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FRENCH SURROUNDED ON MONT KEMMEL BUT REFUSE TO SURRENDER

German Storm Troops Wedge Between British and French Flanks, Then Turned South Surrounding French—Alpiners Caught In Enfilading Fire Pay Terrific Price for Gains—German Lines Apparently Now West of Kemmel But Winner Is Still In Doubt

By William Philip Simms,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the British Armies in Flanders, April 26.—
French troops are entirely surrounded on Mont Kemmel. They are still fighting.
After eight hours fighting yesterday, German storm troops finally wedged their way between the French and British flanks, and crossed the Kemmel-Ypres road where the terrific allied fire held them up for two hours. Then they turned southward and poured down the valley to the west of Kemmel hill surrounding the French, who are still fighting atop the heights.
Although the Germans have reached the crest of the hill the remnant of the French garrison is still there. The French also hold the village.
In night fighting at Mont Des Cats (five miles west) the French raked the slopes with machine guns and held out against terrible odds, preferring death to capture.
Today the German lines apparently run west of Kemmel but the ultimate winner is still a matter of doubt.
Similar fighting surged about Villers-Bretonneux, the British, fighting like lions, retaking the town, atop a ridge, much in the same fashion as the Germans got Kemmel, working around the sides until it was surrounded.
As the French held out in Flanders, the Germans held out in the town east of Amiens.
In the Kemmel fighting the Anglo-French made a savage counter attack, both allied flanks enfilading Von Eberhardt's Alpiners, turning the green flower fields of the valley into a sizzling hell. The Germans paid dearly for their gains.

Mont Kemmel is a steep hill more than 400 feet high, lying about four miles and a half south and west of Ypres. Its comparatively flat top is oval, being nearly half a mile from southwest to northeast and half that distance from southeast to northwest. Its slopes extend outward into the foot hills from a quarter to half a mile.
The little village of Kemmel lies just at the northeast edge of the height. Just southeast of Mont Kemmel is the hamlet of Bellevue and south of the hill is the village of Linderhoek.
British Retake Town.
London, April 26.—The British were again in possession of Villers-Bretonneux today.
The village was recaptured by Australian and English troops in a surprise attack last night, which netted 600 prisoners, Field Marshal Haig reported. The British lines at that point have been

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Abe Martin



"We'd be gittin' up in time 't see some spook shot if they was shootin' 'em," said Lyle Red, when the more daylight was sent in 't effort. It looks like the girl that's built like a radish is goin' 't have another season o' popularity.

Mont Kemmel Falls Into Hands of Germans

London, April 26.—The Germans have advanced 2,000 yards on a 1,200 yard front in the Kemmel sector, capturing the "very important ground of Kemmel hill," Major General Radcliffe, director of military operations, announced this afternoon.
"It is possible to hold Ypres even with the enemy on Mont Kemmel," Radcliffe declared, "but it will be inconvenient, and we hope to get him off."
"In the Lys sector the net results of the engagement have been highly satisfactory. As usual the Germans used a lot of troops, with very heavy losses and gained absolutely nothing."
"The west front reserves are now in the hands of General Foch," Radcliffe said, "in whom everybody has complete confidence."
"So far he has employed only a small proportion of his reserves. This is a good augury of the future."

IF HINDENBURG STOPS DRIVES, HE ADMITS HIS PLANS HAVE FAILED

By J. W. T. Mason
(United Press War Expert)
New York, April 26.—Von Hindenburg's renewed pressure on the front between Ypres and Hazebrouck, after the recent heavy German casualties is still another indication of the growing realization in Germany that the present situation in the west is not exerting its expected influence on the end of the war.
By securing a footing on Mont Kemmel, the Germans have added difficulties to the British defense of the Ypres

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MAN POWER AND SHIPS ARE THE TWO VITAL NECESSITIES

America Must Expect Long and Bitter Struggle On West Front Says Official
By Robert J. Bender
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, April 26.—"America must expect a long and bitter struggle on the west front. It may be months before a decision in the bloody fighting there is realized."
"Today the allies are outnumbered by their foe. The situation is serious. The duty of the American government, the laboring man, and the people at home is to make haste now. A successful outcome is assured." This summarizes a remarkably frank discussion of the allied war situation by M. DeBilly, French deputy high commissioner to the United States who has just arrived here from France with French officers who were in the thick of the German onslaughts in the west.
Having failed in their original intention of separating the French and British lines, the Germans, they say, are now preparing for a long, continual

