

ST. QUENTIN AND LENS ARE PRACTICALLY SURROUNDED

Hindenburg Line Broken in the North and Real Push of the British to Drive Germans Out of France May Now Begin

GERMAN DISCIPLINE NOTICEABLY ABSENT

Canadians Take Two Hundred Guns and Loss of Artillery Affects Morale of the Defeated Battalions—Many Surrender

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 15—With every indication that the German forces opposed to the British in the Arras-Lens sector are demoralized and ready to quit, the Canadian divisions continued to sweep forward yesterday. These forces, which include the greater number of the Americans fighting with the Allies, drove on throughout the day and by last night their advance had reached a line in some places three miles east of Vimy while the general British advance on the Arras front had gained two miles during the twenty-four hours.

This advance threatens the German hold on the valuable mining districts of France, while it is certain now that the vaunted Hindenburg line has been smashed at its elbow and that a retreat vastly greater than that planned by the German master strategist is being forced.

ST. QUENTIN TOTTERING

On the southern end of the British line a column has been thrust to the north of St. Quentin, while the British to the west of that city have advanced to within a mile of the main defenses. This, with the French advances to the south, makes St. Quentin practically surrounded on three sides and the fall of this important link in the Hindenburg line within a few days is regarded as certain, with the possibility that the heavy garrison now holding the place may be cut off and captured.

A Reuter's despatch from the correspondent with the French army in the field says that the recent British successes on the Arras front have undoubtedly weakened the whole German hold upon France. The total toll of guns taken by the Canadians and their supports now amounts to more than two hundred, which makes an appreciable difference in the German ability to dispute the still further advance of the British.

DISCIPLINE BROKEN

The effect of the loss of this artillery is shown in the increasing numbers of German desertions, the soldiers coming over to the British lines to surrender of their own accord. In the fighting, too, it is noticeable for the first time that the German soldiers disregard the orders of their officers and flout the commands of their noncommissioned superiors. Discipline is noticeably absent.

The prisoners taken are bitter in their criticisms of their officers, upon whom they place the entire blame for the defeat administered to them.

BAYONET FIGHTING

An official despatch from the British headquarters announces the gaining of a few hundred yards of territory north of St. Quentin.

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CITRUS GROWERS MAY BE HELPED

Bill Introduced Would Boost Duty Back Again To a Cent a Pound

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 15—Orange and lemon growers throughout the citrus belts of the United States, have reason to be jubilant today over the introduction of a bill in the lower house of congress yesterday by Representative Randall of California increasing the import duty on lemons and other citrus fruits by one cent a pound. The areas affected by the proposed law are California and Florida. The citrus growers of these sections have for several years been clamoring for a higher import duty on citrus fruits, but hitherto without success. In view of the urgent necessity for the raising of a great revenue to finance the war with Germany, they now have reason to hope that the duty they have been asking for will be imposed.

A. B. C. ENTENTE TO CONSIDER WAR

South American Republics Are in a Mood To Take Concerted Action

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

BUENOS AIRES, April 15—The establishment of a South American continental entente for the purpose of dealing concertedly with the problems arising out of the great European war is the object of negotiations which, it was learned late yesterday, are in progress among Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

It is proposed that a convention of representatives of all of the South American Republics shall be called to study the grave problems that confront the several nations.

Brazil is already on the verge of war with Germany, on account of the murderous sinking of Brazilian vessels by the German undersea pirates. Argentina is likewise clamoring for war with the Kaiser for similar reasons. Only Chile is at present inclined to keep out of the world conflict.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTIONISTS ARGUE AGAINST BILL

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15—The house military committee yesterday closed its hearing on the Universal Training and Service Bill, after a delegation of anti-conscriptionists had argued against the bill.

at Gricourt, which the British entered in a bayonet charge, wiping out the garrison in hand-to-hand fighting through the ruins. Four hundred survivors were taken prisoners.

LENS MAY FALL

The fall of Lens may be expected at any time. The British have this important point in almost the same situation as St. Quentin, holding the commanding points on three sides of the town. Eleven, a mile and a half to the west of Lens is firmly in British hands, as is Cite St. Pierre, a village within a few hundred yards of the northern suburbs of Lens.

CROSSED MAIN LINE

The British have crossed the Hindenburg line and are now dominating sufficient of the territory to open a way for the real push, planned for two years. From their positions east of the Vimy ridge efforts to turn the German flank, either north or south, have a fair prospect of success, so much so that a German retirement to the Namur line will not surprise the experts.

