

Germans Fail to Take Crest of Messines Ridge

BRITISH CHECK ADVANCE OF ENEMY ON BETHUNE

Failing to Dislodge Valiant Foe with Seventeen Divisions in Hollebreke-Givenchy Sector. Enemy Turns Westward in Direction of Bailleul, Important Railway Center.

London, April 12.—The London evening newspapers in reviewing the situation on the western front, state that in the Wytschaete region the Germans failed to gain the crest of the ridge. The Germans have taken the village of Messines, while the British are holding the outskirts.

At least thirteen divisions are engaged on the German side on the front from Hollebreke to Givenchy. The reviewers point out that the Germans, checked in their advance toward Bethune, have turned westward with the idea of developing a success in the direction of Bailleul, which is an important railway center, and Hazebrouck, about fourteen miles west of Armentieres. They point out that the enemy is now within short distance of Bailleul, and that this advance in the direction of Hazebrouck has taken him rather more than half way there from his original starting point.

BING! KAISER KNOCKED OUT WITH LIBERTY BONDS!
HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOURS? THEN BUY MORE! GET BUSY! ON TO BERLIN!!



Douglas Fairbanks and some of the other movie stars posed for this tableau showing the Kaiser being knocked out by liberty bonds. We wouldn't name the fellow who acted the part of the Kaiser. It would be too mean. Anyhow he refused, and said he'd quit first, and only after long argument was prevailed upon to take the part. Somebody had to take it. Death is taking him and Satan is looking on with a grin at the chance of really getting together with his side partner. Justice, represented by the girl, comes into the scene. Uncle Sam is backing the fighting Sammy right up! There's where you come in, Mr. Stay-at-Home! Buy liberty bonds! Buy more! On to Berlin!

ENEMY POUNDING AWAY AT BRITISH ON NORTH FRONT

Evacuation of Armentieres Not Cause for Distress From Military Standpoint.

SETTLED TO GRIM RACE

Battle Must Be Considered as Whole to Gauge Losses.

Operation Becomes Cold Proposition of Which Side Can Kill Most Men Next Few Weeks.

With the British Army in France, Thursday, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Determined enemy attacks continued today against points of strategic value along the new battle front north and south of Armentieres, from which the British have withdrawn. The Germans having placed it in a pocket by driving a wedge on either side of it.

On the extreme right, the Germans today were pushing away against the British defenses at Givenchy, which has changed hands numerous times since the initial enemy onslaught Tuesday. North of Armentieres, the Germans were showing an equal desire to possess Messines ridge and Wytschaete, which are dominating positions and which changed hands several times yesterday and last night. The Germans got a footing in Messines village and they were still there this morning, but the British were clinging to the west ridge and were keeping the enemy again charged forward and hard fighting was in progress in this section late today. South of Armentieres the enemy also delivered violent assaults. The British counter-attacks and forced the enemy from Paradis, southwest of Lestrem. This is on the front between Estaires and Givenchy.

Reeking With Gas Clouds. Armentieres was evacuated yesterday afternoon, but was still reeking today with clouds of poison gas. It was a most inhospitable place for the enemy. The British withdrawal became necessary when the Germans in the north drove forward to the vicinity of Stenwerk, bottling up the city. By their operations the Germans had gradually thrust forward lines on either side of the city towards the west until at noon yesterday, Armentieres lay at the bottom of a sack-shaped salient, whose sides were 12,000 yards long and whose mouth towards Stenwerk was only 3,000 yards across.

The withdrawal does not mean as much from a military standpoint as might appear from a first glance, but the Germans undoubtedly will make much of the capture, for the moral effect at home. Any cistern over the abandonment of Armentieres is due more to sentimental than tactical reasons. In order to appreciate fully the trend of the present fighting the defensive operations must be viewed as a whole, for they go to make up what undoubtedly is the crucial conflict of the war. The loss of a city here or there, or the abandonment of five or six miles of territory in any sector does not mean disaster.

To M. I. Threat Good? The battle has got beyond such consideration and has settled down to a grim race to determine whether the German man-power is enough to make good the threat to annihilate the British army and force its capitulation. It is a cold proposition of which side can kill the most men in the next few weeks and at the same time find more recruits to fill the depleted ranks.

South of Armentieres the British yesterday and last night continued to hold most of their front satisfactorily. The enemy crossed the River Lawe and obtained a footing in Lestrem, but was quickly forced out again. Last night a considerable German force crossed the river between Viella Chapelle and Lestrem, and once more approached Armentieres. This little body of troops was thrown in and held on gallantly until the regular infantry could be brought up.

51 Names on Today's Casualty List; Some Officers Among Wounded: Increased Activity Indicated

Washington, April 12.—Today's casualty list contains fifty-one names, five of them killed in action, three died of wounds, two died of accident, six died of disease, four wounded severely, 28 wounded slightly and three missing in action.