One of Surviving Wives of Murderer Arrives at Detroit

Detroit, Mich., April 26.—One of Helmut Schmidt's living wives arrived here today from New York to try to track one of the "murder plants" which she herself succeeded in escaping. She is Mrs. "Emil Brown."
She left for Royal Oak shortly before noon, to look at his property there, hoping to recover equity for the \$3,500 which she says he stole from her. A third living wife was believed located in New York today. Schmidt is said to have obtained \$1,400 from her.
He appropriated \$3,200 from his present wife, who, police think, was to have been his next victim.
An illegitimate child of a Prussian junker, Schmidt was trying to accumulate money to return to Germany and live as an aristocrat, developments today indicated.
That was a corking stunt the British pulled off at the Hun "sub" base.

Nation Demanding Official News of Its Men On West Front

Washington, April 26.—The nation's insistent demand for official news about its fighting men, straight from American sources, without camouflage, was voiced today by the house military committee members to the war council.
Harassed by harrowing appeals for facts about the loved ones of constituents, congressmen questioned the committee as to the Seicheprey battle and sought to have either General Pershing or the war department issue at once a daily communique telling all facts before Germany gives them her own version.
Representative Anthony, Kansas, led the assault to get a frank showdown daily.
"We feel that the American people should be able to depend on their own war department for news and not upon the official German statement which this far appears to have been accurate," he said before the war council in session.

CORN BELT GIVES PROMISE OF A BIG YIELD THIS YEAR

Favorable Weather Enabling Early Plowing Will Increase Acreage
IOWA'S 11,000,000 ACRES TO BE INCREASED SOME
Nebraska Acreage To Be Above Normal—Kansas Not Yet Heard From
Des Moines, Iowa, April 26.—Favorable weather conditions this spring enabling early plowing, indicates that Iowa's corn acreage will slightly exceed the eleven million acre planting last year.
While the seed situation is serious in some parts it will be entirely cleared up within the next ten days, when planting will begin, if the thermometer rises.
This was the opinion today of Harry C. Wallace, of Wallace's Farmer, the leading corn expert in the middle west.
"Iowa will slightly exceed her corn production of last year if present indications count," said Wallace to the United Press today. "While thermometer conditions have not been ideal, the dryness of this spring enabled the Iowa farmer to do his ploughing early, which will discount the probable labor shortage this summer."
"A short war spell will bring the ground to the proper planting condition and the seed will be set within the next fortnight."
A surplus of 50,000 bushels of good seed corn is expected here in a few days and will be distributed to districts where farmers have failed in seed grading or where a second planting might be necessary.

Nebraska Looks Good
Lincoln, Neb., April 26.—The seed corn situation in Nebraska is well in hand and Nebraska's corn acreage this year will be normal or probably a little above normal. This is the statement today of Vice Chairman George Coupland, of the state council of defense, who is the head of the council's agricultural department.
"The situation is well in hand and the council is now assembling a reserve stock of seed corn in the event

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WILL BE NO STRIKE COMPANIES ACCEPT RULES OF WAR BOARD

President of Telegraphers' Union Says Companies Trying to Force Strike
Chicago, April 26.—If telegraph companies accept the rules of the federal war labor board there will be no nation wide strike next week, President S. J. Koenekamp of the telegraphers' union stated today.
However, anticipating the companies "would refuse to team with the union and government in war work," he said, detailed instructions have been issued to govern members in case a general lockout follows next Sunday's open meetings of union members. Organization lists have been secret heretofore, members fearing discharge should their union affiliation become known.
The instructions direct to telegraphers, if discharged after "organization Sunday, 5" to offer to remain on duty to transact the government's war business. Strike committees are authorized in every city.
"The companies appear to want to force a strike," said Koenekamp. "It may be necessary to give them what they want. If a strike should become necessary it will be directed at companies who refuse to subscribe to President Wilson's expressed policies toward unions. It will not be a strike but merely an extension of the lock-out system inaugurated by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies who have already discharged 150 union operators, in face of a shortage which is hampering war business."
Thirty thousand persons would be directly affected by a nation wide telegraphers strike, it is estimated.
GAVE AID TO BELGIUM
Washington, April 26.—A further credit of \$3,250,000 was extended Belgium today, bringing the total to that government to \$107,550,000 and the grand total to the allies to \$5,288,800,000, the treasury announced.

