



# ALIED ARMYLERS IN BELT ATTACKS OF THE GERMANS

## Two Divisions of Teuton Troops Were Subjected to Terrific Fire of Big Guns

### ACTION WAS ON FRONT SOUTHWEST OF YPRES

French and British guns, which were on high ground, poured withering fire into the German regiments as they tried to advance. The city of Amiens is being systematically destroyed by German artillery fire, although the place at present has no military value. The British parliament has vindicated the Lloyd-George ministry in connection with sensational charges made by Major-General Ferderick B. Maurice.

The allied defense on the Ploeghe front to the southwest of Ypres again has been tested by the Germans and the troops were adequate. Two divisions of Teuton troops were employed on a relatively short front and were sent into the fight under the cover of a terrific artillery fire. The front chosen for the attack extended from the village of La Clyte to Voormezeele, but the center of the shock seems to have been at Verstraet, a little hamlet northeast of Kemmel Hill. The flanks of the German attack line were stopped short by the artillery fire poured upon them from the French and British cannon which were on high ground and were able to enfilade the German regiments as they tried to advance. In the center, however, the Germans managed to gain ground until they had made a serious dent in the allied line. During Wednesday night, however, the allies organized a counter-attack, drove forward and the latest reports from Field Marshal Haig are to the effect that the line has been re-established. The Germans are reported to have lost very heavily during the fighting. There is a constant rumble of heavy artillery fire along the Somme front, but here the British again have improved their position by local attacks. The Canadian forces from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have engaged in a successful local attack south of Arras.

### ELECTIONS TO THE YALE ACADEMIC SENIOR FRATS

There Was No Gathering on the Campus as in Former Years.

New Haven, Conn., May 9.—Elections to the Yale academic senior societies of Skull and Bones, Scroll and Key and Wolfe and Gull were held tonight. There was no gathering on the campus as in former years when the men were formally "tapped" for the societies. The full fifteen usual societies closed the full fifteen usual terms. Among those chosen to Skull and Bones was Hamilton Hadley, son of President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale and now in service. Charles C. Stradella of North Tonawanda, N. Y., refused an election to this society and was taken into account by the Yale election board.

The elections followed: Sherman Baldwin, New York city; Allan B. Campbell, New York city; Winter Mead, Brentsville, N. Y. In service: Cannon C. Deper, Buffalo, N. Y.; Hamilton Hadley, New Haven, Conn.; Charles Haffner, Jr., of Greble, Ohio; Elmore McNeill, McKeen, Summit, N. J.; and Edward T. Smith, Patchogue, L. I. Elections have been held to the following men in service, but no reply has been received yet: Parker B. Allen, Meriden, Conn.; George N. Walker, of Washington, D. C.; William J. J. Carr, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Seward H. Cushing, Cleveland, Ohio; Charles L. Call, Honesdale, Pa.; Charles C. Stradella, North Tonawanda, N. Y. In service: John F. Eiders, Hartford, Conn.; Darrow B. Fulton, Albany, N. Y.; William A. Taylor, Jr., New York city; George H. Walker, Washington, D. C.; Joy N. Whipple, Evansville, Ind. Wolf's Head; Stephen V. Benet, Augusta Ga.; John F. Carter, Williams-town, Mass.; Ellingham C. Evaris, Windsor, Vermont; Ashbel G. Gull, New York city; Francis Goodwin, 2nd Hartford, Conn.; Samuel W. Lambert, Jr., New York city; Hugh A. Ward, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Franklin W. Wolf, New York city.

### REQUEST INVESTIGATION OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Major General Squier and Colonel Deeds and Montgomery.

Washington, May 9.—Secretary Baker announced today that he had received from Major General Squier and Colonel Deeds and Montgomery, of the signal corps, formal applications for appointment of military boards to examine into the relations of each to aircraft production. Mr. Baker said that in order to prevent any interference with the inquiries already instituted by the department of justice and the senate committee on military affairs, he had decided not to act on the applications "presently." The department is anxious to facilitate and to expedite in every possible way the inquiries already instituted by the department of justice and the senate committee, said Mr. Baker. "A third and concurrent examination of the same set of facts at the same time might delay these inquiries. For that reason I shall hold the applications unacted upon for the immediate present." General Squier, chief signal officer, Colonel Deeds, executive officer for production, and Colonel Montgomery, in charge of contracts, are the war department representatives on the aircraft board.

### Cabled Paragraphs

To Dissolve Prussian Chamber. Amsterdam, May 9.—(Continued) Hertling, the German imperial chancellor and Prussian premier, has decided to dissolve the Prussian chamber the third reading of the franchise reform bill is rejected, the logne Gazette asserts.

### Pope Issues Special Message.

Rome, May 9.—The pope has issued a special message addressed to the whole world for a massote said on St. Peter's Day, May 29, for the present necessities of humane society.

