

BRITISH LOSSES EXAGGERATED, SAYS MAURICE

Less Than 600 Guns Taken by Germans, Belief of British Director

By Associated Press London, Wednesday, March 27.—England in considering her losses in the fighting in France must take into consideration the "usual German exaggeration." Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office, said today.

"In the past," he declared, "the Germans usually have given the captures of prisoners and guns in round numbers, not as actually counted, but as anticipated from the general situation. It is reasonable to assume that the same thing is being done now.

"Our total loss of guns, either from falling into the hands of the enemy or by being knocked out in action, according to our best information, This compares with the German claim of 950.

"Probably the same ratio holds good regarding German claims of prisoners and it must be remembered that the German count of prisoners includes many of our wounded, whom we were unable to take with us.

"We have lost probably about 100 tanks, which we used extensively in the counterattacks."

News Promptly Given General Maurice said the War Office was giving out the news as quickly and as fully as it was possible, and he urged the public to be patient.

"During the past few days," he said, "some newspapers have raised the old cry that we are concealing part of the news because it is too serious for it to be made public. This charge not only is untrue, but has had a bad effect because it has tended to create panic. It has tended to make the people believe things are worse than they really are.

"In our communications and statements to the public we are telling the whole truth as we know it. I have told you on previous occasions that when we are fighting a great battle on the defensive we cannot get information or sense the exact situation as quickly as the enemy.

"In defensive battles, divisional and corps headquarters are shifted, developments and promptly. Meanwhile we are more occupied with building up new lines than with sending news as to the exact situation to the War Office."

BRITISH LOSE 28 VESSELS IN WEEK; GREAT INCREASE

16 Merchantmen of Over 1,600 Tons, 12 Under That Figure, Sunk by Germans

By Associated Press London, March 28.—Submarines and mines have increased their weekly toll of British shipping. The Admiralty report shows that in the last week twenty-eight merchantmen were sunk, sixteen of the vessels being 1,600 tons or over and twelve under that tonnage. One fishing vessel was lost.

Nineteen merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked. The arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom numbered 2,471; sailings, 2,488. The Admiralty report for the previous week showed the loss of seventeen British merchantmen by mine or submarine, while for several weeks preceding that the weekly loss was eighteen.

This week's report is the largest since September 16, 1917, when twenty-eight merchantmen were sunk, eight 1,600 tons or over and twenty under that tonnage.

Haig Pledges Every Resource of Army to Bring Lasting Peace

By Associated Press London, Wednesday, March 27.—In response to Premier Lloyd George's message to Field Marshal Haig that help was on the way, the field marshal to-day sent the following:

"The assurances that no effort will be spared at home to give us all assistance are of great encouragement to us. We will do all in our power to maintain the honor of the empire in this hour of trial and to prove ourselves worthy of the trust reposed in us."

ing up new lines than with sending news as to the exact situation to the War Office. "We are impatient for the news as you are, and as soon as the situation steadies we again will be receiving the hourly developments and promptly. Meanwhile let us be patient."

200 Prisoners Taken by British in New Palestine Advance

By Associated Press London, March 28.—A further advance by the British forces which have crossed the Jordan river in Palestine, is announced by the war office. The statement adds:

TITANIC STRUGGLE NOW ENTERS UPON ITS SECOND WEEK

about one mile. South of the Somme the British have regained Proyart, and have repulsed strong attacks at Rosieres.

Germans Thown Back at Ancre Along the Ancre north of Albert the British threw the Germans back across the river and drove them from two towns between Albert and Monchy. On this front which has held fast for more than two days the British also have repulsed strong enemy efforts at other points.

On the southern flank the French have held the German advance west of Noyon. At Lassigny, northwest of Noyon, after heavy fighting the French have retired slightly toward Montdidier, being overwhelmed by superior numbers.

The notes of pessimism in the published statements of German leaders since they failed to break through and roll up one side of the British line are added to by the recent German official statements, the latest one of which says that the German attack is slowly progressing. The German casualties are estimated to be between 300,000 and 500,000 and it is reported that long hospital trains are pouring into Belgium and Germany over all available railroad lines.

Counter Blow Imminent With the allied line holding against the enemy onslaughts, a counter blow may be in preparation. Premier Clemenceau has declared that the moment is near when the allied reserve force will be able to hold to the gains they have made at such great loss.

On the seas as well as on the land the German offensive last week was much stronger. Enemy submarines and mines accounted for 28 British ships, 16 of more than 1600 tons. The total is greater than for any week since last September 16. In the previous week 17 steamers including 11 of the larger tonnage, were sunk. French and Italian losses also increased somewhere and the aggregate for these three merchant marines was 27.

Heavy Artillery Fighting in American Sector Heavy artillery fighting continues on the American sector northwest of Toul but no infantry actions have developed. What was believed to be German preparation for an attack was checked by a heavy American bombardment the German troops not leaving their trenches. There is much activity behind the German lines but so far the enemy has not shown what this portends. There has been no change on the Luneville sector.

In Palestine north of the Dead Sea, British troops have occupied Es Salt, south of Mt. Gilead and are approaching the Hedjaz railway east of Jericho. The railway has been the Turkish base in the operations east of Jerusalem.

German Offensive Is Directed by Best Men Teutons Have Produced

By Associated Press London, March 28.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at the front says the offensive is being directed by the best of the German generals who won the successes in the east.

Rush Over Reinforcements Lloyd George's Message to U. S.

New York, March 27. A MESSAGE from David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain, calling upon the United States to send "American reinforcements across the Atlantic in the shortest possible space of time," was read last night by Lord Reading, British High Commissioner to the United States, at a dinner given here in his honor.

