

ALLIES MAKE READY TO HIT BACK AT ADVANCING GERMAN WITH UNIFIED ARMY CONTROL

DESPERATE BATTLE LAUNCHED BY HUNS ON FRENCH FRONT

Temporary Lull in Fighting Merely a Prelude to Heavier Battling That Is to Come; Kaiser's Massed Forces Still Press Forward at Points Where Heaviest Attacks Are Made Against Defenders' Lines

By Associated Press

LONDON, March 30.—The Germans still are rushing forward artillery and reorganizing their forces, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs. The slowing down in the battle, he says, probably is only a lull before another storm of still greater intensity.

The situation on the British sector of the new battlefield this morning was more satisfactory from the allied standpoint. The night was comparatively quiet.

Strong enemy patrols in the Arras sector penetrated the British outpost line near Alreaux and forced the posts to withdraw after intense fighting. This appears to be the only change in the lines near Arras.

London, March 30.—The Germans attacking yesterday at Demuin and Mezieres pressed back the British from Mezieres, the War Office announces.

All the enemy attempts to capture Demuin broke down after sharp fighting, which lasted throughout the afternoon.

Mezieres, captured by the Germans, is in the sector south of the Somme, where the principal gains of the Germans in the last few days have been made. It is ten miles north of Montdidier.

The Germans last night renewed their powerful attacks in the Montdidier region, where their wedge had been pushed furthest toward Paris, and a great battle is raging along a twenty-five-mile front on both sides of the salient which has Montdidier at its point. The French, backed up by powerful reserves, are offering a desperate resistance to the German blow.

Apparently the French line has been forced back slightly on the northern edge of this front, as the Paris official report of the battle mentions the town of Moreuil as forming a part of the line here. This place is on the Aves river about eleven miles southeast of Amiens, and its occupation by the Germans would advance them slightly nearer that Allied base.

Battle Rages Near Lassigny

On the southerly side of the salient the battle is raging to a point beyond Lassigny, which lies some fourteen miles east of Montdidier. There is no indication of any change along this part of the front.

The German assault in this region seems a logical outcome of the strategic position in which the Teutons find themselves, as their lines, virtually in the open all the way back to the Oise, offered an inviting objective for an Allied counter blow. It apparently was a case of attack or be attacked, and they have taken the initiative.

To the north, along the British front, the situation virtually is unchanged. In general, the British line stands to-day in nearly the same position as yesterday. At only one point, just about where the French and British lines join, did the Germans make any advance, pushing a short distance up the Roye-Amiens road.

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BRITISH FRONT LINE IS HELD MAGNIFICENTLY IN HEAVY FIRE

London, March 30.—The British line held magnificently throughout Friday, according to Reuter's Limited, correspondent at British headquarters in France.

"At one point only," says the correspondent, "where the Germans got across the river in force about Corisy and so taking the troops in the Provat-Mercourt neighborhood in the rear, have we fallen back but that retirement gallantly was done. Our running by Hampl and Lamotte."

BATTLEFIELD STREWN WITH BODIES OF THOUSANDS SLAIN

London, March 30.—A gruesome picture of battlefield conditions is drawn by the Morning Post's correspondent in France. "Prisoners say the countryside is full of bodies and that the air is horrible with the odor of death," he writes. "Wells cannot be used. The ruined villages are impossible as billets because they are strewn with German dead. There are great piles of

bodies along the roads and between them. The enemy has only recently found time to bury any of his dead. "The spectacle of the battlefield carpeted with the bodies of their comrades has affected fresh troops who in this way discovered to their surprise that the British are not too weak to fight. Prisoners say the British endurance and skill in fighting is delaying the progress of the German arms."

Democracy's Gethsemane



FOOD SLACKERS GET CHANCE TO MAKE PROTEST

Easy Now to Show Administrator How You Feel About the War

Food slackers who object to observing meanness and wantless days when ordering their meals at public eating houses, to-day were given an opportunity of having their names turned into the United States Food Administration, the local food administrator announced this morning.

Following the coal and flour cards, now comes the United States Food Administration Pledge Exemption Card, issued to the local food administrator by Howard Heinz this morning. The pledge exemption card is a card which patrons of public eating houses who object to the restrictions on food urged by the national food administration, will be asked by the proprietors of such eating places to fill out for return to the

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EXPLOSION KILLS GIRL. Word was received here to-day that Miss Kathryn Mahoney, of Wisconsin, had been killed yesterday in an explosion near Philadelphia. Miss Mahoney was well known in the upper end of the county. Relatives left for Philadelphia last night to arrange for burial.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night; lowest temperature about 28 degrees; Sunday partly cloudy and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Sunday; warmer Sunday; gentle to moderate south and southwest winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 40. Sun: Rises, 5:48 a. m.; sets, 6:12 p. m. River Stage: 5.4 feet above low-water mark. Moon: Last quarter, April 4.