### SEDITION BILL DENOUNCED By MORRIS HILLQUIT

At a Testimonial Dinner Given to the Directors of "The Masses."

New York, May 9.—The sedition bill was denounced as "the nationalization of the private institution of lynching" by Morris Hillquit, recent socialist candidate for the New York governorship at a testimonial dinner given here tonight by the Liberty Defense Union to Max Eastman and the other editors of "The Masses," who were tried recently on a federal indictment charging them with publishing seditious literature. The jury which heard the case was unable to agree on a verdict, although more than 1,000 persons, chiefly socialists, turned out to pay their respects to the defendants. Reference made by speakers to "Postmaster General Livingston" had authority to bar questionable matter from the mails, were greeted with hisses and catcalls. Eastman, another speaker, asserted he would not, at the dictation of anybody, relinquish the rights to his opinions.

### RED CROSS CAMPAIGN IN WILLIMANTIC

Plans For Drive Are Formulated at Meeting Thursday Evening.

(Special to The Bulletin.) Willimantic, May 9.—A very enthusiastic meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce parlors Thursday evening to discuss plans for the coming Red Cross campaign which is to be carried on in this city May 20 to 27. A street parade will be held Saturday evening, May 18, which will be one of the biggest in this city in some time. After the parade, a rally will be held at the State Armory on Pleasant street, which will officially open the campaign. Special services will be held in the churches Sunday, May 19. War rallies will be held in Hampton and Chaplin, Wednesday evening, May 15, but the speakers have not been decided on as yet.

### UNITED STATES STEEL CORP. TO MANUFACTURE BIG GUNS

Also to Make Projectiles in Great Quantities, at Request of Government.

New York, May 9.—The United States Steel Corporation at the request of the government will enter into the manufacture of heavy artillery and projectiles "in great quantities" in an announcement of the undertaking, chairman Elbert H. Cary of the corporation, said in a manufacturing plant for the purpose would be constructed as speedily as practicable at a site located in the interior of the state. The work will be in charge of a committee of steel corporation officials, which will receive no compensation for their services.

### FOREST FIRES IN THE EASTERN PART OF STERLING

Blaze is Said to Be Spreading Toward Oneco—500 Acres Burned Over.

Sterling, Conn., May 9.—Large areas of densely wooded land are being swept by fire in the eastern section of the town tonight. The fire started on the Vaughn estate during the afternoon and spread over the land owned by Nelson Bennett and the United States Fishery Company. Between 300 and 500 acres have been burned over so far and the reports it is understood that the fire was spreading towards Oneco near the Rhode island line. More than a hundred men are fighting the flames at various points.

### COMMONS TURNS DOWN ASQUITH'S MOTION

To Investigate Charges Made by General Maurice.

London, May 9.—Ex-Premier Asquith's motion for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by General Maurice was rejected in the house of commons tonight by a vote of 278 to 106. Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionists, appealed to Mr. Asquith not to proceed with his motion. Mr. Asquith said that if the verdict of the ministers was not believed in the house there was no longer any possibility of carrying on the government.

### HITCHCOCK HEADS FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

As Senior Democratic Member He Succeeds Late Senator Stone.

Washington, May 9.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska was made chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. Mr. Hitchcock, who was senior democratic member of the committee, succeeds the late Senator Stone in a rearrangement of democratic committee assignments caused by recent deaths of several senators.

### Caution Against Munitions Strike

GIVEN TOOLMAKERS AND MACHINISTS IN BRIDGEPORT

ABOUT 700 MEN ARE OUT

Employees of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. and the Bullard Machine Tool Co. Have Postponed Vote on Sympathetic Strike.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 9.—Following the appearance of J. J. Kepper, vice president of the International Association of Machinists in this city today, labor leaders cautioned strikers against causing any further munitions strikes in Bridgeport. It is understood that the men are willing to await a decision of the wage controversy by federal officials and that votes on sympathetic tool-makers at the Locomobile Company of America, the Lake Torpedo Boat Company and the Bullard Machine Tool Company, which were to have been taken tonight to determine sympathetic strike movements, have been postponed.

### 700 Men Out

With the walk-out today at the Liberty Ordnance company of three hundred workers it is estimated that a total of seven hundred now are on strike from various plants.

Waldo C. Bryant, chief of the district ordinance department, said tonight that he did not believe the strike would be of long duration because the public was not in sympathy with a movement which would jeopardize the lives of so many loyal Americans in the front line trenches, many of whom had relatives here and were trusting in them to produce needed weapons against the enemy.

### NEW HAVEN ROAD SUFFERS FURTHER LOSS IN ELM CITY

Headquarters Shops and Yard System Damaged by Fire.

