



GREAT ARMIES WAGE BATTLE IN DEADLOCK

Third Day of One of the War's Greatest and Most Bitterly Contested Engagements Sees Result Still in Doubt; Massed German Reserves Are Being Hurlled Forward in Bloody Counterattacks

TEUTONS MAKE SUPREME EFFORT TO CHECK FORWARD SURGE OF GEN. HAIG'S TROOPS

More Ground, Villages and Minor Positions Fall to British in Desperate Charges; Internal Difficulties Menace Neutral Countries; Petrograd Residents Flee Fearing Attack

One of the greatest and most bitterly contested battles of the entire war has entered its third day on the British front in France with the issue still in doubt.

In pushing the British offensive to-day General Sir Douglas Haig directed an attack along the front between the Cojel and Scarpe rivers.

This is a stretch of about three miles, extending roughly from Guemapp north to Fampout, almost directly east of Arras, where probably the most desperate fighting of the offensive has taken place.

Further ground has been seized by the British here, says to-day's official statement, and the gains have been secured. The number of prisoners taken by the British since the resumption of the attack in force on Monday are steadily swelling and have now passed the 3,000 mark.

South of the Arras battlefield General Haig is eating bit by bit into the German lines between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

British Move Forward

The British front was moved forward two-thirds of a mile at one point last night south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, where the little village of Bilhem, southeast of the Havrincourt wood was occupied.

With the French armies along the Aisne front and in the Champagne the battle just now is confined mainly to the artillery. The French are continuing to make progress in local fighting, however, and advances both in the Aisne region and in the Champagne are reported by Paris.

Spain Near War

While the mighty struggle in France rages inconclusively, developments in other fields of the world unheated are occurring with sensational rapidity. Spain has taken a long step forward on the path along which she is apparently being pushed, slowly but surely, into the universal conflagration.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Probably showers to-night and Thursday; not much change in temperature. Eastern Pennsylvania: Overcast weather with probably showers to-night and Thursday; fresh east winds.

EASTERN VIEW OF CAPITOL AS IT WILL APPEAR AFTER CHANGES ARE MADE WHICH WILL TRANSFORM IT INTO FRONT AND NEW BUILDINGS ARE ERECTED



ENTENTE NOT TO ASK AMERICA TO JOIN ALLIANCE

Allied Nations Convinced U.S. Is Whole Heartedly in War on Berlin

Washington, April 25.—Arthur James Balfour, British foreign secretary, stated to-day that the allied governments, completely convinced of America's whole-hearted consecration towards the common end of destroying Prussian militarism, would not think of asking this country to depart from its traditional policy of non-interference in European politics.

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TO SPEND \$438,000 IN BEAUTIFYING PARK EXTENSION

The cost of developing the grounds comprising the Capitol Park extension as designed by Warren H. Manning, the noted Boston landscape architect, will amount to about \$438,000, according to a report submitted this morning to the House committee on appropriations by a representative of the architect.

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PENNA. "DRY" FOR PERIOD OF WAR IS MITCHELL'S PLAN

Bill in Today Would Bar the Manufacture or Sale of Intoxicants After July 1, 1917

A bill to make Pennsylvania "dry" for the duration of the war was introduced into the House today by Representative Lex N. Mitchell, Jefferson, to-day, and will be considered by the law and order committee.

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CLEAN-UP PLANS TO BE MADE BY HEALTH BOARD

Ash and Garbage Conditions Will Also Be Discussed; to Elect Nurse

Plans will be discussed to-morrow at the monthly meeting of the City Board of Health, for the annual two weeks' cleanup. A city nurse will be elected, reports presented and discussed on the ash and garbage conditions, and a report made on the efforts started sometime ago to abate the smoke nuisance in the vicinity of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company plant.

Winfield B. Wightman Dies at New Cumberland Home

Winfield B. Wightman, aged 27, died at his home, in Tenth street, New Cumberland, last evening. Mr. Wightman was a field agent for the HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH, and became suddenly ill while away from home last Friday evening.

