

GERMAN ADVANCE STOPPED

French Check Onward Rush; Berlin Claims Capture of Beaucourt.

TEN DIVISIONS USED IN EFFORT TO SEIZE ARRAS

Enormous Price in Casualties Paid by Germans Unavailing in Vicious Pressure.

BRITISH WAVER SLIGHTLY Between Fampoux and Bois-leux South the Scarpe.

Roux Stage of Tense Conflict, in Which Allies Are Forced to Withdraw.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—A spectacular British maneuver at Roux after its capture by the Germans on Thursday became known today. When the place was enveloped the body of defending troops was cut off and clung tenaciously to the village in the face of bitter punishment. Under cover of darkness on Thursday night these gallant men were successfully withdrawn through a gap forced in the German line.

The fact that the Germans, according to the report, are entrenching along the Thiepval-La Boisselle line is pointed to as a tribute to the magnificent defense which the British maintained at this important gateway to the west.

There has been another display of the British determination in this quarter. The correspondent knows of one large body of troops who dug themselves in along the vital sector in question and announced that whatever happened to the rest of the British line, they were going to stick until they were either victorious or the last man was dead. They are still sticking, and from their past achievements it is safe to say they will continue to stick.

The situation today from the entente viewpoint is reported to be satisfactory. Along the British section of the battle front last night was comparatively quiet.

At one point the attacking troops were held up by the machine gun fire, but other forces pressed on doggedly. The Germans, however, opposed with too great strength and were too well protected, and the British were forced to abandon the effort after a hard struggle, during which twenty-five Germans were taken prisoner in hand-to-hand fighting. The loss of these positions does not alter the situation materially, and the British hold on the Luce valley is considered satisfactory.

AFTER LONG MARCH. One British division marched from 9 o'clock one evening until 4 o'clock the next afternoon and then hung itself into the battle line, where it fought and killed and dug in until its position was assured. Then these soldiers threw themselves down where they stood and slept with their heads pillowed upon their hands. There are other instances even more spectacular which may not be mentioned, but it is unnecessary to amplify, as America already knows the temper of her British allies and knows that the British will take a lot of beating before they give in.

British Army Headquarters in France, Friday, March 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German attempt to force the British back along the Scarpe and capture Arras cost them an enormous price in casualties, although they used ten divisions. North of the river, the British held to their positions and wavered but slightly before the enemy onslaught. South of the river, however, the British retired slightly between Fampoux and Bois-leux.

There was hard fighting on both sides of the Scarpe. To the north the most desperate conflict was staged about Roux. The Germans succeeded in forcing the British to withdraw from this place. North of Gavrelle, the enemy tried to push the British back on Bailoult, but were repulsed by withering gunfire. The most bitter fighting was about Telegraph hill, which changed hands several times.

Tanks' Important Work. Below the Somme, British artillery had been doing marvelous work in getting the heavy guns back during the withdrawal. One battery of heavies was cut off and lost for three days. Although often surrounded the men worked their way out to the British lines with all the guns. On high ground near Albert there are five machine gunners who are cut off five hundred yards in front of their own infantry but who still are doing great execution among the enemy. Tanks also have been doing a small but important work. They have been traveling in pairs, attempting the advance and making prisoners.

Defeat Red Guards Finnish Government Forces Capture 10,000 Rebels, Says Report.

London, March 30.—Finnish red guards have been defeated at Tammerfors, north of Helsinki, by the government forces, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd. The rebels are said to have lost 10,000 prisoners and twenty-one guns.

BRITISH HELD LINES IN MAGNIFICENT FASHION

Infantry Held Off Superior Forces Until Guns Were Taken to Safety.

London, March 30.—The British line held magnificently throughout Friday, according to Reuter's limited correspondence from British headquarters in France. "At one point only," says the correspondent, "where the Germans got across the river in force about Cerisy and attacking the troops in the Froyard-Mercurt neighborhood in the rear, have fallen back, but that retirement was gallantly done. Our men were taken in the rear before they knew it. "As there were guns to be got away both infantry and gunners faced around and for a while some of our field artillery was firing with open sights into the enemy. Then infantry charged and succeeded in driving the superior forces of the enemy back to river bank, holding them there until the guns got away. This section of the line then swung back to new positions running by Hamel and Lamotte."

