

# BRITISH ABANDON YPRES SALIENT

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#### NATION CELEBRATES LIBERTY DAY

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 HUN DRIVE COMPELS BRITISH EVACUATION YPRES SALIENT  
 LONDON, Via Seattle, April 26, 12:15 p. m.—Reports reaching the British War Office late this morning announce that the Germans have captured Kemmel Hill southwest of Ypres after a terrific drive with overwhelming forces.  
 DATELESS (Associated Press Summary)—German possession of Kemmel Hill, (four miles southwest of Ypres) means that the British forces have been compelled to abandon to Ypres salient along which the Franco-British forces have been fighting for the past two years.  
 Reports reaching the British War Office fail to indicate the extent of the British retirement north of Hollbeke but indications point to the probable withdrawal of the British to positions west of the Ypres Canal. The relinquishment of the salient is the most serious reverse sustained by the British in the Flanders front since the early stages of the war, but the possession of Ypres is matter of little vital importance.  
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along a ten mile front extending from Baileul to Hollbeke and were finally compelled to give ground under the terrific pressure. The Franco-British retirement along this front resulted in the Germans advancing a short distance and enabling them to gain a slight foothold on Kemmel Hill.  
 On the front south of the Somme, the German positions southeast of Villiers, Bretonneux were recaptured by the British and French forces and were cleared up after sharp fighting.  
 The report declares the Germans suffered fearful losses in their desperate attempts to advance.  
 French Counter Attacking to Regain Positions  
 WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE FIELD, April 26—The French forces on the northern front are fiercely attacking the Germans in the region of Kemmel Hill in an attempt to reclaim the positions wrested away from them by the Germans in the terrific fighting along the Baileul-Hollbeke sector yesterday.  
 Reports reaching British headquarters characterize the fighting yesterday as of the most desperate nature imaginable, the Germans employing immense numbers of men in continually advancing waves of infantry.  
 The German charges made but slight impression on the British lines defending the flanks of the sector occupied by the French, but the latter were finally compelled to give way under the weight of overwhelming forces and retired to new positions south and east of Kemmel.  
 The reports say the enemy gains were made only at a fearful cost in casualties.

Special to the Nugget by Associated Press:  
 WASHINGTON, April 26—Liberty Day opened today with a total of \$1,956,776,659 subscribed to the third Liberty Loan, according to the Federal Reserve reports reaching the Treasury Department.  
 The Treasury officials expect a big increase in the loan total as a result of the nation wide demonstration taking place today in honor of Liberty Day.  
 President Wilson made his second subscription to the Liberty Loan at the theatre last night, taking two thousand dollars of the third loan bonds. The President made his first subscription for one thousand dollars in the same theatre a fortnight ago.  
 The officials in charge of the Liberty Loan Campaign program announced today that a large number of the third Liberty Loan posters have been sent to General Pershing in France with instructions that they be dropped by aeroplanes behind the German lines to show the Teutons that the American people are meeting the response of the government at a rate that bodes no good to Kaiserism.  
 Aviators today bombarded the capital with Liberty Loan pamphlets and the same spectacular method of advertising the loan was also pursued at several of the larger centers in various parts of the country.  
 Thousands paraded Pennsylvania Avenue in a great Liberty Loan demonstration today and throughout the nation speakers are urging the people to buy bonds. Reports from all sections indicate a wide increase in the volume of purchases going on today and the officials believe that the total will go well above two billion dollars as a result of the celebration.

Special to the Nugget By Associated Press  
 Teutons Fall In Amiens Drive  
 LONDON, April 26—Although exerting their maximum strength in tremendous efforts to batter a hole through the Franco-British lines during the past thirty six hours, the Germans have been unable to make material advances against any section of the allied front, aside from a small and inconsequent gain in the region of Kemmel Hill on the northern battle front.  
 Dispatches from the front reaching the War Office this morning announce that the Germans obtained a footing on the southern slopes of Kemmel Hill on the Northern front after desperate fighting enduring throughout the day yesterday but made no progress in their determined drive against the Franco-British lines on the southern front. During the course of the fighting in the region about Villiers Bretonneux, the Germans were compelled to give up much captured ground by British counter attacks and darkness found them losers rather than gainers in that region. The Teutons are still holding the ruined village but the British are today in possession of the greater part of the ground captured by the Germans during the terrific fighting yesterday.  
 The statement of the British commander asserts that the allies were yesterday engaged throughout the day with vastly superior Teuton forces

