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## T-R BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises April 12 at 5:38; sets at 6:36. Iowa — Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably unsettled in north portion; not much change in temperature.

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Webster Leads in Floyd. Charles City, April 11.—Practically complete returns from this county gave Webster a 2 to 1 lead over Burkett for the republican vice presidential nomination. John T. Adams was leading John Olson for republican national committee by a slight margin and Marsh and Dunn were running neck and neck on the democratic side.

Burkett Leads in Mahaska. Oskaloosa, April 11.—Mahaska county returns were coming in slowly today but majorities were being piled up for Burkett for vice president and Adams for republican national committee.

W. W. Marsh was leading E. G. Dunn for the democratic national committee, and indications were that Hamilton, Meredith, Wilson and Connolly were the democratic selection for the national convention delegates.

In Standpatville. Clarinda, April 11.—The city of Clarinda and Nodaway township gave Burkett 71 votes to 18 for Webster at the state-wide preferential primary election.

Adams won a 4 to 1 victory over Olson for republican national committee. On the democratic side Marsh won over Dunn by a large margin.

Small Vote in Sioux City. Sioux City, April 11.—Less than 10 per cent of the vote was cast at the presidential primary in Sioux City. The feature was the contest between the Marsh and Dunn forces for national democratic committee.

Marsh Carries Dubuque. Dubuque, April 11.—Complete returns from the city gave Marsh a 3 to 1 victory over Dunn. Indications were that in this district the Marsh candidates for delegates at large were elected by a 2 to 1 majority.

Marsh Favorite at Fort Dodge. Fort Dodge, April 11.—W. W. Marsh had a wide margin in the democratic vice presidential nomination.

Big Majority For Marsh in Fayette. West Union, April 11.—Practically complete returns from Fayette county gave Marsh leading Dunn, 180 to 96. The Marsh delegates at large to the national democratic convention polled a big majority over the Dunn candidates.

On the republican ticket, Webster was leading Burkett by more than 2 to 1. Adams and Olson were running neck and neck for republican national committee.

Olson Runs Far Behind. Webster City, April 11.—Adams is leading Olson by more than 2 to 1 in Hamilton county. Marsh was leading Dunn by a similar margin according to latest returns today.

## GERMANS MAKE SLIGHT GAINS

### Center of Attack is Directed Against Dead Man Hill.

## BERLIN CONFIDENT OF FALL OF VERDUN

### Point to Ground Gained and to Heavy Losses Inflicted as Proof of Superiority of Force—Declare That Bethincourt Was Not Evacuated by French According to Rearranged Plan—Capture More Than 35,000 French.

The German assault on Verdun is still centered on Dead Man Hill, west of the Meuse. Advancing from Cordeau wood, the Germans last night gained a few elements of French trenches. Otherwise they were beaten back with heavy losses. Between Douaumont and Vaux, east of the Meuse, the Germans also renewed the attack. There, the French report says, they gained no success.

Berlin views the Verdun operations confidently, pointing to the ground gained and the losses inflicted on the French. All the passengers and crew of the Spanish steamer Santanderino, apparently were rescued, with the exception of four persons believed to have been drowned. Owners of the vessel have been notified that she was sunk by a submarine.

The official German statement tells of vigorous fighting on both sides of the Meuse and the result of "French counter attacks" between Haucourt and Bethincourt, but makes claim to a further advance in the region of Dead Man Hill.

Germany's reply to the inquiries from Washington concerning the steamer Sussex and other vessels, was delivered today to the American embassy in Berlin.

British troops made a strong hand grenade attack last night after intensified artillery preparations on German positions south of St. Eloi, near Ypres, but the attack was repulsed and the position is firmly held by the Germans, according to the army headquarters statement today.

Fighting on both sides of the river Meuse (Verdun region) was in progress with great vigor thruout the whole of yesterday, the statement says. The number of unwounded prisoners taken in this sector was increased from twenty-two officers and 549 men to thirty-six officers and 1,231 men.

German Attacks Repulsed. Paris, April 11.—On the west bank of the Meuse the Germans made an attack last night on Dead Man Hill, advancing from Cordeau wood. They obtained a footing in a few small trenches but otherwise were repulsed. East of the Meuse the Germans attacked with plans of Douaumont village but were beaten back with considerable losses.

There was violent bombardment of Douaumont and Vaux.

Berlin Claims Big Victory. Bethincourt Not Evacuated Deliberately as French Assert. Berlin, April 11.—Since Feb. 21 the Germans have captured more than 36,000 French in the fighting about Verdun, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

"West of the Meuse about twenty-five square kilometers of ground has been occupied," the announcement says. "German newspapers point out that the French say Bethincourt was evacuated with plans previously made. Nevertheless it has been ascertained that an order was issued stating: 'This important place must be held in all circumstances.'"

"The fact that more than 700 unwounded French prisoners were taken and the losses of the French were great, is proof that the French plan of evacuation could not be carried out as intended." "According to the French report the new line runs from the southern corner of Avocourt west along the slope of Hill No. 204, thence along the southern bank of Forges brook, passing to the northeast of Haucourt; turning eastward, crossing the Bethincourt-Esnes road at a point south of the junction of that road with the highway to Chatenault, and reaches the Meuse just north of Cumieres. The fortifications of the village of Avocourt, which is south of Avocourt wood, were destroyed by the German advance of April 9, as reported."

Steamer Elliston Missing. London, April 11.—Lloyd's reports the British steamship Elliston is missing and presumably has been sunk. All hands have been picked up. The Elliston was unarmed.

The Dutch steamship Rindijk, which struck a mine off the Scilly Islands last week, has been beached. The Elliston, of 3,796 tons gross, and 346 feet long, was built in 1906. The last report of her movements was her departure on Feb. 11, for Queenstown.

Modern Versing. London was learning the story of creation for his Sunday school teacher, but she found him not quite word perfect. "What did God say," she asked, "after he had made the heavens and the earth?" "He said, 'Let there be light, and there was light, and he pushed the button!'"—Harper's Magazine.