According to Official Report

Paris, April 5.—A German attack on French positions southeast of Amiens with 180,000 men, nearly half of which were fresh, was wholly frustrated, the French war office reported today. The assault had for its object the capture of an important railway. The communique described the enemy casualties as "cruel."

French forces drove the Germans back in the neighborhood of Moreuil and recaptured several important positions to the south, the communique said.

"We advanced to the west of Castel (two miles northwest of Moreuil, toward Amiens) and drove the enemy back from Arrirecourt wood," the statement said.

"By a counter attack southwest of Grivesnes we occupied St. Aignan (two and a half miles northwest of Montdidier). We captured most of Ekinetta wood, extended our positions to northward of Montreaul.

"Thursday night German attacks with 15 divisions (180,000 men) of which seven were fresh, failed to reach their objective, which, according to captured orders, was the railway from Amiens to Clermont.

"We maintained our line as a whole. The casualties of the enemy were cruel."

Activity in Italy
Washington, April 5.—Unusual activity along the entire Italian front was reported at the Italian embassy today following the receipt of an official war bulletin from Rome. It was announced that enemy patrols were routed at numerous points.

Austrian Offensive
Amsterdam, April 5.—An Austrian offensive against Italy is impending, Budapest newspapers declare, quoting "authoritative sources."

MATSON'S BIG ESTATE
San Francisco, April 5.—The estate of the late Captain William R. Matson, admitted to probate today, was valued at \$7,452,477. Under the will his widow gets half the estate, and a daughter, Mrs. Lucille B. Ross, gets the other half except for \$100,000, divided among five other children.

Abe Martin

'TIS FREEDOM'S CALL—LEND YOUR ALL'



This is Oregon's official slogan—'Tis Freedom's Call. Lend Your All. Defend yourself. If you can't go across to fight, you can do the next best thing by investing in Liberty Bonds to keep your boy—your neighbor's boy—on the firing line.

To Protect Your Country
To Perpetuate American Freedom
To Keep the Demon Hun From Your Door.
We can't act too quickly. The danger is imminent. We will be tardy at best. Don't stop to think, any more than you would stop to think whether to strike back if you were threatened by an assassin.

Will you jeopardize your liberty by failing to do your duty? He who hesitates is most assuredly lost. All that your forefathers fought and died for is lost. All that the patriots of '65 fought for is lost. This is your great opportunity. Use it and take your place as a real American.

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PLENTY OF MONEY LEFT IN MARION DESPITE DRIVES

The More We Give For Patriotic Purposes the More We Have Left

When the time rolls round and the periodical demand for dollars and yet more dollars keeps coming, as for instance just now when we all have our coats off to make way with another Liberty bond loan, the temptation is pretty strong for Old Man Grouch to get in some fine and fancy sweet corn and A. I. wheat work and blow a fuse to the following effect:

"Great unmerciful Scott we're being bled white; if it isn't one thing it's another. If it isn't Red Cross it's Red Tape, and if it isn't Y. M. C. A. War Work, it's Liberty loans. When in the name of the Inequitable Sam Hill are they going to let up on us. There isn't enough money left in Marion county to guarantee a first class game of poker; there isn't enough to tempt Harry Lander to save it if he had it; I ain't no slacker BUT positively there can't be a wadded nickle left in the hull county."

You've heard it, haven't you? You've said it, maybe! Well, thought it anyhow. But listen to some figures that show Old Man Grouch up in his true light as a misinformed and uninformed member of the citizenry.

In the Capital Journal for January 1, 1917, mark the date—the total resources of Marion county banks was, by report of official statement \$9,559,854. Total deposits at that time were \$7,976,504.17. During the year 1917 war was declared.

There followed: The first Liberty loan the first Y. M. C. A. drive; the first Red Cross war fund drive which took nearly \$50,000 out of the county; the second Y. M. C. A. drive; the second Liberty loan which in the county amounted to over \$900,000; various other war funds

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Some folks seem to think that because their only goal is to live once they kin go as far as they like. Mrs. Lafe Bud's father is visiting her and he's as conservative as the book of directions you get with a new auto.