New Haven, Conn., May 9.—Within half a mile of the still smoldering ruins of the historic passenger station, burned yesterday, fire again tonight swept through the property on Pleasant street, which will officially open the campaign. Special services will be held in the churches Sunday, May 19.

### LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR WAR PROGRAM.

Congressional Leaders Have Been Advised by Secretary McAdoo.

Washington, May 9.—Congressional leaders have been advised by Secretary McAdoo that legislation at this session of congress is imperative to provide revenue to meet the unexpected increases in expenses incident to the vast expansion of the nation's war program.

### THREE MEN MISSING IN BROOKLYN CAVEIN

Little Hope That the Men Might Be Taken Out Alive.

New York, May 9.—Three of the twelve men reported to be trapped in a cave-in of a subway excavation in Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, last night, were still unaccounted for tonight, and hope that they might be taken out alive virtually was abandoned.

### TWO EMPLOYES OF U. S. SHIPPING BOARD ARRESTED

Royden A. White and Harold L. Myers Charged With Padding Payroll.

New York, May 9.—Royden A. White and Harold L. Myers, assistant auditor and bookkeeper, respectively, in the local offices of the United States Shipping Board, were arrested by a department of justice agent today, charged with padding the office payroll. Arraigned before a United States commissioner, the prisoners are held in custody until they have been held in \$1,000 bail each to await the action of the federal grand jury.

### NO DECISION REACHED ON COMPLAINT OF TELEGRAPHERS

An Effort Will Be Made to Announce Finding Today.

Washington, May 9.—The War Labor Board announced tonight without reaching a decision on the complaint of the Commercial Telegraphers Union that the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies were holding an effort will be made to have the decision ready for announcement tomorrow.

### Grateful Comment by Swiss Press.

Washington, May 9.—Grateful comment by the Swiss press upon the announcement that the American government will send its ships through the war zone with food for Switzerland regardless of Germany's refusal to grant safe conduct is summarized in an official dispatch today from Bern.

### Volunteers Not to Affect Draft Quotas

HOUSE PASSES BILL ACCEPTING  
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Because of a senate amendment exempting ministerial and medical students from the draft, the conference report on the bill providing for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 years since the registration last June 5.

The vote on the rejection of the senate amendment was 182 to 118.

Representative McKenzle of Illinois, supporting the house action, declared opposition to the drafting of divinity students comes from men who have money invested in theological seminaries. Supporters of the amendment said the decision was taken on the draft laws to exempt such students from the draft, so that adoption or rejection of the proposal by the house was immaterial.

### LOYD GEORGE MINISTRY WINS A NOTABLE VICTORY.

Commons Defeats Asquith's Motion to Investigate the Maurice Charges.

London, May 9.—The Lloyd George ministry won a notable victory in the house of commons today. By a vote of 283 to 196 the house voted down a motion introduced by former Premier Asquith providing for the appointment of a select committee to investigate charges made by Major General Ferderick B. Maurice, recently relieved of his post of chief director of military operations, in the case of the diplomatic and press galleries also were thronged.

Immediately after the introduction of Mr. Asquith's motion, the premier took the floor and spoke in defense of the government. He refuted the charges of General Maurice and declared that the decision was taken on the advice of the military authorities, in agreement with Field Marshal Haig, the war cabinet having intervened in the way in the matter, although it approved of the dispositions.

When the premier left the house he was loudly cheered.

### U-BOAT RECENTLY LANDED A MAN ON IRISH COAST.

Announcement Made in House of Commons—He is Now in Tower of London.

London, May 9.—A German submarine recently landed a man on the Irish coast, where he was arrested by the British coast guard. The man, parliamentary secretary to the war office, announced in the house of commons today that this man was in the custody of London and would be court-martialed.

The collapsible boat in which the Germans landed the man on the Irish coast was made of canvas and was 23 wooden slats, each four inches wide, making the boat about eight feet long and two feet wide. The boat was about 20 inches high, having an inner lining of rubber fabric which is given up from a valve at the rear to give the boat buoyancy. There are loops along the sides in which short wooden braces or struts which short wooden weights.

The side of the boat is a hole of about three inches in diameter, presumably cut by the occupant in an effort to sink her after landing.

### Richard U. Sherman, chairman of the Utica Liberty Loan Committee, announced that quarterly registration of men reaching 21 years of age may be necessary for the new army expansion plan.

### Frederick Reif, of Richmond Hill, L. I., was drowned in a diving tank at the station at an Atlantic port when the front plate of his diving suit became loose.

### The new Norwegian-American liner Stravengerford, 18,000 tons, arrived in the United States on her maiden voyage.

### Murray Hulbert, commission of docks of New York, is going to Wash- ington Saturday to confer with Sec- retary McAdoo and members of Con- gress about the improvement of New York port.