An early despatch regarding the fighting on the Arras front yesterday from the British headquarters in France announced the driving of a four-mile hole in the German front, while a London despatch said:

Devastating artillery fire, followed by fierce infantry charges, carried the British troops rapidly forward on the west today and they have not seized the Vimy station and Lachaudiere positions between Givenchy en Gohelle and Angres. They have also captured Fayet, a mile northwest of St. Quentin, and important positions at Ascension Farm, Grand Priet Farm and to the east of Levenzuier. Many guns and four howitzers were taken.

Teddy's Sons Get Names in the Headlines

One Marries and Another Joins Aviation Corps of Canadian Army and Prepares To Take a Hand in the War Like Father

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

NEW YORK, April 15—Sons of Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, figure prominently in the news today, one as the captive of Hymen, the other as an ally of Mars.

Archibald B. Roosevelt yesterday took to himself as wife Miss Grace Lockwood, a prominent society belle of Boston.

Quentin Roosevelt distinguished himself as the first of the warlike family to get into the world war. He signed his name yesterday on the roll of the Canadian aviation corps.

FAVORS SCHOOL FOR MENTAL DEFECTIVES

House Education Committee Presents Bill As Substitute To Ahuna's Measure

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 15—The Education committee, headed, it is believed by Arthur Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, of Great Britain, and General Joffre, of France, head of the French war council, is due to arrive in the United States today, and high officials of the Washington administration are prepared to leave today for the unnamed port at which the commission is to arrive, to welcome it.

The commission, composed of some of the biggest men among the Entente nations, is coming to confer with President Wilson and his cabinet as to the measures to be adopted by this country in entering into the conflict with Germany, and to arrange for the cooperation of the United States with Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy.

It is expected that the European delegation will include, in addition to those already mentioned, Admiral de Chair, lately in command of the French submarine flotilla, the governor of the bank of England, and General William Thorsby Bridges, chief of the British general staff before the outbreak of the war.

President Wilson personally is formulating the program for the momentous conference over the international war situation. He expresses the belief that the greatest results will be attainable under an agreement that future conflicts among the nations of the world shall be avoided with a guarantee of the self-government and rights of every nation, be it large or small.

WIFE OF G. H. GERE DIES ON COAST

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

AMSTERDAM, April 15—Germany is making a desperate attempt to get subscribers to its sixth war loan. Every device is being used to extract the reluctant pittance from its secret hiding place so that it may be used for the purchase of guns, ammunition and supplies for the armies of von Hindenburg.

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ANOTHER AMERICAN VESSEL DESTROYED

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WASHINGTON, April 14—The American schooner Edwin R. Hunt was abandoned by the crew, under fire from a submarine, off Cape Gata, Spain, on April 7, according to news which has come to the state department. There were no casualties.

WILSON WILL OFFER PLAN TO ENTENTE COMMISSION

The Great War Lords of England and France Will Arrive in the United States Today For Conference On Cooperation

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BALFOUR AND JOFFRE AT HEAD OF VISITING BODY

President Wilson Thinks Greatest Results Will Be Attainable Under Agreement Ensuring Integrity and Rights of All Nations

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GERMANY STRIVES FOR ANOTHER LOAN

Urges Patriotic Teutons To Make Straight Reply To Wilson By Subscribing

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ALIEN ENEMIES MUST SURRENDER ALL THEIR WEAPONS

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WASHINGTON, April 15—The department of justice yesterday issued directions to the chief of police and sheriffs in many of the principal cities and counties of the country to notify all alien enemies to surrender within twenty-four hours all arms held by them. It is stated that if the order is not complied with, search will be made and all arms found will be confiscated.

Chased Paris Cops In High Powered Car

Hero of the Air Ran Amuck Yesterday and Sent Five Gendarmes To Hospital and Scores of Others Into the Tall Timbers

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

PARIS, April 15—Jean Navarre, aviator hero of the war, who heretofore has been the idol of the French people because of his spectacular exploits against the Germans, in today a fugitive from justice, sought for arrest on a warrant charging him with attempted homicide.

It is charged that the fearless hero of the clouds took an automobile yesterday and started out to eliminate the police department. Throwing his machine into the high, Navarre charged wildly along the crowded streets and boulevard of Paris, aiming his car for every policeman in sight. His aim was almost as good as when he dropped bombs on the Germans, for when his charge was finally ended, he had bowled over a whole army of gendarmes and sent five of them to the hospital.