THE CLOCK WILL DO THE THINKING IF YOU TURN IT

Daylight Saving Is Easy if the Individual Doesn't Complicate It

Turn the Clock and It Will Do the Rest

AT 2 O'CLOCK to-morrow morning the railroads, street car lines and all industries will turn ahead the clock hands one hour. Citizens are advised to make the change at 10 o'clock to-night, otherwise they may be late for church Easter morning. Turn forward the hands and forget all about it. If you need a reminder, Mayor Keister has made provision for the whistles of Harrisburg will blow to-night at exactly 10. Turn then, citizen, and forget it.

Daylight saving will go into effect officially at 2 a. m. to-morrow, according to Federal law, and it will save \$40,000,000 worth of coal in the next seven months, say United States engineers. If each of the one hundred million persons in America will utilize this extra daylight hour it will mean an increase of just that many working hours. Reduced to years, this would signify that 11,416 years each day are at our disposal, to be wasted, or used to help Uncle Sam make the world safe for democracy.

Announcement has been made by the Pennsylvania Railroad that no change will be made in timetables on any portion of the system in connection with the inauguration of the daylight saving plan. The hands of the clocks simply will be turned ahead one hour, and the existing train schedule will automatically apply to the new standard time. Daylight Saving isn't nearly so complicated as it appears. All you

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HUNS SUFFER HEAVY LOSS IN ARRAS ATTACK

British Gunners Account For Many Germans in Drive For Town

By Associated Press

British Army Headquarters in France, Friday, March 29.—The German attempt to force the British back along the Scarpe and capture Arras cost them an enormous price in casualties, although they used ten divisions. North of the river the British held their positions and only slightly wavered before the enemy onslaught. South of the river, however, the British retired slightly between Fampoux and Boisieux.

There was hard fighting on both sides of the Scarpe. To the north the most desperate conflict was staged about Rouex, where the Germans succeeded in forcing the British to withdraw north of Gavrelle, the enemy tried to push the British back on Bailleul, but were repulsed. South of the river the most bitter fighting was at Telegraph Hill, which changed hands several times.

Marvelous Artillery Work Below the Somme British artillery has been doing marvelous work in getting the heavy guns back during the withdrawal.

One battery of heavies was cut off and lost for three days. Although often surrounded the men worked their way out to the British lines with all the guns. On high ground near Albert there are five machine gunners who are cut off six hundred yards in front of their own infantry but who still are doing heavy exaction among the enemy. Tanks have been traveling in pairs, stemming the advance and making prisoners.

Meeting Obdurate Resistance That sector of the long battle front lying south of the Somme river continued to-day to be the crucial zone of conflict. The Germans, following up their small gains of yesterday in their northwest drive to-ward Amiens were pressing the attack vigorously. They were meeting with the most obstinate resistance on the part of the British defenders, however, and the latest reports indicate little or no change in the situation since last night, despite the hard fighting. On the extreme north the enemy hesitated for the moment from their assault against Arras, but it appears they are only waiting for fresh troops before renewing their drive.

Solemn High Mass to Be Said For Soldier Boy Who Gives Life in France

Solemn High Mass of requiem for Sylvester P. Sullivan, the Harrisburg boy killed recently while fighting with the Rainbow Division in France, will be celebrated Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Among those who attend will be a soldier chum of the fallen youth, Lieutenant Rove, formerly of Company I, Eighth Regiment and also well known here. The lieutenant was transferred to the Rainbow Division just in time to join the expedition and upon receiving a furlough several weeks ago he prepared to return home, arriving yesterday. Nearly the last comrade he saw was Sullivan who gave him a purse of gold that he had saved from his soldier's pay. "Please give this to my mother," he requested. "She will have more faith in it than I, and I want her to have it." No other message arrived after this and Lieutenant Peters did not know that the brave lad had lost his life while he was at sea.

At the Solemn High Mass, Father Carey will be celebrant; Father Feester, deacon, and Father O'Flynn sub-deacon. Bishop McDevitt will give absolution. Various delegations will pay tribute to the dead hero, among them the Daughters of 1917 and the Red Cross. At St. Francis' Church last evening prayers were offered for the repose of Soldier Sullivan's soul.

Foch's Appointment as Chief Long Urged by U. S.

Washington, March 30.—The appointment of General Foch, French chief of staff to supreme command of the allied and American forces in France, is regarded here to-day as the important development in the situation on the western front.

The elevation of General Foch made known in official information reaching Washington last night means the co-ordination of all the armies opposing the German onslaught. This is a step long urged by American and French military men and apparently was brought about by the realization of the immediate necessity of driving back the Germans.

The naming of General Foch also went a great way to strengthen the belief that an Anglo-American counter offensive is not far off and that the allied blow is to fall on the French section of the recent fighting front.

COAL PRICES FOR SUMMER SEASON ARE ANNOUNCED

Cheapest Grade of Pea to Sell at \$7.30 For Five Months

THREE GRADES LISTED Each Dealer Must Charge the Same Flat Price, Administrator Rules

The Federal Fuel Commission of Dauphin county this morning issued a price list on all grades of coal, which must be conformed to by the dealers of the city. The price list takes effect with the new coal year beginning Monday. The uniform price list is the result of much consideration on the part of the fuel commission, and a series of conferences between local coal dealers, public officials, and citizens' committees. The price list as published conforms to the regulations of the National Fuel Administration, which issued rulings on [Continued on Page 3.]

