



FRENCH SMASH LINES OF GERMANS IN NEW ATTACK NEAR VERDUN

Latest Advance Threatens to Cut Off German Wedge in Woerwe. Fighting on St. Mihiel-Pont-a-Mousson Line.

Slavs Pierce Another Carpathian Pass—Capture Hun Villages—Bukovina Battle Vigorous—Austrians Cross Poe's Bessarabia Border.

Smashing with irresistible force against the German wedge in the St. Mihiel region, the French troops made further gains in their great effort to dislodge the invader. Near Etain, 12 miles northeast of Verdun, two German positions were taken by storm.

Both France and Germany are pushing all available reinforcements to the Woerwe region along the line from St. Mihiel to Pont-a-Mousson, where the greatest battle of the last two months has developed.

The French official report states that gains have been made at several points, especially east of Verdun, also in the neighborhood of Ailly and Brule.

The advance of the French threatens to cut off the German wedge whose apex is at St. Mihiel and force a retreat toward Metz.

The hottest fighting of the last 48 hours has been in the vicinity of Pont-a-Mousson, from which town the German lines extend westward to St. Mihiel.

The Belgian troops last night attacked the German force which had occupied the village of Drei Graechen on the west bank of the Yser Canal.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the German hero of the Mazingarbe battle, has been ordered to the western front, according to reports from Berlin.

Austrian forces are again across the border into the Russian province of Bessarabia.

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ATHLETICS ARRIVE FOR SERIES WITH PHILLIES



Ira Thomas, with a squad of Mackmen, reached the North Philadelphia Station at noon today. They play the Phils this afternoon. The players shown, from right to left, are—Veltz, Harper, Bostick, Ira Thomas, Wilbur Davis, Crane, Joe Orl and Jimmy Walsh.

WOMAN, DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE, BETRAYS LAST OF "BIG PETE'S" GANG

Yeggmen, Captured at Pistol Point, Confess to Nearly Forty Recent Safe Robberies in This City.

The last of "Big Pete's" gang of safe-blowers, second-story men and sharpshooters has been rounded up. Three of the criminal syndicate, for such it was, were caught and confessed today that they and their "pals" were responsible for nearly two score of robberies and "soup" safe blowing jobs throughout the city, dating back many months.

Confessions forced from three of the prisoners this afternoon by Detectives Doyle and LeStrange show that the robberies were planned in systematic and ingenious fashion by "Big Pete" and John Heritage.

The prisoners are John Smith, of Marshall and Buttonwood streets; Frank Henderson, who gave the same address, and Frank Smith, of 10th and Walnut streets. The places where these men were caught are rooming houses of a transient character.

WOMAN BETRAYED THEM. It was the old, old story of a woman betraying the men to the police because she was spurned in a love affair.

"What could we do against such a band were it not for the woman playing false to the crooks?" said a detective after the arrests.

Knowing that the men were desperate, Doyle and LeStrange went in the house in each case with pistols ready for action, while Lieutenant Stinger, of the 10th and Buttonwood streets station, and Acting Detectives Ernest and Weiskesser went to the rear. The prisoners were taken unawares.

"The game's up," cried one, and surrendered. They went quietly to City Hall. All were held in \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Beaton.

"PETE" IN JAIL 20 YEARS. Heritage, who is mentioned as one of the leaders, is now in jail awaiting trial.

WOMEN CAST BIG VOTE IN CHICAGO ELECTION

Eighty-seven Per Cent. of Their Registered Strength Recorded at the Polls.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Women—242,797 of them—cast 87 per cent. of their registered voting strength in Chicago's municipal election which gave the Windy City its second Republican Mayor since 1857.

Contrary to prediction, the women did not combine yesterday on either candidate to wield a balance of power. Sixty per cent. of Thompson's vote was cast by men; 40 per cent. by women.

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FINLETTER APPOINTED COMMON PLEAS JUDGE IN WILLSON'S PLACE

One of Five Jurists Appointed by Tener and Ruled Out by Supreme Court's Declaring Void Act Creating Posts.

