

# SLAUGHTER OF GERMANS GOES ON WHILE HUN LEADERS PRESS ATTACK

## British Fall Back Nine Miles At One Point But Preserve Superb Discipline and Balk Hardest Blows

LONDON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—Sacrificing their men in thousands after thousands, the German leaders continue to hurl their regiments against the British line, which has been withdrawn in places but which holds unbroken and undismayed. All retirements have been to positions prepared for this contingency and at no time during the tremendous battle has the discipline nor steadiness of the Tommies been broken down.

Reports from the various sectors indicate that the Germans had hoped through the titanic effort put forth to effect a rupture in the Entente front south of St. Quentin, where the French and British armies touch, with the idea of rolling back each segment. This expectation has been dashed. The British and French have been forced back at the great elbow of the western front, in one place to a maximum depth of nine miles, but there has been no breaking in the strain and every yard of German gain has been at a staggering loss.

### THROWING BACK THE ATTACK

Next to the desperate fighting southwest of St. Quentin, centering around the town of Ham, the fighting has been most severe between Bapaume and Croiselles, centering at the hamlet of Mory, which has changed hands repeatedly. Along this section of the front the British have withdrawn in places to a maximum depth of four miles, the retirement ending yesterday morning, since when the British have been throwing back every effort of the Huns to make a further gain.

Yesterday's battling was a repetition on an even larger scale of the bloody work of Friday, with von Hindenburg throwing larger and larger forces into the fight and the British slaughtering the advancing troops until forced to give ground before overwhelming numbers, then falling back and repeating the slaughter. The British losses are very heavy, but at no part of the line are they comparable with the punishment that is being inflicted. The total German loss already will stagger humanity when it becomes known.

### MASSES SPRAYED WITH BULLETS

A glimpse of the carnage is afforded in one brief sentence of the official report received at the war office last night from General Haig. "The British machine guns for hours" he telegraphs, "raked the massed ranks of the Germans at the Somme Canal at pointblank range."

After three days of resisting the most tremendous offensive ever known, the reports from British Headquarters, from Paris and from the war office agree in their confident tone that the final victory will rest with the British. German flesh and blood cannot stand up under the terrific punishment that is being inflicted, nor can troops be driven for fruitless gains against the superb defense which the British have shown themselves capable of making.

### MAIN PLAN HAS FAILED

There is small doubt that the attackers intended by their supreme effort in this sector, southwest of St. Quentin, to effect a rupture in the British line, but the effort has failed. How confident were the German leaders of success is evidenced in the report brought in by aviators, who state that the Germans yesterday brought forward cavalry behind this front, the evident intention being to throw this cavalry force into the breach for the first of a great turning movement.

Throughout yesterday afternoon the Germans attacked unceasingly against the British right flank, which rests upon the French left near Ham, while there was also the most desperate fighting sixty miles to the north, at Mory. Here the British counter charged repeatedly, only to be met by fresh German troops and driven back again, to reform for new counter charges. For miles along this sector the ground is hidden by the mingled dead of both armies.

### HAIG WIRES BRIEF SUMMARY

Reporting on the general situation, General Haig wired yesterday afternoon: "The battle is continuing with the greatest intensity on our whole front south of the Scarpe River. Southwest of St. Quentin our troops have taken up their new positions, where we are heavily engaged with the enemy."

The battle has lapped past the British section in the Ham sector and the French are heavily engaged defending their left flank, against which large enemy forces are being thrown in the effort to break it away from the British right. Portuguese troops are engaged in the fighting on this sector.

### BRITISH DEFENSE SUPERB

Early reports from correspondents with the British forces say that the operations are so fast, and the changes of situation and ebb and flow of the tide of battle backwards and forwards are so kaleidoscopic, that it is impossible to visualize the scene as a whole. Forty-six German divisions have been identified of the huge attacking forces. Expert estimates place the number of Germans participating as ninety divisions.

The strength of the enemy mortar fire obliterated the British trenches and cut the defensive wire. Gas shells were sent over in vast numbers without, however, reaching all the British positions. At one point, where the wire remained unbroken, the Germans used giant scissors, carrying the implements in the forefront of the attacking parties, reminiscent of the methods of Frederick the Great.

### SLAUGHTER IS TERRIFIC

The slaughter of the enemy is apparently the greatest of which there is any record. Every available gun on the Allied front is concentrated on the solid bodies of enemy troops hurled forward in waves following the artillery fire.

The airmen are reported to be emptying their machine guns into the Teuton troops covering the terrain below.