SHIPPING BOARD TO INCORPORATE

Among Other Things, May Take Over Seized Ships For Government Use

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

WASHINGTON, April 15—A corporation capitalized at fifty million dollars will be formed tomorrow by the federal shipping board, it was announced yesterday, for the purpose of building and operating vessels for the service of the United States in connection with the entry of this country into the war.

No stock of the new corporation will be placed on the market, however. It is announced that all of the stock will be held by the shipping board.

For the purpose of taking over and operating the German and Austrian vessels seized by the government of the United States, another corporation is to be formed. The opinion expressed here by administration officials is that the foreign owners of such vessels shall be paid for the loss occasioned by the retention by this country of their ships.

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The fifth shot exhausted the shells in Duncan's revolver, and while he was reloading Brooks fired a shot which dropped the soldier in his tracks.

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Word of the shooting was sent to the police station and Police Officer Barboza was sent to the scene. He placed Brooks under arrest and took him to the police station, together with two witnesses of the shooting.

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Brooks and Duncan had been on bad terms for some time. Duncan owed Brooks some room-rent and tried to explain over the phone one night he had given the money to another soldier to pay to Brooks. The latter told him over the phone that he wanted no more to do with him, that he hadn't given the money to anyone, and that he might throw it in the ocean, as far as he was concerned.

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SOLDIER KILLED IN SHOOTING AFFRAY

Old Grudge Results In Bloodshed At Olympia Rooming House On King Street

(Associated Press by United States Naval Radio Service)

As the result of a shooting affray which took place on King Street near South Street shortly before eight o'clock last night, Pvt. John Duncan, Company 1, Twenty-fifth Infantry is dead with a bullet in his heart; and another colored man named J. Brooks is in custody at the police station.

Brooks is the proprietor of the Olympia rooming-house, on the main side of King Street and in the block adjoining the Kaulani Hotel. While he was in the house last night an automobile containing several soldiers drove up and stopped across the street from the building, two of the soldiers, one of whom was Duncan, ascending the stairs leading to Brooks' house.

Duncan met Brooks at the top of the stairs, the company remaining at the top of the first flight. Brooks, who has been on bad terms with Duncan for some weeks past, told him to go away and not make trouble. This Duncan refused to do, stating that he would go when he felt like it and not before.

While he was arguing with Brooks Duncan is said to have kept his hand in his pocket.

After more words the second soldier told Brooks to go downstairs and he started to lead the way, Duncan following and Brooks remaining at the top of the stairs.

When Duncan reached the top of the first flight he wheeled and fired two shots at Brooks, one of which grazed his forehead. The soldier then went down the stairs and into the street.

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WAR BILLIONS WILL BE DEVOTED TOMORROW BY THE SENATORS

House Acts Unanimously and Indications Are That Senate Will Offer Only Slight Opposition To Great Demands of the Cabinet

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WASHINGTON, April 15—The huge war measure providing seven billion dollars for war purposes will pass the senate tomorrow. An overwhelming vote in favor of the national defense measure is assured. The bill provides for the floating of bond issues to raise the greater part of the immense sum required to place the Nation in position to fight Germany and lend three billions of dollars to the Entente Allies to enable them to carry on their warfare against Prussia.

The war department, in the face of the vigorously expressed judgement of military experts, yesterday reversed its ruling that the strength of the national guard should be increased under federal supervision and regulation today announced that the several states have the right to organize the new guard units necessary to make the national guard an efficient fighting organization.

No Equipment Yet. In the meantime, the Governors of the various States and Territories have been asked to take no immediate action, on the ground that there is no equipment available for new troops and it is too hard to find officers for additional units.

May Increase Pay. The senate military committee will hold a hearing tomorrow on proposed legislation intended to increase the size and efficiency of the army. It has asked the war department to furnish estimates on the cost of the recommendation, which it has before it, for the raising of the pay of enlisted men to \$20, \$25 and \$30 a month, according to kind of service.

The army general staff has also recommended that dependents of men in the army be paid the sum of \$15 a month. It is proposed that the amount paid dependents of men in the aviation corps shall be double the amount above mentioned, and that, in case of dependents of men of all branches who are killed or wounded, the pension shall be good for a year from the time of their death.

House Voted Solidly. Strong support of the President was shown by the house when the War Bond Bill passed by a vote of 399 yeas and no nays. Meyer London, the Socialist, answered "present." The house and galleries cheered when the vote was announced.

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