Thomas D. Finletter, one of the five judges appointed by Governor Tener in 1913, and who were later ruled out by the Supreme Court when the act governing the appointments was declared unconstitutional, today was appointed to the Common Pleas bench to succeed Judge Robert N. Willson, who resigned March 31.

The appointment was announced by Governor Brumbaugh following a visit paid to him by Senator McNichol, and was said to have been the result of an agreement between the Governor and Senators Vane and McNichol reached at the time of the appointment of William H. Shoemaker, who was named several weeks ago to succeed the late Judge Kinsey in another branch of the Common Pleas Court here.

Senators Vane and McNichol at that time urged Governor Brumbaugh to appoint Mr. Finletter to the vacancy. The Governor, however, made a personal appointment, and named Mr. Shoemaker, agreeing at the same time, it is understood, to appoint Mr. Finletter to the next vacancy.

Judge Finletter has been close to Senator McNichol for many years. His appointment is also agreeable to Senator Vane. He has been prominently identified with the Republican party for years.

COX CHILD LABOR BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Only Six Votes Against Measure, Which Now Goes to Senate.

HARRISBURG, April 7.—The Cox child labor bill was passed by the House today by a vote of 19 to 6.

The six members who voted against it were Representatives Baldwin, of Delaware, who led the fight yesterday, to extend the week to 54 hours; Heyburn, of Delaware; Body, of Kentucky; and Harris, of Berks, and Luppert, of Lycoming.

On the Rampage in Restaurants

When John Doyle, 39 years old, 1207 Walnut street, walked into Grace's Restaurant, at 330 Market street, today a section of the floor was roped off and a woman was scrubbing it.

Doyle picked out this section as the only suitable place for him to eat his breakfast, according to Howard Young, 215 North Walnut street, who said Doyle "got mad" and threw a \$50 cash register on the floor to show how annoyed he was.

The register was a wreck. Magistrate Harris held Doyle in \$500 bail for further hearing Sunday in the 32d street and Woodland avenue police station. The same man, it is charged, tried to wreck an Oriental restaurant at 4th and Market streets last night.

PHILS AND ATHLETICS LINE UP FOR FIRST OF SERIES AT SHIBE PARK

Crowd of Fans Gathered to See Initial Appearance of Teams—Moran's New Shortstop Holds Interest. Probable Line-up.

The Phillies and Athletics lined up at Shibe Park this afternoon in the first game of the city series. Prior to the call for the start a intesized crowd of fans had gathered to watch the men in their practice workouts.

Because of the recent bad weather the diamond is not in the best of shape, but a considerable amount of good work was done and an occasional good play brought forth applause from the stands.

Both Managers Moran and Mack were on hand and gave the players personal directions, but both delayed selection of their line-ups until the last moment.

The Athletics probable will line up as follows: Thompson, centre field; Walsh, left field; Schang, catcher; O'Brien, third base; McInnis, first base; Bostick, second base; Crane, short stop; Davis, right field; Shawkey, first base; Weiskesser, pitcher.

The Phillies will take to the diamond as follows: Byrne, third base; Bancroft, shortstop; Becker, left field; Crane, right field; Niekirk, centre field; Niekirk, second base; Luderus, first base; Moran has a line-up of pitchers to select from, and such men as Alexander, Mayer, Demaree, Timmer, Jacobs, Oscher, Mattison, Baumgartner and Rixey should be able to take care of their end. Burns probably will catch.

The Phils, with Moran and Sistiaine, arrived in this city last night.

The Athletics' season has been cut in two, the one with Harry Davis being still in the South. Mack and his band arrived in this city this morning.

The game today marks the opening of the baseball season in Philadelphia, and the sound of the ball against the bat will be heard from this time until fall.

The two teams have grappled in three contests in the South. In the first encounter the score at the end of the nine-inning contest was even. The second game found the Phils on top of the map in a test at Jacksonville. The following day the Athletics got the jump on the Phils and held it all the way through a most interesting set.

The two teams come to town to play off the tie honors.

