

BRITISH IN COUNTER ATTACKS CAPTURED 109 MACHINE GUNS AND REPULSED THE GERMANS

TIDE OF BIG BATTLE TURNING IN FAVOR OF ALLIED FORCES

On Northern End of Battle Front the German Advance Has Been Stopped And on Southern End the French Are Smashing Fierce Attacks

VERY VIOLENT FIGHTING SOUTH TO GAIN NORTH

French and British Troops Broke Up the Assaulting Waves of Germans North of Montdidier and Farther South Repulsed Attacks on Grivesnes

Made Two Attacks on British Positions on the Western Outskirts of Albert — They Made but Little Progress to the South of the Somme

Paris, April 1.—The battle continued with extreme violence last night north of Montdidier, large bodies of troops being thrown in by the Germans. The war office announces that the French and British troops broke up the assaulting waves. Farther south the fighting was no less violent, the Germans making incessant attacks in an effort to capture Grivesnes. The French retained possession of the town and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans.

London, April 1.—The Germans made two attacks on British positions in the western outskirts of Albert last evening but were repulsed, the war office announced today. South of the Somme the enemy persisted in attempting to advance along the Luce and Aye valleys but made little progress. The British took 109 machine guns in an attack near Serre Saturday.

BRITISH REGAINED SOME TERRITORY EAST OF ARRAS

In Local Attack They Took Stretch of Land 1,500 Yards Long and 200 Yards in Depth at Point Where German Effort Has Been Made.

GERMAN PRINCE DIED AT HEAD OF HIS TROOPS

Prince Emich Ernest of Leiningen Was Leading German Grenadiers, Says a German Newspaper—He Was Only 22 Years of Age.

COLLEGE GIRLS HELP FARMING. Various New England Organizations Are Organizing Units.

Boston, April 1.—Hundreds of New England college girls, eager to help Uncle Sam win the war, are organizing agricultural units to aid in cultivating and harvesting the record crops that are planned for this section of the country this year. The movement is in charge of the Farm association in co-operation with the state board of agriculture. At Wellesley college squads of young women, twenty to a squad, will see through the crops on an adjacent farm from planting to harvesting time. Miss Catherine Hughes, daughter of Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president in the last national election, is a member of one squad. The land which the Wellesley girls will till comprises about seventy acres and is located near the college. From the volunteers for farm service work a number of young women will be selected to maintain one of the smaller buildings on the college grounds where they and the tillers of the soil will live during the summer. Smith college has organized a large farm unit, under the direction of Miss Josephine A. Clarke, head librarian. Fifty undergraduates and alumnae of the last three classes will make up the unit. It will be named after the "Hill Top," Miss Clarke's fifty-acre place at Chesterfield, where crops will be raised. Radcliffe college too will have a farm unit. A committee on student volunteers, of which Miss Priscilla Ring is chairman, is working out organization plans. These include the leasing of a nearby farm. In preparation for the summer's work many of the Radcliffe students are taking a free course on vegetable raising. Scores of young women students in other New England institutions of learning are making ready to lead the advance guard of women back to the farms, many of them to take the places of men called to the colors.

BOYS WANTED FOR BURGLARY. Entered Store of T. W. Hale & Co. at Fairfield Week Ago.

St. Albans, April 1.—Officers are on the watch for Anthony Brennan of Fairfield and another boy, who are wanted on the charge of burglarizing the store of T. W. Hale & Co. in Fairfield a week ago last night. Brennan was sent to the state industrial school at Vergennes last December for forging checks on Mr. Hale. After State's Attorney McEeters' investigation of the burglary, it began to attract attention that Brennan turned to Burlington boys by the names of Robarge and L. Tuttle, had escaped from the industrial school about a week ago. It is said Brennan and one of the boys came to Fairfield and stopped in the school house Sunday night, Monday going to the home of Brennan's foster father, Michael Brennan. When investigation was made it was found that the boys left there and are still at large. Part of the stolen property was recovered at the Brennan house.

CAPTURED BY GERMANS. Large Part of Y. M. C. A. Shipment Sent to the Front Line.

Paris, Sunday, March 31.—Equipment valued at more than \$20,000, sent by the American army Y. M. C. A. to the British front for use of the American railway engineers and other American units, virtually all has fallen into the hands of the Germans.

NO STRIKE CALLED. But Carpenters Failed to Show Up on Government Work.

Norfolk, Va., April 1.—A large percentage of the union carpenters employed on government construction at the army and naval bases here failed to go to work today. The union leaders said no strike had been called, although the men had demanded a wage increase.

LONG RESIDED IN BERLIN. Albert Cummings Died in Waterbury at Age of 82.

Waterbury, April 1.—The funeral of Albert Cummings, a long-time resident of Berlin, was held Saturday. Rev. Verne L. Smith officiating. Mr. Cummings was born in Berlin 82 years ago and lived on the same farm for 60 years. He then went to St. Johnsbury, where he lived a short time, and recently came to Waterbury. His wife died four years ago, and he leaves one son, Alvin Cummings, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one sister, Mrs. George Richardson of Barre.