England Gets \$200,000,000 on First of War Loans From the United States

Washington, April 25.—Secretary McAdoo to-day handed the British ambassador a Treasury warrant for \$200,000,000, the first loan made to any entente government by the United States under the \$7,000,000,000 war finance measure.

Wheat Soars to New High Price Record in Chicago

Chicago, April 25.—Wheat shot past all previous high records today on a market bare of offerings. The May option rose 7 1/2 cents, as compared with yesterday's close, to \$2.48; July advanced 7 1/2 cents to \$2.13, and September 7 1/2 cents to \$1.89.

RED CROSS GETS 100 MEMBERSHIPS FROM SINGLE FIRM

Blough Company Sets Good Example; Hopes Others Will Follow

The Red Cross solicitors made excellent progress to-day. Good news began to arrive at headquarters early. One solicitor was so happy he phoned in this message: "Put the Blough Manufacturing Company down for 100 memberships."

Local Committee of Safety Body Discusses Work

Members of the local committee of safety met this afternoon at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon. The meeting was called for organization and a general discussion of the details of the work to be done under the general supervision of the State organization.

Fourth of July Celebration Plans Are Under Way

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting yesterday and plans were started for a Fourth of July celebration. Another meeting will be held tomorrow and more definite plans discussed.

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Harrisburg Members of State's War Board Plans to Aid Gardening

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Fletcher Tells Mexico U. S. Wishes Her Well

Mexico City, April 25.—United States Ambassador Fletcher issued a statement to the Mexican press last night in which he said the relations between Mexico and the United States were increasingly cordial and that any misunderstanding would be due to the activities of enemies of both countries.

REVENUE RAISER KILLED

The Miller bill to place a two-mill tax on capital invested in manufacturing and laundering fell four votes short of the number required to pass in the House to-day. Twenty votes were cast against it.

HENRY SMITH DIES

Camp Hill, Pa., April 24.—Henry B. Smith, aged 76, formerly of Dillsburg, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John C. Worl this morning from complications. He is survived by his wife and ten children.

GOVERNOR IS ORDERED TO SEND IN NOMINATIONS

Snyder and Vare in Tilt Preceding Passage of Resolution

By resolution adopted in the Senate to-day and offered by Senator Snyder, of Schuylkill, Governor Brumbaugh is directed to send in all recent nominations. The resolution specifically mentions that nominations be sent in for the positions of superintendent of public buildings and grounds, secretary of internal affairs and public service commissioner.

French War Commission Warmly Greeted on Its Arrival in Washington

Washington, April 25.—The French commission, headed by General Joffre and former Premier Viviani, landed safely at the Washington navy yard to-day, soon after noon. The reception of the principals of the French mission transcended the usual diplomatic courtesies.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lester James Renner, Lewistown, Md., and Florence May Lydic, Duquesne, Pa.; Harry Carmen Pugliese, Reading, and Kathryn Letew Hank, Middletown, Pa.; Howard Yeager, Shamokin, and Glen Viola Emerick, Shamokin, Pa.; John Joslyn Shindler, Weanoke, and Anna May Conde, Steelton, Pa.; Leslie L. Enders, Lykens, and Alma R. Hoffman, Carsonville, Pa.

THREE KILLED, FOUR INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Two Seriously Hurt When Auto of Jacob Simonetti Runs Wild May Die

2 WOMEN AMONG DEAD

Machine Had Just Passed Another and Skidded in Soft Loam Along Road

Three persons are dead, two seriously injured and two others badly cut and bruised as the result of an automobile skidding and running wild late yesterday afternoon on the Lebanon State road in Paxtang, Pa. The survivors were taken to Harrisburg Hospital where two of them are in a serious condition.

The car was owned and driven by Jacob Simonetti.

The dead are: David H. McIntyre, aged 49, 1323 Fulton street.