It is learned that the Kaiser is commanding the German attack on the west. The Kaiser is at Spa, Belgium, with the Crown Prince and Generals von Hindenburg and Ludendorff.

# HUN GAS ATTACKS MET BY AMERICANS

## Artillery Shells In Retaliation Secretary Baker Reaches London Safely

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—Heavy artillery shells along the various sectors occupied by American forces were told in the dispatches of yesterday. One more the Germans used large quantities of gas bombs. Northwest of Toul this was especially noticeable and a breathless air permitted the gas to hang low and linger longer than usual in the trenches and over and around the batteries but the Americans were well supplied with gas masks and suffered little beyond inconvenience.

### Baker in England

Secretary of War Baker, after a visit to King Albert of Belgium on Friday, arrived safely in England yesterday, accompanied by his wife and two children.

The state department has made public a list of 200 American soldiers who are prisoners in German prison camps. The list was obtained through the Spanish embassy.

### Some Casualties

The department today announced the following casualties: Lieut. Jefferson Pepp, killed in action; Lieut. Eugene Whitley, died of an accident; Lieut. Col. William Wells died of other causes; Capt. Arthur Gow, wounded. Twelve others wounded.

### W. S. S.

# TWO T. K. K. VESSELS TO BE TRANSFERRED

## Persia Maru and Seiyu Maru Will Be Taken Off Runs—America To Get Them

TOKIO, March 23.—(Special to Hawaii Ship)—The T. K. K. will discontinue the Persia Maru on the San Francisco run and the Seiyu Maru on the South American run. These two boats will be turned back to the Japanese government and will then be turned over to the United States.

### First Dutch Ship Departs From Port

ATLANTIC PORT, March 24.—(Associated Press)—The first of the Dutch merchantmen taken over by the United States sailed yesterday to be engaged in the coastwise trade. It is learned that twenty of the smaller vessels taken will be used in such trade while it is understood the larger and the faster vessels will be used for overseas traffic.

The Exchange Telegraph Agency reported that influential interests in Rotterdam are agitating to have the government break relations with the United States because of the requisitioning of the Dutch merchantmen.

### W. S. S.

# CAPTAIN REDMOND TO SUCCEED HIS FATHER

LONDON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—After a short but sharply fought and well defined campaign, Capt. William Redmond was yesterday elected to succeed to the seat in parliament which was so long and so ably filled by his father, the late leader of the Irish Nationalist party.

### WOMAN SOCIALIST TAKEN

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—(Associated Press)—Rose Pastor Stokes, the radical Socialist, who is on a lecturing tour of the middle west, was arrested today at Willow Springs, accused of violating the espionage act.

### W. S. S.

# GERMANS CLAIM BRITISH ARMY HAS BEEN BEATEN IN BATTLE

BERLIN, March 24.—(Associated Press)—An official statement of the outcome of the fighting in France was issued by the war office last night. It says: "The first stage of the great battle in France has ended. We have won engagements near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and Laere and a considerable part of the British army has been beaten."

An earlier summary of the situation, issued at the war office, announced that the Germans have crossed the Rive Oise west of a Fere and twelve miles south of St. Quentin. German troops are now before the third enemy position. The British have evacuated their positions in the bend south of Cambrai, pursued by the Germans through Denicourt, Flesquieres and Ribecourt.

### W. S. S.

South of the Somme the Germans broke through the lines and interruptedly drove the enemy west over the Crozat canal. Between Fointaine les Croiselles and the Woivre the Germans penetrated into the second positions, capturing Vaux, Vrancourt and Morchies.

So far 25,000 prisoners, 400 guns and 300 machine guns have been captured.

Between Gouelleu and Ogignon the first two positions were penetrated. West of Gozeaucourt, Villers and Faucon were captured.

# SALOONMEN PLAN TO HOLD ON TIGHT TO BUSINESS PLACES

## Answer Own Stock Argument That Prohibition Means Vacant Stores and Depression

WILL SELL SOFT DRINKS AND OFFER AMUSEMENT

### In Face of Pending Measure in Congress Liquor Dealers Retain Confidence

Deals which have been undertaken for the purpose of acquiring the store sites of saloons which will be affected by the President's prohibition order, have disclosed the fact that none of the main establishments will close their doors as a result of the war measure, even though a prohibition bill is pending in congress with every indication of becoming a law at this session.