The three missing were Lieuts. Robert H. Jeffrey, Samuel Miller and Abraham Strauss. Among the wounded slightly were Capt. Marvin Cappel and Woodrow Woodbridge, and Lieut. Wm. J. Mische. The list follows:

Killed in Action.
SERGEANT, Lillard E. Ailor.
CORPORAL, Jesse N. Martin.
PRIVATES, Wm. C. King, Chas. N. Lobb, Stanley Mauck.
Died of Wounds.
PRIVATES, Wm. J. B. Guthrie, R. J. McLean, Warlow Whorok.
Died of Disease.
PRIVATES, Henry Davis, A. R. Linstedt, Willie Gordon, Anton Khochov, Daniel Monroe.

Died of Accident.
PRIVATES, Ben. P. Gregory, John E. Sangster.
Wounded Severely.
SERGEANT, Leo F. Moquin.
PRIVATES, F. X. Murphy, Joseph T. Ryan, James F. Scott.
Wounded Slightly.
CAPTAINS, W. Woodbridge, Marvin Cappel.
LIEUTENANT, Wm. J. Mische.
SERGEANTS, Bonnie Benditt, Victor Muller, Jos. Gottlieb, Russell Sismore.
CORPORAL, Olin C. Chisholm.
MUSICIAN, Albert Iver Coleman.
PRIVATES, Phillip Beaudreau, Samuel Curstone, Arthur H. Beck, Jay A. Decator, Frank Bazel, F. P. Deveraux, Grover Carlson, Edward E. Jarek, Frank Cavarra, Geo. M. McGrath, James P. Conlan, John Millia, Charles Pike, Norman H. Witte, Alfred Schneider, Francis H. Moreau, S. W. Segerstrom, Norman E. Padon, Jas. A. Solsten.
Missing in Action.
LIEUTENANTS, Robert H. Jeffrey, Abraham Strauss, Samuel Miller.

LARGEST U-BOAT AT AFRICAN PORT

Washington, April 12.—A German submarine of the largest seagoing type on April 10 appeared in the port of Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, and bombarded the wireless and cable stations there, the state department has been informed in an official dispatch.

NO WORD OF LANDING UNITED STATES MARINES

Additional American Forces Expected to Reassure Russian Government.

Washington, April 12.—No word of the landing of American marines at Vladivostok to aid British and Japanese forces already there was told in press dispatches that reached the state or navy departments early today. The addition of American forces is expected to reassure Russian government officials, who for a time after the Japanese landed appeared inclined to believe Japan planned an invasion of Siberia. It was believed this would emphasize that action taken is purely of a local character.

Press dispatches from Moscow have said that bolshevik officials were not so fearful now as at first that the incident would lead to an advance into Siberia. Officials would not say today whether instructions had been issued to the commander of the American Asiatic fleet to land marines in co-operation with the Japanese and British if American interests were endangered.

LABOR'S PART IN WAR DISCUSSED

Washington, April 12.—Discussion of labor's part in the promotion of the war was resumed in the senate today when Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire, said that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, opposed any legislation that would prevent peaceful strikes, and to the passage of the bill now pending, providing punishment for interfering with the manufacture of war materials, unless a provision was included exempting labor strikes. The senate yesterday rejected a conference report of the retention of a house amendment of that nature to the bill.

CHANGES OF CONTEMPT AGAINST COMMISSIONERS

Memphis, April 12.—Changes of contempt of court against W. T. McLain, Leo Goodman and C. R. Quinn, members of the Memphis city commission, were dismissed in chancery court here today and a temporary injunction restraining members of the municipal commission from removing George B. Blackwell, another commissioner, from office, was dissolved by a ruling made by Chancellor Israel Perez, who held that the original restraining order was issued without proper jurisdiction. McLain, Goodman and Quinn, the majority of the commission, voted tooust Blackwell at a meeting of the commission last week after the restraining order was issued, and as a result were cited on charges of contempt of court.

The charge against Blackwell was that he was ineligible to hold office because of certain property requirements of the city charter.

ISSUES FIRMLY FIXED
Overman to Insist on Passage of Bill Unchanged.

Washington, April 12.—Issues in the senate contest over granting authority to the president in the Government bill to reorganize government departments for war purposes were firmly fixed today when Senator Overman, of North Carolina, in charge of the measure, declared he would insist upon its passage without amendment.

BOCHES SEEKING TO WIDEN DRIVE



London today reports fighting along a line near Merville, which is about 12 miles west of Armentieres. This is the farthest point reached by the Hun and the situation is said to be well in hand. The evident object is to turn the Ypres position and drive for Calais. A bitter attempt was made to do this in 1915, but failure was recorded.

Fire on Paris

Long-Range Mystery Gun Renews Bombardment of French Capital.

Paris, April 12.—The Germans renewed this morning the bombardment of Paris with their long-range guns.

BERLIN REPORTS DUELS ON PICARDY FRONT

Berlin, April 11, via London, April 12.—Reference to the situation on the Picardy battle front the official statement from German headquarters today says:

On the battle front on both sides of the Somme and on the southern bank of the Oise the fighting activity was limited to artillery duels and minor infantry operations.

TELLS THE BEST WAY FOR ALLIES TO WIN THE WAR
Liverpool Official Says Keep Bombing Germany Until She Cries "Enough."