HAD PUSHED LOAN PAST TWO BILLION MARK DURING DAY

Liberty Loan Day Being Observed and Great Results Are Expected
SUM WAS \$1,956,776,650 AS DAY'S DRIVE BEGAN
Washington, April 26.—The third Liberty Loan, rounding into the home stretch today, swept past the \$2,000,000,000 mark as patriotic celebrations throughout the nation marked the passing of Liberty Day.
President Wilson reviewed a parade of Liberty bond buyers from the front of the White House during the afternoon. Some 50,000 Washingtonians, including hundreds of war workers and fifty newly drafted men were in line.
As the president paid his respects to the bond buyers, his secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, sitting at his desk heard the Star Spangled Banner by long distance from Omaha sung by patriotic citizens celebrating the holiday.
Treasury officials early in the afternoon reported the nation gathering its energies for the closing eight days, and were confident the country's third great war loan will not fail at the final test.

This District Still Shy
San Francisco, April 26.—The twelfth federal reserve district has subscribed \$159,208,800 to the third Liberty loan at noon today, on the basis of returns made through the federal reserve bank here.
Subscriptions by states are as follows:
Arizona \$1,512,500
Washington \$22,000,000
Oregon \$20,317,700
Iowa \$6,739,750
Idaho \$5,921,150
Nevada \$1,961,450
Northern California \$62,116,050
Southern California \$36,100,200
Hawaii \$2,630,000
Idaho is the second state in the district to report actual subscriptions equal to the total number received in the second campaign. Already 36,742

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COAST OIL USERS ARE FACING SHORTAGE OF 50,000 BARRELS DAILY

Every Industry May Be More or Less Hampered by This Condition
San Francisco, April 26.—Fuel oil consumers on the Pacific coast are facing a total estimated shortage of 50,000 barrels of oil a day within the next year, Vice President K. E. Kingsbury of the Standard Oil company told the United Press today.
This statement was borne out by Professor D. M. Polson, federal fuel oil administrator for California.
The oil shortage may seriously hamper the production of news print paper in the Pacific northwest, they said, and practically every industry listed in the federal fuel administration's priority list as non-essential may have to run on curtailed supplies.
Nineteen million barrels of fuel oil are now in storage in California. Including this supply, the available output during the next twelve months will be approximately 37,900,000 barrels, figuring that production remains stationary. Estimated consumption in the next twelve months figuring on no increase over the past year is 88,000,000 barrels.
"However," said Professor Polson, "the problem is one of increased consumption. Stationary production and curtailed distributing facilities."
Government commandeering of oil tankers has seriously hampered distribution of Pacific coast oil supplies, he said.
"Production is far more likely to decline than remain stationary," said Kingsbury. "The amount of oil consumed is more likely to increase. There fore, within 12 months, all oil stocks above ground will be exhausted and there will be a shortage of approximately 50,000 barrels a day."
Paper manufacturers, however, were not greatly perturbed over the oil

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION GIVES MEDALS FOR HEROISM

Elwood Schwerin Who Swam Through Surf at Bolinas, Is First of All
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26.—Twenty six acts of heroism were recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, in spring session here this afternoon. Five silver medals and twenty one bronze medals were awarded. Several money awards were made, including benefits to the dependents of two who lost their lives.
One of the outstanding cases, was that of Elwood W. Schwerin, now a sailor on the U. S. S. Scharz. When the steamer Hanaiei grounded on the coast, Cal., November 23, 1914, Schwerin swam with a 2,000 yard rope through high and treacherous seas in a brave attempt to save 62 persons from drowning. Largely as a result of his efforts all but 23 were rescued. Schwerin at that time only 21, was a passenger on the Hanaiei. He was awarded a silver medal.
The awards included the following:
Benjamin Smith, 36, Newport, Ky., saved Hattie B. Phips, 32, from being killed by a train at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 14, 1917. Bronze medal.
Susan Brittingham, Augusta, Ga., saved Margaret O'Leary from drowning at Augusta, on June 20, 1916. Bronze medal.
H. Bunyan Samuels, 18, Augusta, Ga., saved Peter Bazanos, 12, from drowning at Boneville, Ga., on May 16, 1915. Bronze medal.
Frieda Nalm, 25, a teacher of Maplewood, Mo., saved Martha K. Baskett, 39, from drowning at Merimac Highlands, Mo., June 13, 1914. Bronze medal.
Marcella Marrow, 51, Cincinnati, Ohio, was awarded a bronze medal and disbursement benefits of \$500 and \$30 a month for saving Maris Ansbrey, aged 4, and attempting to save Lellen Ansbrey, aged 1, from burning to death at Cincinnati, on February 9, 1917.
Shirley Starkey, Ravenswood, W. Va., was awarded a silver medal and \$500

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