

LA BASSEE CANAL FRONT

The Bridges Flung Across It By the Allies Have Been Swept Away By Allied Artillery Fire

LULL IN BATTLE THROUGH SHEER EXHAUSTION

The Germans Have Not Repeated Their Thrust North of Bethune, Where They Met With Heavy Losses Wednesday and Thursday—The Attacks of the Enemy at Picardy Have Ceased—On the Southern Battle Front in France Only Raiding Operations and Artillery Duels Are In Progress—German Torpedo Boat Flotilla Has Been Shelling Belgian Positions Along the Coast Sector.

Over the fields of France and Flanders, where terrific fighting has been waged almost without intermission since March 21, there has come what appears to be a lull. Official reports tell little of actual conditions. They say that the situation is unchanged, which may indicate that both sides are exhausted by their exertions in the engagements which have been fought, or that they are busy bringing up artillery and fresh troops to renew the struggle.

Correspondents at the front tell of miserable weather—cold and rain and sleet—to add to the already known bad condition of the lowlands, which are virtually impassable. The German men and materials can be moved with difficulty. The armies have been fighting in a flat marshy country since April 9 and this situation has made under normal conditions, has been made still more impassable by rains and the temper of high explosive shells which has blasted roads and fields.

It appears, however, that the Germans have not repeated their thrust along the line running north of Bethune, where they met with a sanguinary repulse on Wednesday and Thursday. They employed about 75,000 men along the front, but were forced to be from six to ten miles in length, but gained little or no ground. The La Bassee canal front is still in the hands of the Germans, but it is being shelled by the Allies from the west.

The blow aimed by the French at the very apex of the German line in Picardy, in front of Amiens, has not been followed up apparently. It is difficult to believe that an allied counter-offensive when it comes will be launched in this sector.

Advances in the German line have been reported from the front. The only raiding operations and artillery duels are reported there. An interesting despatch tells of the moving of Italian troops to France. This would point to one of two developments. Either the Italian front is in no particular danger at the present moment, or else General Foch is calling every available man to swell the army that he will hurl at the foe when the moment for battle arrives. It is probable, however, that the force of Italian en route to the French front is comparatively small.

The Turkish torpedo boat flotilla has been active along the coast sector of the battle line and have shelled Belgian positions there. This may foreshadow a German attempt to drive westward through Nieuport.

The long range bombardment of Paris ceased for two days and it was hoped that the French had found the exact location of the heavy German gun and put it out of action. This hope, however, failed when the bombardment of Paris was resumed Friday morning.

The Turks are continuing their advance in Caucasia and are approaching the Brest-Litovsk treaty. They are already in control of Batum, where the number of soldiers is estimated at 5,000 men, of whom 900 were officers.

In Italy, Macedonia, Palestine and Mesopotamia there has been no recent fighting reported.

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Cabled Paragraphs

British Sentiments Toward France. Paris, April 19.—"To manifest our sentiments toward France we would do nothing more significant than to place our forces under the authority of a French commander," said Viscount Milner, British minister of war, today in the Temps.

Demand for Indemnities. Copenhagen, April 19.—The senators of Hamburg, Lubek and Bremen have passed resolutions that the Prussian Diet should make demand for war indemnities. The Weser Zeitung declares that a large majority of the Diet will support such a demand.

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New York, April 19.—France, in four years of conflict to preserve her own liberty and that of the world, according to M. Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner to the United States, has lost 1,300,000 men killed and almost as many wounded or prisoners.

An interesting despatch tells of the "Fatherless Children of France" association. The work of the organization which already has raised more than \$2,000,000 in behalf of 60,000 French orphans, and stating that the French government has adopted 1,000,000 children bereft of fathers, M. Tardieu declared that German propaganda could not counteract the fact, which is well known in America, that "all our hearts are united in a common affection."

"When men are dying," he said, "their one last thought is for their children. In close communion with their aspirations, of our people you have conceived this great good and humane work, you have won forever the affection and gratitude of all France. It is with deep emotion that I bring you their thanks."

LUIS DE SHELLEY IS GUILTY OF COUNTERFEITING
Said to Be One of the Most Expert Counterfeiters in the World.

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URGES ELIMINATION OF GERMAN LANGUAGE
From Public Schools—General Society, S. of V., Passes Resolutions.

Philadelphia, April 19.—A resolution urging the elimination of the German language from the public schools and other educational institutions throughout the United States was unanimously adopted at the adjourned triennial meeting of the General Society, Sons of the Revolution, here tonight.

President, James Mortimer Montgomery; New York, vice president, Richard C. Cadwalader, Pennsylvania; second vice president, Irving Thayer, Massachusetts; secretary, Major William Libbey, New Jersey; treasurer, Ralph Ishan, Illinois.

CHURCH BURNED BY A MOB OF MEN AND BOYS
Because Pastor Refused to Lower the American Flag at Sundown.