### Hotel cooks and members of the Cooks and Kitchen Workers' Union are on strike in Philadelphia, demand- ing a 20 per cent increase in wages, an eight-hour day and 80 cents an hour overtime.

### Attorney-General Lewis, of New York, has deciphered and reconstructed the German code used by von Bernstorff to keep in touch with the German Foreign Office. The code was turned over to Federal authorities.

### Luxburg Sails For Europe.

Buenos Aires, May 9.—Count Luxburg, former German minister to Argentina, accompanied by the German chargé d'affaires at Montevideo and his latter's wife, sailed for Europe today.

### American wheat for Switzerland is being sent by convoyed vessels.

### Condensed Telegrams

Ralph Hays, secretary to the Secretary of War Baker, will be drafted soon.

The "dry" won two of the three local option elections held in south Jersey.

More than three hundred women registered for service on farms in New England.

Marcel Delaney, former prefect of the Seine, was appointed ambassador to Japan.

Only two of the Bolshevik women's "battalion of death" escaped from the German troops.

The river and harbor bill was favorably reported by the Senate commerce committee.

The revolution in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, headed by Luis Caballero, was put down.

Estimates for America's shipbuilding program for the fiscal year of 1918-19 are \$223,335,000.

The city of Berlin has been ordered to produce 40,000 suits of second hand clothing for war workers.

Teaching of German in normal schools in Minnesota was ordered stopped by the state board.

Two hundred and forty-five large type American locomotives are now running on French railroads.

The Textile Council in New Bedford, Mass., will meet shortly to decide whether a strike will be called.

The colossal statue of Goethe, German poet, in Lincoln Park, Chicago, was painted yellow during the night.

Several hundred Belgian citizens of German parents were taken to Germany to be enrolled in the German army.

An expedition was sent from the University of Pennsylvania to explore the Sierra Nevada mountains in Venezuela.

Pilots' names will not be mentioned in air battles. Credit for victories will be given to squadrons instead.

Magistrate Miller, in Jamaica, sentenced Paul Wideman to six months in the workhouse for selling liquor to soldiers.

One man was killed and many injured in an explosion of the Burton Powder Works, six miles from Newcastle, Pa.

General Pershing sent a request to the supply department for 100,000 wrist watches and 100,000 radio compasses for officers.

Fred E. Richards, of Portland, Me., died at his home after a long illness. He was a well-known leader in Maine banking circles.

The latest casualty list from General Pershing contains the names of 75 Americans. Of this number 18 were killed in action.

The gold outlook for the Klondike region is expected to be very good. The first cleanup made was by a dredging company.

Passports to Russians by the Finnish government were denied. Finland giving as the reason that Russia and Finland were at war.

In an airplane accident six miles from San Antonio, Tex., at 8 o'clock last night, one man was killed and another seriously injured.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law announced in the Commons that the Home Rule bill will be introduced by the Government next week.

The War Department decided that the men in the trenches will not vote at the future election as the collection of ballots interfere with war work.

The Southern Pine Association announced that shippers along the Gulf ports will launch ten large wood ships for the government in ten days.

Eight American officers who participated in the hottest fighting at the front are leaving France for the United States to teach troops now in training.

More than 300 grocers are attending the annual convention of the Massachusetts Association of Retail Grocers and Provision Dealers at Springfield.

For two weeks the great Austrian Socialist newspaper, the Arbeiter Zeitung, has been barred from Germany, says an official despatch from Switzerland.

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### TORNADO STRIKES CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Hundreds of Poles Were Topped Over and Houses and Outbuildings Unroofed

NO ESTIMATE IS GIVEN OF THE LOSS OF LIFE

At Franklin Two Persons Were Killed When an Accommodation Train Ran Into a Washout and Was Overturned

At Eldridge More Than a Score of Persons Were Pinned Under a Building and Several Are Reported Dead—Several Buildings Are Reported to Be In Flames.

Chicago, May 9.—A tornado, marked here and there by torrential rains, did heavy damage in the counties of Christian, Shelby, Macon and Morgan in central Illinois today.

Miles of railroad track were made impassable by the debris carried by the winds and showers. Hundreds of poles toppled over, houses and outbuildings were unroofed, lives lost and persons injured. At least three persons were reported killed. Near Pana an accommodation train ran into a washout and overturned.

Pinned Under a Building. Davenport, Ia., May 9.—More than a score persons were pinned under a building and several are reported dead as the result of a tornado which struck Eldridge, nine miles north of Davenport, tonight. Several buildings are reported to be in flames. Ten Davenport physicians and a corps of nurses have been sent to the scene. All wires to Eldridge are down.

Tornado in Iowa. Des Moines, Iowa, May 9.—A tornado which struck near Nashua, in Chickawago county, late today resulted in at least one death and the injury of a considerable number, it was reported here tonight.

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