Escaped Enemy Alien Is Placed in County Jail

Deputy United States Marshal Harvey T. Smith brought to the Dauphin county jail to-day a German alien, Karl Fatschel, who had been wandering over the country, shadowed by Secret Service men, ever since he escaped from the interned German steamer, Wilhelm der Grosse, in Hoboken harbor. Fatschel, with two other sailors, managed to elude the United States soldiers and reaching Philadelphia he exchanged his uniform in a Chinese shop for citizen clothes. He changed his name with his clothes, but in an unlucky moment for him he wrote to a friend, signing his right name, and the Post Office Department picked up his trail. Marshal Smith located him at Philadelphia, where he was working in the Silk company plant. State Police had already hunted him down and had him in custody. He said that he had been a sailor, married in Germany, getting \$25 a month. Marshal Smith will procure a Presidential order of removal and send him to a detention prison.

SKILLED LABOR GETS 15 PER CENT. WAGE INCREASE

New Scale to Become Effective in City on the First of April

MANY CONTRACTS SIGNED Nearly 2,500 Members of the Building Trades Union Affected

A wage increase of at least 15 per cent. to skilled and unskilled labor engaged in building projects throughout Dauphin and Cumberland counties was announced last night by H. M. Brooks, business manager of the Building Trades Union and president of the Central Labor Union. The increased wage scales go into effect Monday. Approximately 2,500 men in Dauphin and Cumberland county are affected by the increase, and the new scale will increase monthly payrolls by many thousands of dollars. The wages have been agreed to by many building contractors throughout the county, and in numerous cases con-

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Wood Passes Test, Will Return to His Command

Washington, March 30.—Major General Leonard Wood has passed his physical examination for active service at the front and will be returned to command his division at Camp Funston, Kan. This became known at the War Department late yesterday, disposing of rumors that through the rigid test to which all general officers who are to take the field in France are subjected, the administration was preparing to shelve General Wood, senior major general on the active list of the Army. Unless he is selected for some more important post, General Wood probably will retain command of the Eighty-ninth division when it is sent to France. In his fifty-eighth year, the former chief-of-staff enjoys robust health.

INCREASE IN SHIP LAUNCHINGS

Washington—The Shipping Board exceeded its launching program in March by 52,000 tons, but fell behind in its schedule of completed ships owing to the difficulty in obtaining steel plates. These figures were given out to-day by the Board's offices. Since January 1, forty-six ships have been completed and sixty-seven have been launched.

NAB ALLEGED GERMAN SPY

Newark—Admission that a group of German spies have been employed in the plant of the Curtiss Engineering Corporation at Hempstead, N. Y., on Long Island, has been obtained from Mrs. Lydia White, a woman arrested to-day with blueprints of airplanes in her possession, the police announced.

OFFERS TO BUILD CARGO SHIPS

Washington—An offer to build 150 motor-driven wooden ships without interfering with the Government's building program was presented to the Shipping Board to-day by Oregon shipbuilders.

FORCED TO KISS STARS AND STRIPES

Coshocton, Ohio—A mob of between 500 and 600 persons late last night and early to-day visited sixteen homes here and forced between twenty-five and thirty alleged pro-Germans to kiss the Stars and Stripes and say "To hell with the Kaiser."

DEATH PENALTY FOR SPIES

Washington—The death penalty for many acts of espionage will be proposed in legislation to be brought before Congress, Senator Overman, of North Carolina active head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said to-day after hearing testimony of several Government agents in charge of antispy work.

SEIZE VON TIRPITZ' PROPERTY

Rome—The Prefect of Sassari has sequestered estates valued at a half-million lire owned by Admiral Von Tirpitz in Sardinia.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul C. Kauffman, Dayton, Ohio, and Pauline B. O'Neal, Harrisburg; Samuel E. Long, Sunbury, and Abby K. Pitts, Wiconisco; Jacob H. Shelley and Martha L. Dimeter, Middletown; Harvey L. Whye and Sara N. Espenshade, Middletown; John J. Papp and Estella L. Batorf, Elizabethtown; Charles L. Sherk, Hainly, and Beth Sheffer, Middletown; Mervin W. Linn, Oberlin, and Elizabeth A. Packer, Pottsville; Clarence W. Ashcroft, Honesdale, and Ida B. Thomson, Harrisburg; Ira A. Burrell, Duncannon, and Nell J. Culbertson, Lewisville; Murray B. Henry, Ellwood City, and Lillian R. Holbert, Harrisburg; Paul Knoll and Katie Neubauer, Harrisburg; John Henwood, Warrburg, and Lulu I. Remsder, Clearfield.

LAST CALL On Monday Morning \$4.14 will not = \$5.00 It will then take \$4.15 Tell the Boy Scouts you've bought.