ENGLISH COLUMN ADVANCES 83 MILES

London, March 30.—The British column which recently won a striking victory on the front along the Euphrates river, in Mesopotamia, putting out of action the entire Turkish force in the Hit area, has advanced to a point eighty-three miles beyond Hit, the war office announced. The number of prisoners has been increased to 5,000. The statement follows: "Our troops pursued the remnants of the Turkish force, which was defeated near Khan-Baghdadi, and at midday on Thursday had advanced beyond Anah, eighty-three miles northwest of Hit. Full particulars of the captures have not yet been received, but they are of great importance. Large depots at Hadith and Anah have fallen into our hands, containing quantities of ammunition, mine throwers, guns, etc. The number of prisoners has been increased to 5,000."

ALLEGED PRO-GERMANS FORCED TO KISS FLAG

Coshocton, O., March 30.—A mob of between 500 and 600 persons late last night and early this morning visited sixteen homes in this city and forced between twenty-five and thirty alleged pro-Germans to kiss the Stars and Stripes and say "To hell with the Kaiser." The mob marched through the streets four abreast with about thirty automobiles today to be the crucial zone of conflict. The Germans, following up their small gains of yesterday in their northwestern drive toward Amiens, were pressing the attack vigorously. They were meeting with the most obstinate resistance on the part of the British defenders, however, and latest reports state there had been little change in the situation since last night despite the hard fighting. On the extreme north the enemy had desisted for the moment from their assault against Arras, but there are indications that they are only waiting for fresh troops before renewing their drive.

Allied Lines Strengthened. The British lines have been strengthened rapidly in every quarter along the front. There is a most heartening display of determination and optimism. In the vicinity of Albert the Germans today were reported to be digging themselves into the line from Thiepval to La Boisselle. For a brief space the tides of conflict have slackened, but any moment they may set in again. When the Germans have brought forward their artillery and overhauled their fighting machine the struggle undoubtedly will be renewed, perhaps with greater ferocity than before.

Yesterday afternoon the enemy had a small success south of the Luce river, on the British right flank. Strong German forces, attacking there, captured Mezieres and also Maison Bienebe, north of the village. The British immediately organized a counter-attack and pushed forward determinedly against the invaders.

Derive Hopes From Hun Defeat at Arras

London, March 30.—Hopes that the German rush has been checked definitely have been raised by the defeat which the enemy has suffered in his first attempt to capture Arras. However, it is realized there is still a great menace in the situation south of the Somme, and that the fate of Amiens hangs in the balance. Further attacks are looked for.

PROPOSE DEATH AS SPY PENALTY

Amendment to Penalize Use of Invisible Ink Favored. Report Monday.

Washington, March 30.—The death penalty for many acts of espionage will be proposed in legislation to be brought before congress, Senator Overman, of North Carolina, active head of the senate judiciary committee, said today after hearing testimony of several government agents in charge of antispionage work. The subcommittee also approved an amendment to the espionage law penalizing "attempts" to obstruct the selective draft law as well as actual obstruction.

Confidential testimony regarding enemy espionage and propaganda and Industrial Workers of the World activities was given to the subcommittee today. According to Senator Overman the government agents said that the activities of spies are widespread throughout the country. Although the government is taking firm steps to stop their operations, its control of the situation, it was said, is "not yet all that could be desired."

Of Seditious Character. Letters—many in invisible ink—pictures and other documents seized by the federal officers were submitted to the committee and according to committee members were of a most seditious and hostile character. The subcommittee today approved an amendment to penalize use of invisible ink in correspondence, and providing for seizure by the mail inspectors of mail matter believed to be of seditious origin. Urging extension of the espionage act to attempt to obstruct the draft law department of justice agents told the committee that indicted persons have escaped conviction because it was shown their attempts were not successful. The senate committee plans next Monday to report and ask immediate passage of the legislation proposed.