Berkeley, Calif., April 19.—The Church of the Living God, a large canvas tabernacle used by a religious mob of men and boys, became the scene of a mob of men and boys, because the pastor, Josiah Sykes, and his elders refused to lower the American flag at sundown and join with the congregation in singing the national anthem.

Pastor Sykes and two of his elders were ducked in the baptismal font of the tabernacle last night by several hundred boys when they refused to sing the national anthem.

CAPT. JAMES E. MILLER WAS KILLED IN ACTION
Aviator Three Weeks Ago Was Seen to Drop Behind the German Lines.

New York, April 19.—Word that Captain James E. Miller, United States aviation corps, previously reported missing, was killed in action in France, was received here today from the war department by the Columbia Trust Company, of which he was vice president. Captain Miller, three weeks ago was seen to drop with his machine behind the German lines. Miller joined the flying service in June, 1917. He was 26 years old.

WEINBERG CHARGED OF MURDER
In Connection With Bomb Explosion in San Francisco in 1916.

El Centro, Calif., April 19.—Israel Weinberg, acquitted of a charge of murder in connection with a preparedness day explosion in San Francisco in 1916, and J. Edward Morgan, were scheduled to hold a meeting here tonight in the interest of Thomas J. Ryan, convicted of murder growing out of the bomb explosion, were escorted out of town tonight by a committee of citizens.

President Wilson signed the bill extending provisions of the espionage act to women and requiring registration of women enemy aliens.

Word was received at the William Penn Charter school at Philadelphia that Colonel Reynal C. Bolling, reported in dispatches several days ago as missing, has been killed in action in France.

House Votes For Increase of Marines

Condensed Telegrams
There are many cases of yellow fever in Retalhuleu, Guatemala.

Samuel Young, the oldest member of the House of Commons, is dead.

Nine Americans were killed in and around Tampico, Mexico, April 5 and 6.

With a few exceptions the British press supports the changes in the cabinet.

The body of a white soldier with his throat cut was found in a gully near Atlanta.

The flow of recruits from the mining district of Waikiki is keeping the recruiting officers busy.

The United States ship A. A. Raven was sunk in March by a submarine. No details were received.

All important units of the Russian fleet in the Baltic escaped when the Germans captured Helsingfors.

The old leasing bill, designed to increase oil production for war, was urged by President Wilson.

Cuba has taken \$500,000 worth of Liberty Bonds. She has set the allotment for the island at \$3,000,000.

The Senate passed the silver bill providing for the melting into bullion \$350,000,000 of foreign trade balances.

The names of three men killed, two dead, one missing, and four wounded appeared on the Canadian casualties list.

Winchell Smith, the well known playwright, is at a private hospital in Hartford, because of serious eye trouble.

Middletown yesterday passed the Liberty loan allotment for the city when subscriptions of \$68,900 were reported.

The French government has passed new food regulations, biscuits, cream, cheese and fancy breads in public eating houses.

One man was killed and seven injured in an explosion today at the Lupont Powder Works at Carneys Point, N. J.

The New York district reported its state totals as New York \$201,928,500; Connecticut \$2,778,050, and New Jersey \$35,527,100.

New York State appropriations for military and naval establishments increased \$2,000,000 over their normal cost in pre-war times.

Confirmation of the resignation of the Hungarian cabinet and the appointment of Count Tisza as Premier was received in London.

The Syracuse police were notified of the disappearance of Homer Brown, manager of the Overlander Press, publishers of the Union, (German).

Five naval men who stood watch for several days in drifting boat from the steamer Acton were commended by Secretary Daniels for bravery.

Airplanes for the Government as to be made at City Island in the Robert Jacob Shipyard, where some of the American cup defenders was turned out.

AMERICAN ENGINEERS' GALLANT CONDUCT

Made Public In General Pershing's Report to the War Department

Continued Their Work Under Shell Fire

Carried Out Destruction of Material Dumps at Chaulens, Laid Out Trenches at Moreuil, Then Proceeded to Demuin, Where They Constructed and Manned a Sector of the Defensive Line—Their Losses Were 20 Men Killed, 52 Wounded and 45 Missing.

Washington, April 19.—General Pershing's report of the gallant conduct of American engineers troops with the British Fifth Army in helping to check the German advance in the early days of the great offensive reached the war department late today. The report was made public by Secretary Baker.

"It will make splendid reading for Americans," said the secretary.

"Certain units of United States engineers serving with a British army while under shellfire carried out destruction of material dumps at Chaulens, fell back with British forces to Moreuil where the commands laid out trench work, then proceeded to Demuin and was assigned sector of defensive line which was constructed and manned by them. Hence moved to a position in the line near Faruse-Abancourt and extending to the north side of Bois de Toulouze. The commands started for this position on March 27th and occupied it until April 3rd. During this time the commanding officer of a unit of United States engineers, being in command of the sub-sector occupied by his troops. This command was in more or less continuous action during its stay in this position. On April 1st the command was ordered to fall back to Abbeville.