SECOND WAR EASTER HAD MILITARY SIDE

Observance of the Day in Barre Churches Was Accompanied by Many Patriotic Allusions.

Imbued with a strong intermingling of patriotic and spiritual sentiments was the observance of Easter in Barre yesterday, and while its spiritual side was given the greater emphasis, thoughts of Easter and the resurrection it commemorates were inevitably bound up with the titanic struggle to which America has dedicated herself. Until Easter, 1917—our first war Easter—war and the risen Redeemer signified ideas easily dissociated, but the anomaly has lost its strangeness. Far more than in the Easter season of last year from the festive and a solemnity noted on accorded it in times of peace. Virtually every church congregation has contributed men to the service, and among the hundreds who thronged houses of worship in Barre yesterday were many, no doubt, in whom thoughts of loved ones over there would not dwindle.

It was essentially a war-time Easter, although in every church the festival was fittingly celebrated. Bracing spring weather favored large congregations and special musical programs and carefully prepared Easter homilies were not given before small groups of worshippers. Sometime in the night an hour was turned and the dawn of Easter, 1918, found churchgoers astounded earlier than usual. The weather climaxed a succession of warm days, and a mounting sun shone brightly. Time slipped forward a cog, but so far as Barre and the church observance of Easter was concerned people moved with it and without any disturbance in their activities.

If the war was wedded in a spiritual sense with the Easter observance, it also tended to strip from the secular aspects of the occasion some of their military appurtenances. Much that formerly went for springtime or Easter apparel had been hushed for the exacting demands of the future, or has been diverted to war causes. It is not to be doubted that in some instances the grim conflict in which the nation is engaged has had a sobering effect on a relatively small corner of society which hitherto regarded Easter solely for its dress-parade opportunities. At any rate the show of finery seemed less conspicuous than in other years.

BARRE SAVING DAYLIGHT. People Are Getting Adjusted to the New System.

Barre adjusted itself smoothly to the inauguration of the daylight saving change. But for a few scattering sun doggers, the city's population was dedicating the early part of Easter to Morpheus, the well known god of dreams, when the transformation took place Sunday morning. Merely by moving the clock ahead, people engaged in the change themselves. Church-going was not retarded to any large extent by the change and along toward night folks found to their great delight that an extra precious hour of daylight was theirs to be used as they should see fit. The same experience is being reported in other parts of the country. In October, for the most part church services were in accord with the change. At St. Monica's many worshippers at the two morning masses had to wait an hour after their arrival at the church. The services were timed to the old standard, although it was announced the new time would be used next Sunday.

DRAFTED MEN LEAVE TO-MORROW. F. Tetteamenti of Barre Will Not Go as Planned.

Owing to the fact that F. Tetteamenti of Barre is not fully qualified for service under new regulations in the draft, he will not go with the drafted men Tuesday morning, but Elisea Gomez of Albert, Ga., whose registering place was Barre, will go in his place. Gomez has been notified to come direct to Camp Devens, so there will be but 16 men to leave Washington county Tuesday morning. The other man will be Charles J. Woods of Northfield, Mass., who is credited to Northfield. He will go direct to Camp Devens without the expense of coming to Vermont.

TALK OF THE TOWN. Miss Ruth Houston of Maple Avenue Left Saturday for Boston, where she will visit for a week with friends.

Sergt. Lauraine Densmore returned this forenoon to Northfield, where he is pursuing a special course at Norwich university, after spending the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denison Densmore of Ayr street. Notice: Which those who bought goods at the auction please call and settle for same at stable Monday and Tuesday of this week, as I shall be there to collect all outstanding bills; after that, at 15 Liberty street. James Gow.

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KING GEORGE BRAVED PERIL

Went into the Zone of Shell-fire on Visit to the Battle Front

GAVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO SOLDIERS

On Return to England He Praised the British Army

London, April 1.—King George, on returning from a visit to the battle front, sent a message to Field Marshal Haig in which he praised the British army and expressed his gratitude.

With the British Army in France, Sunday, March 31 (By Associated Press).—King George on a visit to the British front the past week went about quietly giving words of thanks and encouragement. Many times he was well within the zone of shellfire.

EIGHT BUSINESS BLOCKS BURNED AT ATLANTIC CITY

Crossed Wires Are Believed to Have Been Cause of \$300,000 Fire Which Started in Oliver H. Guttridge Building.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 1.—Fire which started in the Oliver H. Guttridge building on Atlantic avenue today destroyed eight business buildings with a loss of \$300,000. Crossed electric wires are believed to have been the cause.

MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES

At Funeral of Edgar G. Ericson Held Saturday Afternoon.