TWO REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION; SEVEN WOUNDED

Gen. Pershing's Casualty List Includes List of Tuscania Victims.

Washington, March 30.—Today's casualty list contains fifty names, twenty-five killed and twenty-five wounded. In the sinking of the Tuscania, these were reported as missing at sea, but have been positively identified by finger prints taken from the bodies. The list is divided as follows: Killed in action, 2; died of wounds, 4; died of disease, 14; died of accident, 2; died cause unknown, 1; wounded slightly, 7; previously reported missing at sea, now reported dead, 25. The only officer named in today's list is Lieut. Howard H. Davis, who was slightly wounded.

Benjamin Odabashy, Earl Oskins, Charles Phillips, Richard Warner, died of accident—Privates John W. Roberts, Wesley E. Staples. Died of Cause Unknown—Private Willie Langston. Wounded Slightly—Lieut. Howard H. Davis; Cooks Elmer Johnson, Lough Justice; Privates Joseph C. Sheehan, James B. Christian, Richard L. Major, Edward W. Mannix. Died at Sea (Tuscania)—Privates George A. Altwein, Vernon C. Branland, Joe Cochran, Leonard H. Dethman, Rosendo Diaz, Elton L. Edmondson, Florencio Flores, Edward C. Feyrer, Sixton Eiras, Guadalupe Garza, Edward C. Grahamer, Frank Kousseth, Joseph Marlin, Roy Muncester, Ben V. Owens, Clarence Paul, Alexandria, La.; Cook Clyde C. Pelley; Privates Juan A. Perez, Ondis Powell, Cirilo Rodriguez, Richard S. White, Arthur Strach, Patrick H. White, Paul A. Williams, Jose Ybarra.

TIMBER LANDS SOLD

Heirs of Jay Gould Dispose of Louisiana Tract. Monroe, La., March 30.—A deal has just been consummated in New York City whereby the heirs of the late Jay Gould have sold to the Forest Lumber company and allied concerns headed by J. H. White, of Kansas City, Mo., approximately 142,000 acres of virgin long leaf pine timber lands in Louisiana, involving a consideration of more than \$9,000,000, according to announcements here today by Henry Bernsteins, local attorney, who negotiated the sale. The lands effected are located in Vernon, Rapides and W. parishes, in Louisiana. This was declared to be one of the largest southern timber land transactions on record.

EFFORTS TO TAKE DEMUIN, SOUTH OF SOMME, BROKEN

British Take Prisoners in Counter-Attacks, but Retire at Mezieres.

CAVALRY IN GALLANT PLAY

Newly-Captured Town Lies North of Montdidier.

Now Apex of Salient Driven by Germans in Approach to Amiens.

London, March 30.—The Germans, attacking yesterday at Demuin and Mezieres, pressed back the British from Mezieres, the war office announced. The enemy's attempts to capture Demuin broke down after sharp fighting which lasted throughout the afternoon.

Mezieres, captured by the Germans, is in the sector south of the Somme, where the principal gains of the Germans in the last few days have been made. It is ten miles north of Montdidier.

The official statement follows: "North of the Somme only local actions have taken place. South of the Somme the enemy's attacks yesterday at Demuin and Mezieres succeeded in pressing back our troops from the latter village. We secured a number of prisoners in our counter-attacks. At Demuin the enemy's attempts to capture the village broke down after sharp fighting which lasted throughout the afternoon. "During the past week our cavalry has fought with great gallantry, both mounted and dismounted, and repulsed the enemy, inflicting heavy losses on him in numerous engagements."

CONVERGING MOVEMENT

London, March 30.—The heavy concentration of the enemy's converging movement has brought the Germans to within about twelve miles of Amiens. The British line is now west of Maroescave and Demuin, but despite this the situation still regarded as hopeful. While the enemy advance has not yet been arrested, it certainly has been greatly retarded. The explanation for the movement on Arras, according to French critics, is that the Germans felt that the shape of the salient driven into the British line exposed them to flank counter-attacks and they extended their offensive toward Arras. However, although the enemy achieved some local successes, including the capture of a British battalion, which fought courageously until surrounded, the attempt to capture Arras failed.