The promise that the order will be effective only for the duration of the war has influenced all the saloonmen to hang to their places and retain the value of such stands by means of permanent occupancy through the "closed season". The selling of soft drinks and the various substitutes for beer will be continued and several of the saloons have already placed tables with mainland concerns and expect to have them here within a short while after the prohibition order has gone into effect.

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# JAPANESE PROFESSORS ADVISE QUICK ACTION

LONDON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—Japanese professors are busily engaged in campaigning for the sending of a large force into Siberia to proceed as far as Irkutsk. They favor the sending of at least half a million men.

### W. S. S.

# PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY TO LOSE WILL P. THOMAS

Plans on the part of Will P. Thomas for embarking in the fruit raising business in California and which will entail his loss to the pineapple industry of Hawaii were learned yesterday by friends in Honolulu. Mr. Thomas retired from the presidency of the Thomas Pineapple Co. on the first of this year when he sold out his interest in the concern and took a trip to the mainland. He expects to take from 500 to 1500 acres of developed land in the Sacramento Valley of California.

### W. S. S.

# CADET AVIATOR TAKES LONG FALL TO DEATH

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 14.—(Associated Press)—Howard Holiday of Denver, a cadet flyer at the aviation training camp here, was instantly killed today when he fell 4000 feet, the machine being dashed to pieces.

### W. S. S.

# Honolulu Girl and Fiance Killed by Hun Air Bomb

German air bombs, on the evening of February 16, wiped out the life of a Honolulu born girl, Miss Gertrude Keyworth, daughter of T. R. Keyworth, formerly auditor of Davies & Co., who was for many years a resident of this city. Word of the tragic death of this young woman came to Honolulu on Thursday, in a letter to W. H. Baird.

Miss Keyworth, with her fiance, a young British officer, were returning home from the theater, in a city near London, when the German raiders appeared. Before they could seek shelter, a bomb dropped near the couple, killing both.

# BRITISH PUBLIC CALM AND WITH FULL CONFIDENCE—LONDON HEARS ARTILLERY POUNDING IN FRANCE

LONDON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—What is happening in France is what the war council anticipated would happen when the Germans launched their great offensive. It is an axiom today that any army prepared with a great weight of artillery and willing to make the sacrifices entailed can secure an initial advantage and make gains of territory. That is one of the lessons of the war.

So declares General Smith-Durrien, the famous cavalry leader, in an interview printed this morning in the Weekly Dispatch. "There is no news from France that has happened that was not to be expected," he says. "Neither is there anything in the reports to give any one any reason to conclude that things look bad."

### BRITISH PUBLIC CALM

The British public, while looking forward with dread to the posting of the casualty lists, remains calmly confident in the ability of General Haig to withstand the greatest effort of the enemy.

Immense crowds await the posting of the reports by the newspapers, the tenseness of the moments when news comes being added to by the fact that the sound of the great guns beating in France can be plainly heard here at night.

It is believed by strategists here that the Channel ports are undoubtedly the real objects of the offensive.

### GLAD TO KNOW THE WORST

There is a general relief that the German plan of attack has shown no new tactics and produced no new weapon of offense. The yielding of the British lines is expected, as lines have always yielded before great massed attacks.

Relief is also felt that Germany has at least shown her hand and that the British now know the worst that is to be expected.

### PARIS IS SHELLED AT LONG DISTANCE

Big Rifle Reported Located At Distance of Seventy-four Miles—Damage Trifling

PARIS, March 24.—(Associated Press)—The Germans yesterday opened up a bombardment of this city with a gun of an almost incredible range, the shells being thrown a distance of seventy-four miles if the reports of aeroplane observers are to be credited.

The shells, of 240 millimeter calibre, approximately nine inches, began falling in the suburbs at eight o'clock yesterday morning, their point of origin being at first a mystery. At intervals of a quarter of an hour, throughout the morning, the shells arrived, doing some immaterial damage to buildings, killing ten persons and wounding fifteen.

As the nearest point of the German line is the south fringe of the Forest of St. Gobain, a distance of sixty-two miles, some source other than a gun within the German lines was looked for. It was finally determined that the shells were being fired by German guns north of the French front.

Yesterday afternoon French aviators returned from scouting expeditions in the direction from whence the shells were arriving, reporting that they believed they had located the great rifle, which is firing from a point seventy-four miles away. The gun is mounted twelve kilometers behind the front.

Artillery engagements along the entire French front were violent throughout yesterday, the French guns silencing a number of the enemy batteries. Under cover of their artillery, the Germans attempted a local attack upon the French in the Ritzsch Woods, being repulsed.