The casualties during the period March 27 to April 1 were: 20 men killed; 52 wounded; 3 men killed; 52 wounded; 45 missing. It is believed by the British authorities that they were not all captured, but that many of them were separated from their command and are now with other British organizations. This report of casualties does not consider the detachments of 77 men from which no report has been received."

The report also quotes the letter sent by British General H. L. Mottershead, commander of a cavalry division, to the commander of one of the American engineering units, conveying the congratulations of his superior, and the letter sent by General Rawlinson, commander of the British army, to the commander of the sub-sector, in which he commended the gallant conduct of the American engineers and men of the light

40 PER CENT OF LIBERTY BOND SUBSCRIBED FOR
Total Tabulated at the Treasury Last Night Was \$1,204,714,250.

Washington, April 19.—Forty per cent of the three billion dollar minimum goal for the third Liberty Bond drive is now reported as subscribed in eleven working days and thirteen days remain in the campaign.

The total amount tonight at the treasury was \$1,204,714,250 which is \$114,675,000 more than was reported yesterday. The figures cover subscriptions for the first division and to the close of business last night.

The subscriptions and percentage standings by districts are as follows:

District	Subscription Per Cent
St. Louis	\$19,127,500 28
Chicago	\$19,546,200 46
Dallas	\$7,598,000 43
Kansas City	\$6,840,750 43
St. Paul	\$6,229,500 48
San Francisco	\$2,992,700 28
Minneapolis	\$1,250,000 27
New York	\$1,334,850 27
Philadelphia	\$1,100,000 23
Cleveland	\$1,100,000 23
Richmond	\$6,354,800 23
Atlantic	\$7,728,000 28

Rev. Dr. H. S. Harris was released from the faculty of the Elmer F. Academy to service as Y. M. C. A. secretary with the portuguese troops in France.

United States Senator James W. Wadsworth Jr. announced that he was declining to accept the gubernatorial nomination for Governor of New York.

The War Industries Board announced that the United States may soon be wearing "liberty shoes" and "war suits," manufactured on a large scale at a small price.

Giuseppe Schiaffano, second officer of a ship arriving at an Atlantic port, was arrested by naval officers charged with carrying an uncensored letter into the country.

Rain over Northwest has been of sufficient amount to carry the spring wheat and other spring planted crops well into May without need for additional moisture.

Chicago Board of Trade subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan aggregating \$124,000. Every member and very employes of the Board of Trade has subscribed.

Federal reports of stocks of frozen poultry in storage April 1 show decreases over 1917, while reports of stocks of frozen and cured meats for like period show increases.

War bonuses were granted to 5,000 munition workers of the Jeanville Iron Plant of Hazelton, Pa. Their bonuses were 10 per cent of their wages for the last three months' earnings.

The Liberty Ball and Liberty coach are touring the State as part of the Liberty loan campaign, were escorted into Utica by a parade of 10,000 persons on their arrival from Rome.

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UNIFORM WAGE SCALE IN GREAT LAKES SHIPYARDS

The Same as Along Atlantic Coast—Retrospective to April 1st.

Washington, April 19.—The uniform wage scale in effect in Atlantic coast and gulf shipyards has been made effective for Great Lakes yards, retroactive to April 1.

The wage scale will substantially advance the pay of men in these yards to nearly all crafts, the shipbuilding labor adjustment board announced. To make certain that the wage of no employe will be reduced, a provision was inserted declaring existing higher wages had not been affected by the decision. Where agreements in existing yards had been made between employe and workers, the date of April 1 set by the board will not apply. The new scale prescribes eight hours as the working day, time and one-half for overtime work, double time for Sundays and seven national holidays, and directs the organization of craft committees to adjust industrial disputes.

Representatives of the shipyards and of the piece workers of the Great Lakes district were directed to hold a conference to agree on a piece wage system, which the board found to be preferred in certain departments, such as riveting and chipping and caulking.

TO TRANSFER HEADQUARTERS
EMERGENCY FLEET CORP.
Director General Schwab Selects Philadelphia.

Washington, April 19.—The offices of the Emergency Fleet Corporation will be moved from Philadelphia to Philadelphia by Director General Schwab, nearly fifty per cent of the shipbuilding now in progress is within a short distance of Philadelphia.

The move will transfer approximately 1,500 men to Philadelphia, including all department heads who are identified with construction work. Administrative details still will be handled in Washington by Vice President Flex, who retains control of the contracts, legal questions and executive matters. Purchasing, construction and housing will center in Philadelphia.

There are 311 ship yards in the New York and Philadelphia districts, chiefly on the Delaware river, which is coming to be known as the "Clyde" district. Contracts for 4,864,302 tons of ships have been let in those districts, or 44 per cent of the total amount build in the United States.

DANIELS ON "TEMPORARY SUCCESSSES" OF GERMANS
Says It Does Not Mean Final Triumph—May Be Last Desperate Strike.

Boston, April 19.—"These 'temporary successes' of the Germans on the western front mark their last desperate day exploit in Europe. The German drive toward the channel ports from that direction has been defeated."

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