ADmits SPIES EMPLOYED IN CURTISS CO. PLANT

Woman, Together With Her Boarder, Arrested and Held Under Bond.

Newark, N. J., March 30.—Admission that a group of German spies have been employed in the plant of the Curtiss engineering corporation at Hempstead, N. Y., on Long Island, has been obtained from Mrs. Lydia White, a woman arrested today with blue prints of airplanes in her possession, the police here announced. The woman, who is 25 years old, was turned over to the federal authorities and held by a United States commissioner in \$10,000 bail, together with Frederick Arnold, a boarder in her home at Hempstead. They were arrested here after they had been located by Albert White, the woman's husband. The police say a search of their room disclosed the blue prints. She told her story of German spies in the Curtiss plant after being questioned by Inspector Corbally, who soon notified the federal authorities.

REVENUE TAX RETURNS EXTENDED ONE DAY

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Epper has extended the time to make income tax returns to include April 1. In carrying out these instructions E. B. Craig will accommodate the public by carrying his force of deputies at the revenue office, 228 Custom House, until midnight of the first.

SAME PAY FOR WOMEN AS MEN GET GRANTED

Chicago, March 29.—The eight-hour day, wage increases and equal pay for like work by men and women were granted to Chicago packing house employees today by Judge Samuel Alschule, arbitrator in the recent wage hearings here. Several other demands of the workers were granted.

AUTO DRIVE.

The season for automobile opens and they are all going "over the top" in a big drive. The News launches the campaign today with advertisements for leaders and most valuable auto news.

ON PICARDY FRONT.

Washington, March 30.—The situation on the battle fronts in Picardy as shown by official reports from Gens. Pershing and Bliss, was graphically pictured to members of the senate military committee today at their regular weekly conference with war department officials. No effort was made to minimize the extent of the German inroads into the allied lines. Senator Hitchcock said afterwards that press accounts of the battle were accurate, apparently, but he deprecated over sanguine predictions. There is great hope, however, the senator said, in the minds of military officials here, over the strategic possibilities of a French offensive movement when the time comes. Brig.-Gen. Wheeler, acting chief of ordnance, was closely questioned by senators as to progress in the production of cannon for American troops. Senators, it is said, feel that the ordnance program should be greatly enlarged.

BRITISH TROOPS DESTROY TRACK

Several Miles of Hedjaz Railway on Palestine Border Wrecked.

London, March 30.—British mounted troops have destroyed several miles of track of the Hedjaz railway east of the river Jordan on the Palestine border, it was officially announced today.

London, March 30.—The British forces in Palestine attacked west of the river Jordan on Thursday and advanced their lines here two miles on an eight-mile front.

Candler's Blackmailer Denied New Trial

Atlanta, Ga., March 30.—J. W. Cook, real estate salesman, recently convicted of attempted blackmail on Mayor Asa Carter, today was denied a new trial by Judge Benjamin Hill in the Fulton county superior court. Counsel for Cook announced the motion for a new trial for Mrs. Margaret Hirsch, convicted on the same charge with Cook, which was to be argued today, was postponed indefinitely at the request of her counsel. Mrs. Hirsch is still held in the county jail.

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MARCH LAUNCHINGS EXCEEDED SCHEDULE

However, Total Number Completed Ships Short That Planned by Board.

Washington, March 30.—The shipping board exceeded its launching program in March by 12,000 tons, but fell behind in its transportation of completed ships, owing to difficulty in obtaining steel plates. Figures given out at the board's offices today showed that 24 ships of 122,742 tons were launched and 29 of 142,000 tons were completed and delivered. At the beginning of the month it was announced that it was hoped to launch 25 ships of 250,951 tons during March, and to deliver 22 ships of 184,275 tons.