### BRITISH EXTEND LINE IN PALESTINE

Cross River Jordan and Push Forward Against Opposition: New Italian Commander

LONDON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—In Palestine the British have crossed the River Jordan and have firmly established themselves on the east side of the River. They are advancing further eastward, despite a considerable opposition which the Turks are now offering and the length of the British line from west to east is being considerably extended.

Meantime the northward advance, proceeding up and along the river has been somewhat delayed by the new operations but continues to go forward. Change in the Italian command on the Italian front was told yesterday in despatches from Rome. These said that General Alfieri has retired from his ministry of war and is to take command at the front. He will be succeeded in the Italian cabinet by General Zupelli.

### W. S. S.

# HUNS KILL PRIESTS

LONDON, March 23.—(Associated Press)—News has been received here that several young Catholic priests in Brussels have been killed and eight imprisoned at hard labor for alleged espionage.

### W. S. S.

# Lame and Achy Every Morning?

There's little peace when your kid legs are weak and while at first there may be nothing more serious than dull backaches, sharp, stabbing pains, head aches, dizzy spells and kidney irregularities, you must act quickly to avoid the more serious trouble, dropsy, gravel, heart disease, Bright's disease. Use Don's Backache Kidney Pills, the remedy that is so warmly recommended here and everywhere.

"When Your Back is Lame, Homeless, or the Name." (Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Don's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other). Don's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers, or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hollister Drug Co., or Benson Smith & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands. (Advertisement.)

# FLYERS BATTLE ON HIGH WHILE ARMIES LOCK IN GREAT COMBAT

## Advantage Thus Far Lies With Allies' British Flyers Finding Massed Forces Below Them Are Excellent Targets

ONLY EIGHT MACHINES ARE REPORTED MISSING

### Twenty-seven Huns Shot Down and Twenty Forced Down—Attempted Paris Raids—Two American Flyers Win Their Spurs

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—High above the armies that are locked in what is probably the most sanguinary and deadly conflict the world has known, hundred upon hundreds of airplanes, with thousands of aviators and air fighters, are battling quite as bitterly. In the air combats the advantage thus far clearly lies with the Allies.

Vast massed forces below them are offering splendid targets for the British aviators, an official communique received from London last night reported. Air fighting is heavy along the whole front but the heaviest fighting between the airfleets has occurred between Arras and St. Quentin.

Most of the engagements occur over the German lines where British flyers are dropping tons upon tons of bombs and explosives upon the enemy while others are scouting and reporting the movements of the Teuton forces even to long distances behind the front lines.

### W. S. S.

# PERSHING IS ASKED TO CABLE REPORTS

Officials and Army Officers Privately Express Confidence in Final Outcome

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Associated Press)—General Pershing has been asked to immediately forward to the war department a review of the situation on the western front with his views on the results thus far. The orders were called to him last evening and his report is awaited with the greatest interest.

Military officials and American army officers do not hesitate to express their confidence in the ultimate outcome. Such opinions, they are careful to say, are their private views of the situation. They entertain no doubt of the ultimate result of the campaign being a repulse for the Teuton and consider the falling back to secondary positions on some sectors to be only what was to have been expected where such tremendous forces were hurled against advanced positions.

Ordnance department officers expressed considerable surprise at the announcement of the high power gun which the Germans were using and which were reported to be able to reach Paris from so great a distance.

Great crowds surrounded the bulletin boards in front of the newspaper offices here and similar reports come from all the larger cities. In New York especially the night yesterday and last night resembled a close and doubtful Presidential election. The difference was apparent in the silence and comparative quiet of the crowds and the more tense anxiety which their faces reflected.

### W. S. S.

# RAIDS ON PARIS

Two air raids were attempted on Paris. The first group dropped bombs on Compeigne and other towns and further south still other planes sought to reach Paris but were unable to pass the curtain raised against them by the air defenses.

Later another attack was more successful. Details have not been issued but French machines drove off and pursued the raiders.

### W. S. S.

# AMERICANS WIN SPURS

Two American aviators have won their spurs, a communique issued from Paris says. They have each downed their first enemy machine. These two are Lieutenant Larnes and Corporal Bayles.

### W. S. S.

# JAPANESE CADETS ARE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—(Official)—An elaborate program of entertainment for Vice Admiral K. Suzuki, the staff officers and cadets of the Japanese training squadron visiting here has begun. The visitors today exchanged calls with the mayor and officers of the United States army and navy. Many banquets, luncheons and excursions have been arranged, also an athletic pageant by the Japanese Association.