

U. S. SOLDIERS GO OVER THE TOP AND HUNS FLEE

RAIDING GERMAN LINES

Americans Unsupported Enter Trenches and Bring Back Much Material.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Monday, March 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American raiding party entered the German trenches along the Toul sector at 6 o'clock this morning after an artillery bombardment of 45 minutes and brought back much material and information but captured no prisoners. It was the first raid undertaken by the Americans without the aid of the French.

Raid Highly Successful.

The raid was highly successful as the enemy withdrew many men from the front line when the bombardment indicated that a raid might follow. The raiders reported that American snipers had created destruction in the German positions and had torn gaps in the enemy barbed wire entanglements. The German batteries came into action but accomplished nothing toward disturbing the progress of the raid.

The Americans entered the enemy trenches behind one side of a "box" which formed a trap for them. They found numerous Germans hiding in the dugouts. In the hand-to-hand fighting which followed a number of the enemy were killed and wounded and left in the trenches.

Americans Search for Germans.

Going far beyond their objective the raiders penetrated the German line three hundred yards. A few flights developed on the way but the Germans were driven off. The Americans failed to find more of the Germans, who had been withdrawn hurriedly from the front line, although they searched for them.

In the hand-to-hand fighting the Americans used their automatic pistols and rifles. During the raid the American machine guns placed a barrage in the enemy back areas in order to prevent a counter-attack.

The Americans fought so fast and did their work so well that the medical men who accompanied them had little to do. Every American who left the front line returned.

Enemy Quickly Silenced.

On their way back the Americans encountered a German listening post which fired at them. In less time than it takes to tell it, the Germans in the post were silenced.

The Americans reached their own lines without one German shell having fallen anywhere near them for it was all over so quickly the German batteries did not have a good chance to get into action. The Americans were inside the enemy lines for fifteen minutes.

Review of War Situation.

American troops again have raided successfully German positions. This time the raid was made in the sector northwest of Toul, where the Americans hold a long line. Also, they made the effort alone and penetrated the German front lines for 300 yards without help from their French brothers in arms.

After an artillery bombardment of 45 minutes and behind a barrage the American raiders went into the enemy lines and brought back much material and information. Most of the Germans, apparently expecting the raid, had retired to the rear lines. There was some hand-to-hand fighting, however, with Germans who had been left in the dugouts and a number of these were killed and wounded.

The Americans returned without the loss of a man, having spent fifteen minutes within the enemy lines.

German Attacks Increasing.

Elsewhere on the western front the German raids are becoming more numerous and stronger. Heavy bombardments now precede each attempt to penetrate the entente positions, but the enemy has not attacked in great force, although an engagement of battle proportions probably is not far distant.

In the Ypres sector in Flanders and around Armentieres, between Ypres and Arras, the Germans have carried out strong local efforts. At all points the British repulsed the enemy with losses. German artillery also has been very busy at various points along the front between Ypres and St. Quentin. In Champagne, northwest of Verdun and north of St. Mihiel the

SITUATION IN SIBERIA WORSE

Workmen Join Bolsheviks and Refuse to Move Supplies and Guns.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA

People Fear Japanese and Doubt Sincerity of the United States.

HARBIN, March 11.—Officials of the allies at Harbin agree that the situation in Siberia is growing worse. Every plan proposed for the amelioration of conditions meets with opposition, or apathy, they say, while 50 per cent of the railway workmen in Siberia are now Bolshevik in affiliation, where as a month ago the percentage was insignificant. Yesterday the workmen refused to move supplies and guns to the aid of General Semenov and were planning the destruction of the supply route. Loyal Cossacks, however, forced the movement of the relief trains.

Reliable observers, according to reports received by the Associated Press correspondent, have found that there is a wide-spread pro-German propaganda, with speechmaking by Bolshevik orators among the workers with never a word of a pro-ally nature.

The consul-general at Harbin has distributed 15,000 copies of President Wilson's speeches and a similar number has been scattered by the consul at Vladivostok.

The growth of Bolshevism is said by some investigators to be due in a measure to fear of the Japanese, with disbelief in the sincerity of American friendship as another factor. They report that statements have been heard among the propagandists that any class of Germans were preferable to the Japanese.

AIRPLANE MAIL SERVICE DELAYED

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The start of the airplane mail service between New York, Philadelphia and Washington will be delayed probably as late as May 15 because landing fields at New York and Philadelphia have not been found. The service was to have been begun April 15.

War Credit Granted Cuban Government

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Another ally became a borrower from the United States today when the treasury extended a credit of \$15,000,000 to the Cuban government to assist it in war preparation. At the same time Great Britain was given another credit of \$200,000,000. Both loans were made at the new interest rate of 5 per cent.

French Have Checked Strong German Raiding Attempts.

Whether to ratify the German peace terms is the question before the All-Russian congress of Soviets which meets in Moscow today. Press dispatches from Petrograd in the past few days have touched but lightly on the probable decision the congress will take. If it is still controlled by Premier Lenin, the congress probably will agree to the German harsh terms.