The funeral of Edgar G. Ericson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Ericson of 20 Nichols street, who died in Bridgeport, Conn., of pneumonia, was held in the Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. Lehigh officiating. Burial was in Hope cemetery, the bearers being Clarence and Roger Ericson, brothers of the deceased. George Nelson, Edward Berg, Verner Anderson and George Thoren.

SENT TO INSTITUTION. Miss Bertha Merrill of Northfield Ordered Committed.

In probate court today Miss Bertha Merrill of Northfield was ordered committed to the home for feeble-minded in Brandon, upon the petition of F. A. Jones of Northfield. Her father is J. H. Merrill, recently returned to state's prison by Washington county court. Both were town charges, but Miss Merrill had been able to do housework for the past few months. The court found she was unable to care for herself.

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VICE CRUSADER MURDERED

Harry Cohen Had Been in Conference with District Attorney

IN MOVE TO BLOT OUT GAMBLING

He Was Shot To-day in West 92d Street in New York

New York, April 1.—A man identified as Harry Cohen, who had been in conference with District Attorney Swann in connection with a crusade against gambling, was shot in West 92d street today and died in a hospital. Cohen, known as "Harry the Yot," was to have informed the district attorney today of the name of the "man higher up" in gambling activities. Swann immediately ordered the apprehension of Sam Schepps, who was one of the prosecution's star witnesses against Charles Becker, the police lieutenant executed for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, in 1912.

Schepps and two men with him when the police visited his jewelry shop on Sixth avenue were taken into custody a few hours after the shooting. The police declare that Schepps is a friend of the deceased and with two men, was arrested last week on information furnished by Cohen, according to the police.

Cohen, who is said to have been identified with the so-called gambling ring, was summoned from his apartment by an unidentified man. When he reached the hallway the man fired several shots and fled.

According to Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, Cohen for several weeks has been a secret informer. He telephoned the prosecutor some time ago that he had been "trimmed at a crooked wheel" in a hotel, and he volunteered his services in a gambling crusade. Early today he telephoned Smith, asking him to meet him on the street this afternoon, saying: "I've got the goods on the main man."

Information that the gamblers, whom the district attorney is fighting, had gunmen ready to kill any informer was placed in Swann's possession Saturday night, the prosecutor announced, by a man whose identity he could not now reveal and who had been a gambler for 25 years. This man said to Swann: "You've got us licked" and gave valuable information in the form of a confession.

A negro hall boy, who saw the shooting, told the police that he saw money passed between Cohen and the murderer but was not certain which received the money.

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NEW GRANITE FIRM ACQUIRES A PLANT

Cook & Watkins Manufacturing Co., Inc. to Begin Operations in the Brown, Carroll & Co. Stoneshed Off Depot Square.

A new granite manufacturing concern made its debut in the Barre industry today with the announcement that the firm of Brown, Carroll & Co. had disposed of its plant in Depot square to the Cook & Watkins Manufacturing Co., Inc. Possession is to be given within a few days. John F. Cook, whose name has been long identified with the sale of Barre granite, is the president of the company, which is capitalized at \$50,000. Bradford C. Patch of Boston is the vice-president, and Riley Burgess of this city is the secretary-treasurer and general manager. The business of the corporation will be entirely separate from the wholesale firm of Cook, Watkins & Co., which has offices in Barre, Boston and Aberdeen.

All three men are thoroughly familiar with the granite industry, the most active in the practical workings of the business being Mr. Burgess, who for seven years was engaged as a superintendent at the plant of Jones Bros. Immediately the corporation proposes to begin work on a sizeable annex to the west end of the plant they have purchased. The deal carries with it a considerable area of land, and the addition will be erected for the purpose of housing a granite saw and polishing works in order that the company may handle large monumental jobs. The company is incorporated under the laws of Vermont.

Others interested in the transaction are C. A. Brown and Lieut. G. S. DeMerrill. Since the former purchased the interest in the business formerly held by John and Thomas Carroll, Lieut. DeMerrill has been a member of the firm of Brown, Carroll & Co. Mr. Brown has been in the granite business, either as a wholesale representative or a manufacturer, since 1904. With the Carroll brothers he moved from Blackwell street a few years ago into a new shed erected in Depot square. In February, 1917, Carroll brothers sold their share and Lieut. DeMerrill became associated with Mr. Brown. Previously he had conducted a business of his own in Burnham's meadow. As the deal completed today does not involve the transfer of the firm name and books, Brown, Carroll & Co. will continue to do business elsewhere in Barre in as large a way as before in leased quarters for the present.

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TWO TRAINMEN DIED IN FLAMES

When Fast Freight Collided with Standing Train at West Rutland, Mass.

BRAKEMAN HAD A LEG BURNED

Fire Broke Out When Engine Plowed into the Loose

Rutland, Mass., April 1. Conductor L. M. Steadham and brakeman H. Tucker were burned to death early this morning in a fire which started after a fast freight on the Boston & Maine railroad crashed into the caboose of a local freight that was standing at the station in West Rutland. Brakeman J. Hequities suffered a broken leg.

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