Liverpool, April 12.—"The way to win the war is to keep on bombing Germany until she cries enough," writes a Liverpool army officer from the front in a letter to his home newspaper.

MERVILLE CAPTURED BY GERMANS—COUNTER-BLOW OF BRITISH SUCCEEDS

Positions North of Festubert, Into Which Enemy Had Forced Entrance, Regained—Hostile Thrusts Between Loise and Lawe River Repulsed.

London, April 12.—Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert, the Germans pressed back the British to the vicinity of Nieuve Eglise, it is announced officially.

Last night the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting is continuing in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuf Berquin.

On the remainder of the northern battle front there is little change. North of Festubert, the British regained ground by a counter-attack. On the front between Loise and the Lawe river German attacks were repulsed.

The announcement follows: "Severe and continuous fighting took place last night in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuf Berquin, in both of which localities the enemy is continuing his pressure and has made progress. Merville was captured by the enemy during the night.

"Attacks made by the enemy yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert succeeded, after heavy fighting, in pressing our troops back to the neighborhood of Nieuve Eglise, to new positions.

FIGHTING HEAVY NEAR HANGARD

French Patrols Develop Activity in Sector Between Noyon and Canny-Sur-Matzu.

Paris, April 12.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the vicinity of Hangard-en-Santerre, on the front north of Montdidier, the war office announced.

GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE DISSOLVED

\$30,000 in Treasury to Be Turned Over to American Red Cross at Once.

Philadelphia, April 12.—The executive committee of the National German-American alliance, at a special meeting here yesterday, decided to dissolve the organization immediately, and instructed the officers to turn over at once to the American Red Cross the \$30,000 in the treasury. Announcement of the dissolution was made by K. A. M. Scholtz, of Baltimore, for the national body, and after an all-day meeting behind closed doors. It was also stated that dissolution will become effective tomorrow, when the executive committee will meet again to act on certain financial matters and obligations that will have to be adjusted.

The Rev. Siegmund von Roese, of Wilmington, president of the alliance, made a report of the condition the alliance found itself in, and recommended that it be dissolved. The decision was made by a vote of 10 to 2, and its existence.

NAVAL PATROL BOAT DRIVEN AGROUND

Washington, April 12.—A small naval patrol boat was driven aground in home waters by yesterday's storm, the navy department announced today. Efforts to refloat her are in progress, and it is certain that the boat will be saved. No lives were lost.

AVIATOR FALLS 200 FEET TO HIS DEATH

Lake Charles, La., April 12.—Mechanic Mervin C. Grover, of Bienville, N. D., was killed near Geratier field yesterday, when the machine in which he was flying with Lieut. John Kennedy, fell from a height of 200 feet, camp authorities announced today. Kennedy was uninjured. Earlier reports of the accident gave the victim's name as Grover of Indiana.

THIRTY INCHES OF SNOW IN SHENANDOAH VALLEY

Roanoke, Va., April 12.—Thirty inches of snow covers the tracks of the Norfolk and Western railroad at points in the Shenandoah valley. Traffic has been considerably impeded and all snow plows the company possesses have been sent to the section between Leesville and Hagerstown. The snowfall ranges from four to thirty inches, according to messages received at the railroad headquarters here.

COLD, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

I'm glad the cold has done no harm and peaches still do fine for there no quality I know that can more comfort bring; I'm glad the wind kept blowing, so the frost could not sleep, for when a peach is bitten, well, she surely is some sight.

DEVELOPMENT AIRCRAFT FACTORIES PLANNED

Dublin, Feb. 28.—The development of aircraft factories and shipyards in Ireland this spring is expected to open up a new industrial era in many sections of the country. Lack of facilities for technical training in the south of Ireland has been a long-standing problem which the new yards and factories will help to solve.

For the present, the business of airplane manufacturing will be carried on in existing buildings that are being placed at the disposal of the government, but as rapidly as possible new factories of the most up-to-date type will be erected. The development is not intended to be merely of temporary character.

Flight stations and training depots which are being erected in various parts of the island are permanent structures, as it is believed that Ireland, from its geographical position, will have an important share in the post-war commercial development of aviation. It will be the gateway for every attempt at trans-Atlantic flight, attempts which are expected to be fostered and encouraged by the governments of both the United States and Great Britain.

BRITISH AVIATORS DROP BOMBS ON LUXEMBURG

Seven British Machines Are Missing, While Eight Enemy Planes Were Accounted For.

London, Thursday, April 11.—British aviators today dropped more than a ton of bombs on the enemy station at Luxembourg, in reporting on aviation activities on the battle front Wednesday, the official statement on aerial operations says that eight enemy airships were accounted for and that seven British machines are missing.

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGER KILLED AT KNOXVILLE

Special Agent of L. & N. Ry. Shoots When Clifford Lane Resists Arrest.

(Special to The News.)
Knoxville, April 12.—Clifford Lane, alleged bootlegger, was shot and killed here Friday by Special Agent J. M. Powle, of the L. & N. railway, when he resisted arrest on a charge of violating the bone dry law. Powle was released on a bond of \$10,000.

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