President Assures Russia.

President Wilson in a message to the Russian people, to be delivered to the congress, assures them of American sympathy and American support in restoring complete sovereignty and independence to democratic Russia. The president does not attempt to sway the judgment of the congress with regard to peace. Some support is given recent rumors that many of the Bolsheviks were prepared to refuse the German terms by the resignations from the Lenin government of Foreign Minister Trotsky and Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief.

Today, also, has been set for the convening of the German reichstag in Berlin to vote on the ratification of the treaty with Russia.

Sixty Airplanes Raid Paris.

Sixty German airplanes descended on Paris Monday night and dropped bombs. One of the raiders was brought down in flames by the defenders and its crew captured. The raid lasted three hours. A number of buildings were destroyed, or set on fire. The population of the French capital sustained casualties but final reports are lacking.

Germans Suffer Severely.

PARIS, March 12.—Heavy artillery firing occurred in front of La Pompe and in the region of Avocourt, says today's official communication. "In Lorraine we repulsed a strong raid in the region of Moncel. The enemy suffered severe losses and left ten prisoners, including one officer, in our hands."

"On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

BRITISH SHELL TOWN

Long Range Guns of Heaviest Caliber Bombard Cambrai.

BERLIN, March 12, via London.—Cambrai has been bombarded by long range British guns, according to today's army headquarters report. Several shots from British artillery of the heaviest caliber fell in the town, the statement says.

Australians Are Successful.

LONDON, March 12.—Australians troops carried out successful raids during the night upon hostile posts east and northeast of Messines, says today's war office report. "A number of Germans were killed and a few prisoners were taken by us. Our casualties were light."

RED GUARD IS MORE VIOLENT

STOCKHOLM, Monday, March 11.—The Red guard contingents in Helsinki are becoming more violent in their activities, according to a dispatch from Vasa, Finland.

"They are proceeding in quite a deliberate manner," adds the dispatch, "choosing their victims from among the intellectual classes, assassinating principally the clergy and landed proprietors."

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GERMAN SPY CAUSES DAMAGE TO WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 22.—My Mail.—A German agent in New York almost succeeded in sinking the Cunard liner Panonia, according to the story told in a court here this week. The case before the court was a suit by an English firm to recover \$10,000 damages from the Cunard liner for wheat damaged by water.

The steamship owners denied that the damage was chargeable to them, "as it was due to the fact that a porch had been opened deliberately by a German spy in New York."

WILSON OPPOSES COMPROMISE BILL

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson is represented today as opposed to a compromise in the Overman bill which would limit his authority to reorganize government departments to the army, to the navy and the shipping board and a sharp contest is expected tomorrow when the senate judiciary committee resumes its consideration of the measure.

CITY COPIOUSLY BOMBED.

BERLIN, March 12.—Paris was "copiously bombed" last night by German aircraft, says today's war office report.

AMERICAN BOARD LONDON GUESTS

Winston Spencer Churchill and British Engineering Experts Banquet U. S. Colleagues.

SUPERVISION IN AIR

War Depends on 85 Per Cent Industrial Effort and 15 Per Cent Military Effort.

LONDON, March 12.—The members of the American standardization board, who are now in England, were the guests of honor at a banquet given last night by their English colleagues. Among those present were Winston Spencer Churchill, the minister of munitions, and prominent British engineering experts. Speeches were made by Colonel Churchill, F. W. Diffen and Andrew Weir and representatives of France and Italy.

Colonel Churchill, in discussing air raids, said that allied superiority in the air is shown by the ease with which allied airmen continually bomb interior German towns in broad daylight, while the Germans only are able with difficulty to reach English and French cities at night.

Mr. Diffen described the present war as one in which 85 per cent depended upon industrial effort, 15 per cent on military effort. He declared the secret of victory was to combine these two with 100 per cent efficiency.

WILSON UPHOLDS CASUALTY LISTS

Pershing's Plan for Reporting War Losses as Military Necessity.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson today personally considered the war department's new plan of issuing the names of American soldiers killed, wounded, or who die in France, without their home address or other marks of identification. There was no outward indication that the president would reverse the war department's ruling which was made for military reasons, but it was plain that protests from every quarter had grown to such number that the president had decided to inform himself of all the facts.

Escapes of Von Luxburg Denied.

BUENOS AIRES, March 12.—Reports were current here today that Count von Luxburg, former German minister to Argentina, had fled. It was said he had been missing for several days from the hospital in the suburb of Lomas de Somero, where he was supposed to have been under strict surveillance and that last night the former German naval attaché and a large group of other Germans passed through Puento del Inca in the Andes on the international train for Chile.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK LEADER RETREATS

HARBIN, Manchuria, March 12.—General Semenov, anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, has retreated into Manchuria before the advance of a superior Bolshevik force, according to advices from the border. The accuracy of the Bolshevik fire during the fighting is taken to indicate the co-operation of former German prisoners.