"We are at the crisis of the war, attacked by an immense superiority of German troops," said the Premier in his message. "Our army has been forced to retire. The retirement has been carried out methodically before the pressure of a steady succession of fresh German reserves which are suffering enormous losses.

"The situation is being faced with splendid courage and resolution. The dogged pluck of our troops has for the moment checked the ceaseless onrush of the enemy, and the French have now joined in the struggle. But this battle, the greatest and most momentous in the history of the world, is only just beginning. Throughout it the French and British are buoyed with the knowledge that the great republic of the West will neglect no effort which can hasten its troops and its ships to Europe.

"In war, time is vital. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of getting American reinforcements across the Atlantic in the shortest possible space of time."

The dinner, which was given by the Lotus Club in honor of Lord Reading, was the most largely attended of any in the history of that organization.

VILLAGES WITHIN SOMME FIELD AGAIN DESERTED

British Army Headquarters in France, Wednesday, March 27.—Villages within the Somme battlefield and adjoining it have been taken away by the owners who patiently drove the beasts on ahead of them along the weary roads.

While it is a sad spectacle, these people moving away with their few household possessions and their dogs and their cattle, there are few tears or hysterical outbreaks among the refugees, most of whom of the peasant class. They know they must go and they seem to be trusting implicitly in their eyes as they turn from all they love to a world they do not know is touching. Aged women clinging to the hands of little children, men stooped with years, youths and maidens—all fall into a picture such as only war or some other great catastrophe can produce.

RIGHT WING HOLDS WELL UNDER HEAVY ATTACKS

British Army Headquarters in France, March 28.—News received from the extreme right wing is that the Allies are holding well (this refers to the southern sector, where the French have been falling back). Near Beaumontel the enemy attacked heavily. Severe fighting followed. This morning it appeared that the village virtually was No Man's Land, with the contending lines drawn close on either side.

PRISONERS ARE TAKEN BY ENGLISH IN COUNTER MOVE

London, March 28.—Prisoners and machine guns have been captured by the British, the war office announces. The fighting continues fiercely on both banks of the Somme, and in the neighborhood of Beaumontel, Puisieux and Moyenneville. They were repulsed. We captured a number of prisoners and a number of machine guns.

Official Dispatches Confirm Capture of Odessa by Bolsheviki

Petrograd, Wednesday, March 27.—Official dispatches published here confirm the report that Odessa has been recaptured by the Bolsheviki troops.

Odessa first was bombarded by cruisers which came here from Sebastopol. There was desperate fighting for three days in the vicinity of Sebastopol between the Bolsheviki and Austro-German detachments. The latest war bulletins report Austro-Germans to be within forty miles of Yekaterinoslav, a commercial and industrial town about 250 miles northeast of Odessa.

14 Members of the U. S. Ambulance Corps Are Decorated by France

Paris, March 28.—Three officers and eleven men of the United States Ambulance Corps have been decorated with the war cross by the French government. The men to receive the honor are Lieutenant Joseph Greenwood, Section 633; Lieutenant Alan D. Kinsey, Lieutenant Otka F. Dober, Privates Louis E. Timson, Arthur U. Crosby, John E. Fitzpatrick, Robert E. Gaf, C. V. Tompkins, J. T. Jones, John S. Wood, Richard Baker, Peter U. Muir all of Section 518, and Privates Richard Y. Buel and George R. Butler, of Section 642.

Gun Bombarding Paris Krupp Product; Emperor Thanks Head of Works

Amsterdam, March 28.—The gun with which the Germans are bombarding Paris is a product of the Krupp works at Essen. Emperor William has sent a telegram of thanks to Dr. Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, the head of the Krupp works. The telegram reads:

"By the bombardment of Paris from a distance of considerably more than 100 kilometers, your new gun has brilliantly stood the test. By the manufacture of the gun you have added a new page to the fame and history of Krupp. I, therefore, express to you and all your co-workers my Imperial thanks for this achievement of German science and labor."

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Future of Fatherland at Stake, Hindenburg Replies to Congratulations Amsterdam, March 28.—Chancellor Von Hertling has telegraphed to Field Marshal von Hindenburg expressing "sincere admiration for the splendid deeds of our army" and saying he found lively satisfaction because of the decorations conferred upon the field marshal and General Von Ludendorff by the emperor. "The entire German nation," the message added, "rejoices with me. It looks with well-founded confidence to your excellency, knowing that if Von Hindenburg and Von Ludendorff lead, victory is a necessity." Replying, Field Marshal von Hindenburg telegraphed: "I express my deep thanks to your excellency for the friendly words regarding the victory over the British army. Every man is filled with the consciousness that the future of the beloved fatherland is at stake. "The army will not relax until, with God's help, it has won for the homeland the good victory which it needs as the foundation for a future based upon a strong German people."

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U. S. MARINES RECEIVED FIRST LESSON IN USE OF GRENADE RIFLES MARINES OPERATE NEW WEAPON. Some of our marines in France receiving instructions in the use of the grenade rifle. French instructors are teaching the Americans the use of this new weapon, which has been found very effective in trench warfare.

Department Approves Arrest of Dr. Muck Boston, March 28.—The Department of Justice at Washington in a telegram to-day to United States Marshal John J. Mitchell, approved the course of federal officials here in arresting Dr. Karl Muck, conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra on the ground that his presence at large was a danger to the peace and safety of the country. Dr. Muck is in the Cambridge jail as an enemy alien.

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