Mrs. Lavina Snyder, 401 Verbeke street, Mrs. Simonetti's mother.

Mrs. Mary Kaylor, aged 74, sister of Mrs. Snyder.

The injured are: Aaron S. Bender, aged 71, 313 Dauphin street; seriously injured.

Jacob Simonetti, aged 45, proprietor of hotel at 401 Verbeke street; badly injured.

Harry Smeltzer, 325 Broad street, badly cut and bruised.

William Grace, 419 Kelker street; face badly cut and bruised.

Running on Left Side

According to the statements of spectators, Simonetti was driving on the wrong side of the road after passing a machine owned by Charles E. Nair, 1845 North Sixth street.

The machine skidded in the soft loam, struck a small concrete guard at the side of the road, plunged side into a telegraph pole and then continued a short distance up the road.

The two women who, with Bender were in the back seat, were crushed.

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SPIRIT OF REVOLT SPREADS AMONG RUSS PEASANTS

Rural Sections Incensed at Landowners and Seize Fields

FARMERS WITHOUT SEED

Fear Short Crops Because of Trouble in Many Districts

London, April 25.—Dispatches from Petrograd report that the revolutionary spirit is manifesting itself in the rural districts of Russia, bringing the long-standing agrarian troubles to a head. Notwithstanding the organization of food committees, which are doing their best to make the peasants understand that the land question cannot be wisely settled until the constituent assembly is elected, the peasants are inclined to take the matter into their own hands.

Soldiers visiting their rural homes.

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Exodus of Civilians From Petrograd Follows Rumor of German Attack

London, April 25.—An exodus of civilians from Petrograd is reported in a dispatch from the Russian capital. One permit office was besieged on Tuesday morning by 800 people. Inquiries among them were answered by a shrug of the shoulders and the favored Russian reply, "Who knows?"

The correspondent says the reluctance of the travelers to explain their motives is due to the necessity of giving an adequate reason to the officials before securing a permit and suspicion that their questioner was connected with the government. He says the anxiety to leave the city is generally attributable to the fear of a German advance on the capital. In order to secure a seat on a train for Moscow it is now necessary to book some days ahead.

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U. S. NAVAL GUNNERS SINK U-BOAT

ABOUT TO ATTACK AMERICAN SHIP

LONDON, APRIL 25.—CAPTAIN RICE, OF THE AMERICAN STEAMSHIP MONGOLIA, WHICH HAS ARRIVED AT A BRITISH PORT TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TO-DAY THAT THE MONGOLIA HAD FIRED THE FIRST GUN OF THE WAR FOR THE UNITED STATES AND HAD SUNK A GERMAN SUBMARINE. THE SUBMARINE CAPTAIN RICE SAID WAS ABOUT TO ATTACK THE GREAT LINER IN BRITISH WATERS ON APRIL 29. HE DECLARED THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT THE U-BOAT WAS HIT AND THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE IT WAS DESTROYED. THE NAVAL GUNNERS ON BOARD MADE A CLEAN HIT AT 1,000 YARDS. THE PERISCOPE WAS SEEN TO BE SHATTERED.

TWENTY BLOCKADE RUNNERS IN PORT

New York, April 25.—Twenty steamships runners of Germany's submarine blockade, arrived at this port to-day, thus making available about 60,000 tons of space for cargo awaiting means of transportation to Europe. Four of these vessels are among the largest merchantmen afloat.

LOCAL COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS

Harrisburg.—The local committee co-operating with the State Public Safety Committee organized to-day with the election of Williams Jennings, President; D. Bailey Brant, secretary and Francis J. Hall, treasurer.

NOTHING DEFINITE ON STATION

Harrisburg.—Following a reference to the building of a new railroad station in Harrisburg by Governor Brumbaugh at the Capitol Park conference last night, Superintendent McCaleb said to-day that nothing definite has been decided upon, no site selected or plans made.

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