General Semenov Goes Into Manchuria Before Overpowering Numbers.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Consideration of disloyalty charges against Senator La Follette has not been resumed by the senate privileges and elections committee, Chairman Pomorenne said today.

WEALTHY AMERICAN KILLED.

DETROIT, Mich., March 12.—W. A. Shryer of Detroit, who was killed in an automobile accident on the island of Hawaii, was formerly proprietor of a large collection agency in Detroit. He also was successful in real estate ventures and was wealthy. A few months ago he retired from business.

LUXBURG FLEES TO CHILE

Discredited German Minister Fears to Face Home Government.

BUENOS AIRES, March 12.—It is reported here today that Count von Luxburg, the former German minister, has fled Argentine territory, escaping to Chile.

According to Buenos Aires dispatches on Sunday Count von Luxburg had been granted a safe conduct by the British government to sail for Sweden and was expected to depart shortly on the steamer Valparaiso.

Count Luxburg was handed his passports by the Argentine government last September after the disclosure of his objectionable activities in connection with the submarine warfare as it affected Argentine shipping—notably his message suggesting that Argentine vessels might be sunk "without trace." In October he was placed in a German detention camp on the island of Martin Garcia but later was taken to the German hospital at Buenos Aires where he has been under treatment because of his reported unbalanced mental condition.

REED ASSAILS FOOD MANAGER

Gross Extravagance in Conduct of Affairs Charged by Missouri Senator.

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The charges were made after the Missouri senator had asked that the appropriation of \$1,750,000 for the food and fuel administrations be eliminated from the urgent deficiency bill.

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ITALIAN EXCHANGE TO BE REGULATED

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STEFANSSON VERY ILL IN FAR NORTH

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 12.—Dispatches today from Dawson, Y. T., said fears were expressed in the northern city for the recovery of Stefansson, the Arctic explorer now wintering at Herschel island in the Arctic ocean. A royal northwest mounted police patrol arrived at Dawson recently from the Arctic and said Stefansson was suffering from fever and was delirious at times.

CONDUCT OF NAVY IS VINDICATED

House Investigating Committee Make Public Favorable Report on Department.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The navy department's conduct of the war was vindicated in a report made public today by the house committee that has been investigating the subject.

The report submitted by the subcommittee, headed by Representative Gray of Alabama, to the full naval affairs committee states these conclusions:

"All appropriations for the navy have been expended or obligated with judgment, caution and economy considering that haste was necessary to bring results and abnormal conditions obtained in reference to all problems of production or operation."

"The navy, with limited personnel and material was suddenly called to face many difficult and untried problems in sea warfare and has met the situation with rare skill, ingenuity and dispatch and a high degree of success."

"The efficiency of the navy's pre-war organization, the readiness and fitness of its men and ships for the difficult and arduous tasks imposed by war were early put to the acid test and, thus far, in no way have they been found wanting. We feel that the past twelve months presents for the navy a remarkable record of achievement, of steadily increasing power in both personnel and material, of rapidly expanding resources and of well matured plans for the future during the war of long, or short duration."

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PARIS AGAIN RAIDED

Sixty German Airplanes Cross French Line to Bomb Capital.

PARIS, March 12.—An official French statement last night said about sixty airplanes crossed the French line, some being turned back by the barrage. Bombs were dropped on Paris and the suburbs between 9 o'clock and midnight and several buildings were demolished or set on fire. This was the second aerial attack on Paris of the last few days, thirteen persons having been killed and fifteen wounded in a raid last Friday night.

TWO GERMAN PLANES CAPTURED

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—(By Mail.)—How a British air squadron captured two German airplanes in full flight near Ghent, Belgium, is told in a cablegram from the Dutch-Belgian frontier.

The British airmen, being in heavy numerical superiority, surrounded their opponents. Rather than fight to inevitable death, the two German pilots hung out white flags and meekly flew away toward the British lines surrounded by a flock of British planes.

CAFES CLOSED BY HOOVER ORDERS

NEW YORK, March 12.—Fifty-seven restaurants and lunch rooms, whose proprietors have confessed to ignoring food regulations, were closed today by order of local food administrators with the approval of Herbert Hoover, the national administrator. The places will remain closed until midnight tonight.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN HELD FOR INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, March 12.—A mysterious woman, held by federal agents in a New York hotel pending investigation, probably is a neutral and not a German secret agent, it was said today at the department of justice. The woman was about to leave the country but because of some suspicion attached to her conduct recently in this country, was detained.

Officials denied they had evidence of conferences between the woman and suspected enemy agents in the United States.

BERLIN ANNULS NORWAY CONTRACTS

LONDON, March 12.—All contracts with Norway have been annulled by the German central purchasing company from March 16, according to a Bergen dispatch to the Tidens Tegn of Christiania, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The reason for this action, the dispatch says, is that the Norwegian agreement with America provides for the exportation of only 48,000 tons of fish yearly to Germany.

LABOR PROGRAM FOR WOMAN TO ORGANIZE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—A national labor program for women in industry will be formulated by chairmen of women's industrial organizations at a conference here March 26, called today by the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense.