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HUNS GET R. R. IN HOLLAND

Fighting French Regiment, Like the Old Guard, "Died--It Did Not Surrender"

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 27.—The French regiment, ordered to defend Mont Kemmel "to the death" obeyed the command to the letter. Entirely surrounded by Germans, the poilus held out for more than eight hours, slaughtering whole companies of the enemy as they swarmed up the slopes in the face of the French machine gun fire. A veritable flood of gray-clad troops finally swept over the summit, obliterating the defenders "as one's heel does an ant's nest." Like the Old Guard at Waterloo, the French regiment "died—it did not surrender."

S. E. CO. BEATEN IN FRANCHISE CASE

Dutch Yield to Demands of Teutons

LONDON, April 27.—Special dispatches from Dutch sources today declared that Holland has yielded to one of Germany's demands—the use of the railway across Limburg—but has stipulated that it shall not be used for military traffic.

HOLLAND NOW FACES SERIOUS WAR CHOICE

BY ED L. KEEN
United Press Correspondent
LONDON, April 27.—Diplomatic information from Holland emphasizes the extreme gravity of the German-Holland situation. Germany has made demands which mean the abandonment of Holland's neutrality if she yields. The questions here are: "Will she yield?" "What will Germany do if she does not yield?"

DUTCH, WITH ALLIES WOULD CHANGE WHOLE WAR ASPECT

BY J. W. T. MASON
United Press War Expert
NEW YORK, April 27.—The entire offensive plans of the allies may be changed overnight, to the overwhelming disadvantage of Germany, if the military diplomats in Berlin compel Holland to enter the war to defend her sovereign rights.

Gen. Pershing Joins Church, Paper Declares

MILWAUKEE, April 27.—Gen. Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Force, has joined the Protestant Episcopal church in England recently, according to the "Living Voice Episcopal Weekly," published here. It was said the general entered the church because his late wife was a member of the denomination.

DUTCH OFFICIALS HOLD SECRET CONFERENCE

THE HAGUE, April 27.—The premier and foreign minister held a conference with political leaders last night, before going into secret session. The commander-in-chief has ordered leave of absence stopped in the army and navy.

"ISN'T SERIOUS," SAY HOLLAND LEGATION MEN

WASHINGTON, April 27.—That Germany has not served an ultimatum on Holland on the question of free transportation of supplies thru that country was the declaration of Dutch legation officials here today. Contrary to the statement of the Dutch premier this week, legation officials here declared negotiations "have not yet assumed serious proportions."

TAFT WILL FIRE NEW LIBERTY LOAN SHELL

CLEVELAND, O., April 27.—Former President Taft is in Cleveland to fire another Liberty Loan broadside, following that of Secretary Baker last night.

Liberty Day has passed, but the struggle for Liberty continues. We are still under our maximum Liberty Loan quota. Have you done your best?

HANSON GIVES HOT REPLY TO S. E. CO. PLAINT

Company Files Complaint Shipyard Train Leaves Street Cars Empty
MAYOR PUTS QUERIES

"Every one knows that if there are any cars empty, the traction company can send them out on a dozen crowded lines in this city and fill them up. Hundreds of people stand daily, and hundreds more are late to work, while over 100 cars remain idle in the barns of the traction company." This was the reply of Mayor Hanson to the complaint of the traction company, filed yesterday with the railway committee in charge of the new steam train to the shipyards. The complaint charges that many persons not employees of the shipyards were riding on the steam trains, and that "extra cars provided to handle the traffic on street car lines were moving practically empty."

DOUBLES WAR BOND; OTHERS FOLLOW SUIT

"Railway men all over the state are doubling their Liberty Bond subscriptions," declared J. A. Moore, N. P. railway man, today. "Reports keep coming to me from different parts of the state."

WEATHER MAN WON'T PROMISE FAIR WEATHER

Weatherman Salisbury won't promise sunshine for tomorrow, so don't pack your picnic basket tonight. He says the weather for Sunday is uncertain.

11 MEN ARRESTED IN PROBE OF LYNCHING

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., April 27.—Eleven men, indicted for murder in connection with the lynching of Robert Prager at Collinsville, Ill., were under arrest today.

JAPAN TO GIVE MORE TONNAGE FOR ALLIED USE

TOKYO, April 27.—Japan has decided officially to assist the allies by supplying as much as possible of their ship tonnage requirements. Within six months there will be placed at the disposal of the United States 23 vessels, aggregating 151,166 tons.

TELEGRAPHERS READY TO "PASS THE BUCK"

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Commercial telegraphers were to meet here today with Edward White, commissioner of immigration, to talk over their grievances against the companies. White will then confer with the employers.

Why Not a Consumer as Fuel Administrator?

Why not have a consumer as the new fuel administrator of this state? The Star puts this question squarely up to you, Fuel Administrator David Whitcomb. Soon you will leave for Washington, D. C., to take up your new duties as executive secretary to National Administrator Garfield. You will be close to the man who will name the new fuel controller in this state. It will be upon your suggestion, no doubt, that the appointment will be made.

The state of Washington will hold you responsible for your successor. What will you do? Will you give the consumer the place he is entitled to? For you must remember this: The King County Fuel Administrator is John C. Higgins, a corporation attorney. The district representative, D. C. Bottling, is stepping right out of the Washington Coal Operators' association into his new job.

These men, sincere and patriotic though they are, cannot cast off their viewpoint of years in a few minutes. This viewpoint is the profit-making one. In spite of themselves, they will tackle the fuel problem very largely from that view. It is absolutely necessary, therefore, in fairness and in justice, that the other viewpoint be also adequately represented in the fuel administration of this state.

IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A MAN AS FUEL ADMINISTRATOR WHO WILL WEIGH COAL IN TERMS OF ONE TON PER AVERAGE FAMILY WITH AS MUCH CONSIDERATION AS THOUSANDS OF TONS PER AVERAGE MINE OWNER. When you get that viewpoint combined with that of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Bottling, you will strike a good, honest balance, Mr. Whitcomb.

Prices of coal and wood have been going up at an enormous rate. In some instances they are double the prices of a year ago, when the government did NOT fix prices.

This condition makes it all the more imperative to have the buyer as well as the seller of coal adequately represented in the price fixing body. IT WOULD MEAN GREATER CONFIDENCE IN THE FUEL ADMINISTRATION, MR. WHITCOMB.

SECRETARY OF OPERATORS TO BE COAL BOSS

D. C. Bottling, commissioner for the Washington Coal Operators' association and secretary of the Coal Products association, has been made district representative of the bureau of distribution under the state fuel administrator. Bottling was for many years an employe of the Pacific Coast company at Black Diamond and was made mine inspector by Gov. A. E. Mead and later by Gov. Hay.

Star Movie Man Sure Kept Busy

Just how the record-breaking steamer West Lianga looked when she slipped down the ways—Campus day at the University of Washington—Select service men leaving Seattle—Cecile Barron, who was Joan of Arc in Friday's parade—These are just some of the events in The Star-Liberty movie that goes on the screen Sunday.

CONVICTED EIGHTH TIME

Eva Wells, much convicted of illegal dealings in alcoholic beverages, was sentenced guilty for the eighth time Saturday morning by Judge Boyd Tallman. She was fined \$100 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

PAVING AND 2 PER CENT TAX MUST BE PAID

Dykeman, After Six Months, Decides Against Traction Interests
RULING IS SIGNIFICANT

The Seattle Electric company must stand the cost of paving between its tracks and pay \$64,000 to the city, a 2 per cent tax on gross earnings. This was the significance of a decision handed down by Superior Court Judge King Dykeman Saturday morning, after six months' deliberation.

The city won a complete victory by two decisions, on which will bear many other cases. The demurrer filed by the traction company to the city's suit for collection of 2 per cent of gross earnings of the traction company was overruled by Judge Dykeman.

When Judge Mackintosh was in the King county superior court he refused to rule on the paving case until the public service commission had passed on the traction company's application to be released from paving and franchise taxes.

PREMIER AGAIN WANTS TO QUIT EMPEROR KARL

ZURICH, April 27.—Dr. Von Seidler, Austrian premier, has resigned again, according to Austrian advices today. It is rumored that the Austrian crown council will be convoked.

CHARGE POLICE FRAUD IN CASE OF T. J. MOONEY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Charges of "willful fraud" and "willful nonfeasance and malfeasance" were made against the district attorney and police of San Francisco in a motion filed in Superior Judge Griffin's court today by attorneys for Thomas J. Mooney.

CALL MAY DAY STRIKE

ZURICH, April 27.—A May day strike in Austria, Hungary, has been decided upon, it was learned today.

Nation Must Yet Raise Nine Billion

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Official reports of the result of Liberty Day subscriptions show that the canvass for the Liberty Loan boosted the total sales to \$2,113,988,000. This leaves \$9,000,000,000 to be subscribed.

WANTS HELP ON PLAN TO THROW ELECTRICITY

Corporal Sam Sarr, Company L, 14th infantry, would like to know how to "throw electricity from one place to another."

Enemy Held in Check!

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FLANDERS, April 27.—There is a comparative calm on the Flanders front, following a tempestuous three days. But the fighting may start again at any moment.

Field Marshal Hindenburg has brought Gen. Sieger up from the Verdun region to help around Kemmel. Under him are five divisions (60,000 men).

Gen. Von Eberhardt, with another five divisions, is at his left. Together, these ten divisions hammered away yesterday, making only slight headway after the capture of Kemmel.

Sieger tried to advance toward Ypres, astride the Ypres-Comines canal, but the British countered, retaking lost ground and establishing strong posts.

Von Eberhardt's "hill men," hurled out of Dranoutre four times, were unable to push on after occupying the place in a fifth charge.

Likewise, they were too exhausted, after taking Kemmel, to succeed in turning Mount Scherpenberg.

Thruout the Ypres front, the German guns thunder. Local shelling keeps up elsewhere. The weather continues threatening. The ground is unusually dry.

HUNDREDS OF FOES NABBED BY BRITONS

LONDON, April 27.—"The enemy is held everywhere," Field Marshal Haig announced today. "On the whole front north of the Lys the fighting yesterday was of the severest character. Repeated enemy attempts to develop their advantage of the previous day failed."

Following many hours of fluctuating battle, the enemy's advance was blocked, with heavy casualties to them. "Along the Hangard-Bretonneux line we advanced our positions at certain points."

Hostile attacks with tanks were broken up and failed to develop. "From Loere to La Clytte the German assaults against the French positions were pressed with extreme violence. After three attacks were beaten off with great loss, the Germans carried Loere village."

6,500 ALLIES TAKEN IS CLAIM OF TEUTONS

LONDON, April 27.—The Germans claim to be within two miles of Ypres. The Berlin war office in its day report statement declared that "the large crater of St. Eloi and the place itself" were captured.

St. Eloi is two miles directly south of Ypres on the road from Wytshate. In storming Mont Kemmel and the village of Kemmel, the enemy also claimed to have progressed to Kemmel brook, half a mile northward. Allied prisoners taken Thursday were said to total 6,500.

Field Marshal Haig, in his night report, said that fighting is continuing on the whole front north of the Lys river, from the neighborhood of Dranoutre to the Ypres-Comines canal, a distance of seven miles. He admitted the capture of Dranoutre, Kemmel and Mont Kemmel. Nine divisions (108,000 men) were used by the enemy in Thursday's attack, he said.

All German attacks in the region of the La Clytte and Mont Scherpenberg were held, but the British line was forced back in the direction of Loere, a mile and a quarter west of Kemmel, and on both sides of the Ypres-Comines canal.

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