Russian Trade Conference Postponed

Woman, Victim of Burns, Dies

"On to Harrisburg"

The Evening Ledger

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BRITISH PROHIBITION TAKEN UP BY CABINET AS 110,000 SIGN PLEDGE

English Ministry Considers Anti-rum Measures—Strong Pressure Exerted by "Wets" to Restrict Legislation.

LONDON, April 7.—When the Cabinet met today to consider the drink question more than 110,000 Britons had pledged themselves to David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to "go on the water wagon" during the remainder of the war.

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Lloyd-George presented to the Cabinet the results of various conferences with interested parties, and the views of the military and naval experts, but their personal recommendations to the Cabinet were not made public.

When the Cabinet went into session belief was expressed that no definite decision would be reached at the meeting, but that preliminary steps would be taken which would lead to a final decision.

Numerous protests against absolute prohibition have been sent to Premier Asquith, chief of the manufacturing districts of England and Scotland.

One of the latest public figures to enter the fray upon the side of prohibition is Branswell Booth, head of the Salvation Army.

GERMANS ANNIHILATE 2 FRENCH BATTALIONS

Official Berlin Report Admits Great Offensive Move on in Woerwe Region.

BERLIN, April 7.—Two French battalions have been annihilated in the fierce battle now in progress east and southeast of Verdun, according to an official announcement from the German War Office today.

The War Office admitted that German troops have been compelled to evacuate the Belgian town of Trel Graechen, on the west bank of the Yser. Belgian artillery totally destroyed the town, according to official dispatches, and made the German position untenable.

Some of the most desperate fighting since the German advance on Paris last fall is now going on in the region of Verdun-St. Mihiel-Pont-a-Mousson, according to dispatches made public here this afternoon.

The French are throwing crack infantry regiments against the German positions with reckless daring.

On the western border of Le Preire Forest, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, the 12th French Regiment attempted to storm two blockhouses in the face of a terrible fire. The French suffered the heaviest losses in the Cornuey Hills, midway between Verdun and St. Mihiel. They charged repeatedly against the German trenches, and two battalions were cut to pieces.

At Ailly, east of St. Mihiel, the French onslaughts were equally energetic, but in each instance the Germans maintained their positions.

Baby Cut in Two by Trolley

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 7.—Just as a trolley car came along at Mahanoy Plane today, John Dudas, 2 years old, started to cross the street. He was thrown beneath the wheels and was instantly killed, being cut in two.

BULLETINS

ENGLAND REMAINS "WET"

LONDON, April 7.—Prohibition advocates lost all immediate hopes for a "dry" England, when the British Cabinet adjourned an important conference late this afternoon without reaching a definite decision on the prohibition question.

It was given out that Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George will confer Friday with representatives of the liquor interests. This conference, it is understood, will result in the drafting of a compromise measure.

DETECTIVE MANEELY'S SLAYER ARRAIGNED

JAMES Miller, who shot and killed Detective James Maneely on March 23, was arraigned before Judge Johnson, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, today. He entered pleas of not guilty to two bills of indictment, one charging him with the murder of Detective Maneely and the other with voluntary and involuntary manslaughter in causing the detective's death.

No date has been fixed as yet for his trial. It will probably be held this week.

MAN WHO "RAN WILD" THOUGHT TO BE DRUG FIEND

A street car conductor, running about on the lawns of fashionable houses near Phil-Elena street and Lincoln drive, Germantown, and yelling, "I want to be shot at sunrise," was arrested today. The police of the Germantown station believe he is a drug fiend. The man is Hoyt Miller, 24 years old, 88 Springer street.

CARPENTER KILLED BY TRAIN

Philip Nugent, 30 years old, of 326 Sycamore street, Camden, a carpenter employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck and killed by a fast train at Berwyn today. His widow and three children were notified of the tragedy.

DRINKING WATER ON EXCURSION TRAINS

An order enjoining the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad to provide drinking water on the third car of every train operated was issued today by the New Jersey Public Utilities Commission. There have been many complaints against the failure to provide water on Sunday excursion trains to Atlantic City.