O. K. for Easter, Says Billy P.

The hardships are not all in France, we left behind a nerve; how I'll force myself to rise an hour earlier, do you? I may crawl off to sleep on time, and kid myself to think it is true, but how I'll get up earlier, a policy I don't know how I'll ever learn to do. The weather? Cloudy with slight change in temperature tonight and Easter, but.

FRENCH RESERVES HOLD UP HUNS ON 25-MILE HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE FRONT

French Reserves Hold Up Huns on Twenty-five Mile Hard-Fought Battle Front From Moreuil to Lassigny.

Official Dispatch From Berlin Makes Less Pretentious Claims as to Situation Between Somme and Avre.

Washington, March 30.—French reserve forces have stopped the German advance on the twenty-five mile front from Moreuil to Lassigny, according to an official dispatch received here today from Paris. The German assaults on this line were described in previous dispatches as particularly violent.

BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT.

Berlin, March 30.—(Via London.)—Between the Somme and the Avre the Germans have driven from parts of their foremost positions British and French troops freshly brought up and have captured Beaucourt and Mezieres, the war office announces. French attacks against Montdidier are said to have failed.

Paris, March 30.—French troops, supported by reserves, are offering desperate resistance to powerful assaults of the enemy, the war office announces. The battle, which was resumed with renewed violence during the night, is progressing on a front of forty kilometers (about twenty-five miles) from Moreuil to beyond Lassigny.

Statement in Full. The statement follows: "The battle was resumed with new violence during the night and is progressing on a front of forty kilometers from Moreuil to beyond Lassigny. French troops, supported by French reserves, which continue to arrive, are offering powerful resistance to the violent assaults of the Germans. "On Wednesday and Thursday French aviators, notwithstanding the bad weather, continued their attacks against the German machines. Flying in group, the French airmen attacked the Germans with bombs and machine guns on the battle line and in the concentration zones. Several French machines made as many as three of these expeditions on the same day. Seventeen thousand kilograms (more than eighteen tons) of projectiles were thrown down in the regions of Guisard and Ham. French pursuit squadrons in the course of numerous combats brought down thirteen German airplanes, of which seven were destroyed and six were damaged badly. Furthermore, two captive balloons were set on fire."

LULL ONLY PREFACE TO MORE TERRIFIC STORM

Believes Reuter's Correspondent—Entente Outlook Brighter.

London, March 30.—The Germans are still running forward artillery and reorganizing their forces, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs. The slowing down in the battle he says, probably is only a lull before another storm of still greater intensity.

54 WOMEN ARE VICTIMS OF GUN

Seventy-five Worshipers in Paris Church Killed in Long-Range Bombardment.

Paris, March 30.—Rescue parties at work in the church which was struck yesterday by a shell from a German long-range gun have found more bodies. It is now known that fifty-four women were killed. The shell struck the north side of the church, bringing down part of the roof. Nearly all the debris fell inward upon the heads of the worshipers sixty feet below. In addition to M. Stroehlin, counselor of the Swiss legation in Paris, who was killed, it is feared that his wife also is a victim, although searchers have not yet found her body in the debris. Among the injured are Countess Morand, Viscount Moulter and former Senator Louis Gauteyron.

DRAFT LEGISLATION NEARS COMPLETION

Senate Rejects Amendment Providing for Training of Youths From 19 to 21.

Washington, March 30.—Draft legislation urged by the war department was a step nearer completion today as the result of the senate's action last night in adopting a resolution extending the draft to men reaching the age of 21 since the first registration day, June 5, 1917. The senate rejected an amendment providing for the training of youths from 19 to 21. Approximately 700,000 will be added to the registration this year by the legislation. It now goes in the house for consideration with a bill to base the state and district quotas for second draft on the number of registrants in class 1. New York, March 30.—Several hundred hotel proprietors from cities throughout the country assembled here today to put in motion the machinery necessary to eliminate wheat from American hotel menus. The meeting is the outcome of the conference which hotel men had with Food Administrator Hoover in Washington yesterday when Mr. Hoover was pledged their co-operation. John M. Bosman, head of the food administration's division of co-workers charged with conserving food in hotels, restaurants, dining cars and steamships, presided at the gathering here.