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GERMANS ATTACK ON ENTIRE BRITISH FRONT AMIENS IS OBJECTIVE

At Same Time Hindenburg Is Trying To Thrust Westward From Albert—A Heavy Attack in This Sector Was Broken Up Last Night By Rifle and Machine Gun Fire—On Flanders Front Heavy Artillery Reported—Terrific Bombardment Between the Somme and Avre

Following an intensive artillery bombardment, covering practically the entire British front from south of Ypres to south of the Somme, Hindenburg today apparently has resumed his west front offensive with a drive against Amiens.

Haig in his official report today, said that "strong infantry attacks are progressing in the Albert sector and between the Somme and the Avre."

The Somme and the Avre are slightly less than ten miles apart, where the battle front crosses them. The Somme flows directly westward through Amiens, while the Avre, flowing northward, converges with the larger river less than two miles east of that city.

Between these two rivers, the Germans in their last drive progressed to within less than nine miles of Amiens. A resumption of the drive against this important strategic point has been forecast by allied military officials.

At the same time Hindenburg is thrusting westward from Albert, which is about 6 miles north of the Somme. A heavy attack in this same sector last night was broken up by rifle and machine gun fire, Haig reported.

On the Flanders front, the British commander said there was "heavy hostile shelling" between Givenchy and Robecq, a front of more than eight miles along the southwestern edge of the deep German salient. Enemy concentrations of infantry near Merville, in the center of the Flanders wedge were broken up by British artillery.

The French war office communique, evidently issued before Haig's report, described a "terrific German bombardment between the Somme and the Avre," the infantry fighting around Albert already was in progress when the French statement was issued, as Paris mentioned this.

Fight on Nine Mile Front
London, April 24.—Strong German attacks were progressing early today on a nine mile front directly east of Amiens, Field Marshal Haig reported. At the same time, another enemy assault was under way in the Albert sector, north of the Somme, German artillery was heavily bombarding the whole British front, from north of Albert to the junction of the British and French lines, north of the Somme, on a front of about 15 miles.

"There was hostile shelling early this morning between Givenchy and Robecq."

"On the whole British front, from north of Albert to the junction with the French south of the Somme, the enemy's artillery was active throughout the night. At an early hour this

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Abe Martin

WANTED! ODD, WILLING, EXEMPTED BOY TO SHAVE ICE FOR SODA-COUNTER

Pinky Keer is organizer's a summer Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe, an' has advertised for an oboe player that kin shoot craps, so they'll also have enough money t' git home on. Th' fellow that's shov'ed t' th' agent never stays ther very long.

LIBERTY LOAN WILL REACH TWO BILLION BEFORE DAY CLOSES

Twelve States Have Filled Quotas, Colorado and Arizona the Last

Washington, April 24.—Subscriptions to the third liberty loan were approaching \$2,000,000,000 today. Official reports indicated the total would pass \$1,750,000,000 today.

Two more states, Colorado and Arizona, officially went over the line today, bringing the total number of states which have exceeded their quotas to an even dozen.

The Cleveland federal reserve district has been awarded 740 honor flags. In the Kansas City district, 749 flags have been sent out, 640 of these going to towns. Forty seven stars indicating doubled quotas have been sent out by Kansas City. The towns of Bountiful and Paola reported that subscriptions of five times their minimum quotas have been received.

Elaborate plans are being made for observance of liberty day throughout the country.

In West Virginia arrangements have been made for the ringing of bells from 12 o'clock noon to 12:15. The West Virginia loan committee has telegraphed federal reserve bands requesting that this demonstration be extended nationally.

New England awarded 75 honor flags yesterday, bringing the total in that district to 459.

Subscriptions totalling \$10,512,000 have been received in Jefferson county, Kentucky, where the minimum quota was \$7,941,000. This county includes the city of Louisville. Reports show that individual subscriptions are close to \$1,000 in that district, almost 12 per cent of the population.

Triplane Brought Down
Paris, April 24.—A German triplane was brought down and its crew of three taken prisoner in last night's German air raid. It was officially announced this afternoon. The raid was frustrated.

HARD BLOW STRUCK AT SUBMARINES IF HARBORS ARE CLOSED

If They Are Blocked, There Will Be Immediate Falling Off In Sinkings

By J. W. Mason
(Written for the United Press)

New York, April 24.—If the daring British naval adventure off Ostend and Zeebrugge have been bottled up, are those off the German coast. Between Belgium and Germany, the Dutch coast intervenes, which would make it necessary for the submarines to travel 300 miles northward of the Belgian harbors before they reached friendly waters.

The distance from Ostend to the Irish coast is only six hundred miles and it is within this area that most of the submarine attacks are made. By adding 300 miles to the U-boat journeys, the reserve power of the piratical craft would be seriously disturbed. At the same time the nervous strain, which is known to be an important reason for the decreasing efficiency of the submarine crews would

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MOONEY CASE TO BE CONSIDERED IN ORDERLY FASHION

Governor Stephens Says Sending of Telegrams Will Have No Effect

By Henry Woor
(United Press staff correspondent)

With the French armies in the field April 23—How an American lieutenant and six men hold a 700 yard front all day against the Germans during the recent attack on Seicheprey was told in the official report of the French colonel, who commanded the regiment which co-operated with the Americans in recapturing Seicheprey and Romeries wood.

"After our joint counter attack I personally visited the battle front," the colonel said.

"Everywhere evidences were visible of the most desperate hand to hand fighting demonstrating that the Americans, despite two hours' bombardment, defended themselves valiantly, particularly near Layon. There two American machine gunners died to their tracks after covering the surrounding ground with German dead."

"As a result of this most magnificent resistance, the enemy suffered the heaviest losses."

"Two American machine gunners were separated from their company. Although partly surrounded they refused to retreat, standing fast under a terrific bombardment and engaging

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FRENCH COLONEL TELLS OF AMERICANS' GREAT FIGHT

Lieutenant and Six Men Hold 700 Yard Front—Gunners Die Fighting

in hand to hand combats throughout the day.

Cook Was a Fighter
"When the Germans reached the American machine gun positions the Americans blew up their guns and retreated."

"Toward evening, the hospital at Seicheprey was blown up. All the doctors and nurses were either killed or wounded. Thereupon, the head doctor of an American regiment called for volunteers and seeing both French and American ambulances, dashed through repeated barrages into the village, where he attended the wounded for many hours."

"At Seicheprey an American group broke open grenade cases and established themselves in the northern position of the village maintaining their position throughout the day. Nine of the 23 were still alive when evening came. An American cook was nearly killed by a grenade but seized a rifle and fired until he dropped dead."

"An American lieutenant and six men, caught on a 700 yard front, continued patrolling all day, keeping in contact between the battalions fighting on their right and left. One of those men who were seriously wounded, was ordered to the rear. Instead of obeying he leaped into a shell hole and, with his rifle and hand grenades, maintained his position."

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TWO GIRLS SERVE SINKERS TO BOYS WHILE UNDER FIRE

Awakened by Bombardment Don Gas Masks and Get To Work

BOY OF 19 IS CALLED BRAVEST IN REGIMENT

Other Stories Show American Boys Are Brave To Recklessness

By Frank J. Taylor
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the American Army in Lorraine, April 23.—(Night).—The story of how two American girls, wearing gas masks, served dainties to American soldiers less than a mile and a quarter behind the front lines during Saturday's terrific bombardment near Seicheprey, was told for the first time tonight.

The girls were Miss Gladys and Miss Irene MacIntyre, sisters of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

They were sleeping in their room in a canteen, amidst the ruins of a shattered village, two kilometers (1.242 miles) behind the front lines.

Awakened at the beginning of the bombardment, which included a large percentage of gas shells, they donned their gas masks. Unable to see through the masks, Irene volunteered to take off hers and search for matches. Gladys retained hers so as to aid her sister if the latter were overcome. The maneuver was executed without any outward result.

Both, stayed in the darkness of the canteen, while shells burst all about them, until daylight. Then they bestirred themselves and began making coffee and chocolate, which they served to the doughboys, along with doughnuts and pies.

The officer in charge of that part of the village insisted that the sisters move to safety but they begged for the privilege of staying. The girls were finally compelled to close their canteen and run in a huckboard to a town well in the rear. But they had been under a terrific bombardment for more than eight hours.

Some Other Stories.
The girls are jolly and lively—sisters to all the doughboys.
"We didn't know what we were getting into but we were willing to do anything to help the boys," says Gladys.

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CAN PUT THREE MILLION ON FIGHTING LINE WITHIN YEAR

General McCain Says This Can Be Done Easily If Ships Are Available

Washington, April 24.—America can put three million men on the fighting line in France within a year if ships are ready, according to Adjutant General McCain before the house military affairs committee.

"I do not see any reason, if we could get the ships, why we could not send over 3,000,000 men after giving them sufficient training in this country," he said.

"If we have to have 5,000,000 men and get sufficient ships, could we have 5,000,000 men over there in two and a half years?" asked Representative Morin.

"I think we could do it before that if we are willing to take a chance and there's nothing to go in without fear of making a mistake," replied General McCain.

He said his estimates were based on giving the men three months training in this country and about the same time in the "war atmosphere" over there as he called it.

Questioned as to his opinion of increasing the draft ages to 40, the adjutant general said he saw "no objection to it."

Other testimony before the military committee revealed that America is building 375 hospitals of 1,000 beds each

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Holland Is Trying To Stave Off War

Washington, April 24.—Holland was believed here today to be making some concessions to Germany to stave off war.

Germany has demanded the right to get badly needed gravel and other war material from the neutral nation. Holland has apparently declined to make certain alterations in policy, but it is considered likely here that she is striving to do the difficult task of keeping on nominally friendly terms, at least, with both the entente and Germany.

The state department and Dutch legation had unusually small information as to developments there, aside from the fact that the United States is undertaking to keep as much peace as possible in the Dutch situation by supplying more tonnage than at first decided on.

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MORE MURDER PLANTS MAY BE DISCOVERED

Daughter of Schmidt Tells of Other Women Who Were Suddenly Missing

Royal Oak, Mich., April 24.—Three "murder plants," one at Lakewood, N. J., one at Detroit and one here, were operated by Helmut Schmidt at different times, police were inclined to believe today, following revelations by Gertrude, his 18-year-old daughter.

At least two other women in addition to Augusta Steinbach, of New York are known to have dropped from sight through his establishments. How many others went the same way, police do not know. The women were attracted through matrimonial advertisements.

In expectation of finding traces of bodies of some of the victims, police were digging up the cellar and yard of the Schmidt home here today.

Following her father's confession yesterday that he burned the body of Augusta Steinbach, New York housemaid, and his subsequent suicide, Gertrude unfolded to the police further details of Schmidt's sordid life. She was ordered released today by the prosecuting attorney, who is convinced she is innocent.

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THE BALANCE OF POWER

OVER THE TOP

CHERRIAN MINSTREL SHOW WAS PHENOMENAL SUCCESS

House Was Crowded To Capacity, Just As It Promises To Be Tonight—Entertainment Was One of Finest Ever Given in Salem—Great Tableau of Uncle Sam Was Thriller—Too Many Good Features To Be Given Mention—A Night in Spookville Great

The Cherrians in their minstrel show presented at the opera house last evening scored a decided hit and the audience taxed the seating capacity of the house was with them in spirit from the going up of the curtain on the opening chorus until the going down thereof on a "Night in Spookville."

The audience at all times was not only most appreciative of the work of the soloists and chorus but was most insistent in calling for repeated encores.

John Traeger touched the patriotic sentiment of his audience in his singing of "Somewhere in France is Daddy," as also did the solo of O. B. Gingrich in "Flag of My Heart."

Dr. H. C. Epler's recitation of his original poem "From Out the Depths, or the Emisary of Hell," was enthusiastically received.

Albert Gille touched the feelings of his auditors in his singing of "Blue Bird," a song with sentiment musically rendered.

Tableau a Thriller
John W. Todd, in his solo "Sons of Liberty"; H. B. White in "Alexander's Bark from Dixie"; O. A. Macy in "There's a Service Flag at our House," were all most enthusiastically received and encores demanded.

But when it comes to the real vivid patriotic sentiment, one with real fight, the solo by Charles E. Knowland, "We'll Knock the Hell into Heligoland," seemed to strike the audience most forcibly.

As a closing to part one, the curtain rose on a tableau of Uncle Sam, the statue of Liberty and the American soldiers represented by the high school cadets with the American flag. It was one of the most stirring tableaux ever presented in the city and four curtain calls were demanded and even then there was a call for another view of Liberty and the boys in khaki.

The second part of the show included an euphonium solo by Ivan G. Martin, and a vaudeville act by Mrs. A. J. Rahn who is always a favorite with Salem auditors. Fred Taylor, who has been for some time past one of the stars of the annual minstrel shows at the pen pleased the audience immensely in his take off of the stars who preceded him.

A Night in Spookville
E. Cooke Patton, named on the program as "Salem's premier magician" lived up to his record for spooky stuff in his presentation of "A Night in Spookville." It was in all respects the best that E. Cooke has presented to the public for many a year which is saying much, and should any one doubt his gift of picking an orange out of nowhere, or of dipping water from a mystic well, there is a chance to see it done tonight.

The end men, C. E. Knowland, Leslie Springer, H. B. White and William Lerchen, all in black were most gorgeously attired and did their bit in keeping the audience amused.

As musical director, John W. Todd has his chorus well in hand and the music went with the precision of professional minstrels.

The crowded house last night was due not to personal solicitation in selling tickets but to the desire of the people to help the Red Cross and have the real pleasure of seeing a first class show. It is on again tonight. The show is good, extra good. Don't miss it.