TWO WOMEN FOUND DEAD IN BED IN NORTHEAST

Two women were found dead in bed in their homes today. Mrs. Cornelia Gessie, 70 years old, of 1917 Filmore street, was found by her husband, George W. Gessie. Heart disease caused her death, according to Deputy Coroner Greenberg. Apoplexy caused the death of Mary Kyle, 70 years old, 2050 East York street. Gas from an open jet filled the room where she was found. According to the police, the woman left the light burning when she went to bed and it was blown out by the wind.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., April 7.—In a fire that destroyed a double block at Locust Gap today, Mary Glatfelter, 16, was burned to death.

TWO SCHOONERS ASHORE OFF NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Two schooners were ashore and flying distress signals today on the Atlantic coast, the Coast Guard Service announced, but rescuers could not find them owing to the surf. One was a three and the other a five-masted, the former two miles off Pex Island and the latter off New Intel, both in North Carolina.

MRS. PANKHURST'S VOICE NOT FOR PEACE

LONDON, April 7.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the British militants, today announced that the Women's Social and Political Union and other English suffrage organizations will not participate in the women's international peace conference to open at The Hague April 28. This is no time to talk peace, said Mrs. Pankhurst. "We do not want to discourage the well-meant efforts of women of other countries, but it would be most inappropriate for English women to participate."

BRITISH CAPTAINS BALK AT WAITING ON EITEL

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 7.—British merchant shippers were making trouble today concerning the Norfolk port collector's refusal to permit pilots to take them to sea, a step designed to give the Prinz Eitel Friedrich a chance to escape, if the commander wished.

They appealed to the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, asking it to use its influence in their behalf with "United States Senators and Government officials." Collector Hamilton, asked if the Eitel would intern this afternoon, answered: "We are not even thinking about that now."

POLICE RESERVES CALLED OUT IN NEWARK

NEWARK, N. J., April 7.—Police reserves were called out to maintain order today when more than 300 men and women employed by A. Hollander & Son, fur dyers and finishers, 142 East Kinney street, went on strike. One arrest was made.

SCUTARI SHELLED BY AUSTRIAN AVIATORS

AMSTERDAM, April 7.—A dispatch from Berlin says that four armored-Austrian aeroplanes flew over Scutari, Albania, yesterday and dropped 12 bombs. A tobacco factory was damaged, but no one was killed. Scutari was occupied by Montenegro at the close of the Balkan war, but the Powers compelled the Montenegrin troops to evacuate the town.

WOMEN WATCHERS AT POLLS IN STATE SUFFRAGE ELECTION

Vare Introduces Bill, and No Opposition Is Expected.

From a staff correspondent. HARRISBURG, April 7.—Senator Edwin H. Vare, of Philadelphia, today took the first step to insure fair play to the suffragists at the polls next November, when the proposed amendment to the State Constitution granting women the franchise in Pennsylvania will be voted on. He introduced a bill in the Senate providing for the appointment of two women watchers at each polling place.

This "complimentary recognition" of the Woman Suffrage Party has been granted in nearly every other State when the question of woman suffrage has come up at the polls, and Senator Vare's bill is expected to meet with no opposition.

The Kensingtonian Says: Henry Stock made a fine catch today, when it bit his chest and fell to the ground and got it on the bottom. Henry Stock, Kensington.

LOST AND FOUND

THE WEATHER



FAIR

The second rule of billiards is to hit the second ball. The first rule of billiards is to hit the first ball. There are a number of remedies for the treatment of spring colds. The first and most important, however, is not to get them. The best way not to be hanged for murder is not to commit murder. That an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure is only a half truth. It's worth something that a mere pound is too small a unit with which to measure it. Remember that, as the Spaniard says: "He who sits with his back to an open window faces his coffin." But above all keep your feet dry. When earth's last picture is painted April is going to be a water color. Wear your rubbers!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight and probably Thursday; not much change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly northwest. For details, see page 2.

Observation at Philadelphia

Barometer 30.14

On the Pacific Coast

Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND.

CHRISTNUT STREET WARE.

BREWERY ISLAND.

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