Heavy Artillery Battle Raging South Of Somme  
 PARIS, April 26—The almost complete repulse of their efforts to advance in the region south of the Somme yesterday, has caused the Germans to abandon their infantry attacks along the Hangard-Villiers Bretonneux line. Reports from the front this morning announce that heavy artillery actions are in progress along that sector, all the infantry attacks having been suspended during the night, after the Teutons had lost great numbers of men in their hard drives north and south of Hangard and in the region around Villiers Bretonneux.  
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Special to the Nugget By Associated Press  
 PARIS, April 26—That one of the great German long range guns hidden in the depths of the Forest of St Gobain, southeast of Laon, has been destroyed and will no longer send its destructive missiles into the outskirts of Paris, but that another one is being installed, was the declaration made by Deputy Charles Leboucq today following an investigation of the French War Office officials relative to the mighty artillery pieces.  
 Deputy Leboucq asserts that one of the great guns has unquestionably been destroyed, either by being blown up by its own charge or by the shells thrown into the forest recesses by the French heavy artillery which has been ceaselessly engaged in trying to search out the hiding places of the concealed monsters.  
 It is definitely ascertained, however, that the Germans are constructing new gun emplacements in the Gobain forest and it is presumed that another of the big guns is to be installed.  
 Leboucq declares the Germans have adopted every possible precaution to prevent the location of the great rifles being discovered.  
 One of the methods of concealment adopted is to fire ten other guns at the precise moment of firing one of the big guns, thus preventing its location being revealed by the sound of the mighty discharge.

### WOUNDED AMERICANS HAVE MIRACULOUS ESCAPE NEAR SEICHEPREY

Special to the Nugget by Associated Press:  
 WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES, April 26—Reports arriving from the American sector east of St Mihiel announce the almost miraculous escape of two wounded American soldiers after being bottled up in a cave in dugout between the battle lines since the American engagement with the Germans in the vicinity of Seicheprey Saturday last.  
 Arrivals from the front report that the wounded Americans were found alive in a partly ruined dugout in the middle of No Man's Land by an American patrol party reconnoitering between the lines.  
 The men were both in bad physical condition as a result of their wounds and confinement but it is thought both will recover.  
 During the entire period of their confinement the men had subsisted only on the small army emergency ration. Both were severely wounded in the engagement around Seicheprey Saturday and made their way into the abandoned dugout between the lines for shelter. German shells falling on the upheaved area of No Man's Land later smashed in a section of the dugout but the Americans sustained no further injuries.  
 The dugout was so badly smashed by the German shells that the Amer-

icans were unable to escape in their wounded state and were compelled to stay until belated rescue reached them yesterday.  
 The American army physicians say the fact that the men managed to keep alive can be considered as little short of a miracle in view of their wounds, scant nourishment and the German shells falling around the destroyed dugout in which they were confined.  
 Details of the Seicheprey engagement indicate that the Americans were outnumbered seven and eight to one in some cases but fought with the most desperate valor until the Germans were forced to retire to their own lines.  
 The latest reports also indicate that the American losses were considerably smaller than at first reported.  
 Officers and men returning from the front declare that the Germans deliberately fired on the American Red Cross field hospital during the battle, their artillery several times dropping shells in close proximity to the hospital in an evident attempt to destroy it.  
 NEW FORM PLACER LOCATION CERTIFICATES NOW READY  
 (Revised and corrected May 1, 1918, and for sale by the NOME NUGGET.)

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 SEATTLE, April 26—Representatives of the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and others interested in the development of the Alaska fisheries appeared before the American-Canadian Fisheries conference yesterday and delivered a strong urge to the government to establish a big American fishing fleet in Alaskan waters.  
 The advocates of the plan told the conferees that a government fishing fleet of the character suggested would be the best possible training school for the future powerful American merchant marine, in addition to being of immense value to the national naval forces.  
 The claim was also made by several of the speakers that Alaska will soon be the main source of the national food fish supply and strongly urged that the government keep this great industry in American hands.

### WILL CALL QUOTA IN MAY AND JUNE

Special to the Nugget By Associated Press  
 WASHINGTON, April 26—The War Department has issued an announcement through Provost Marshal General Crowder that the Territory of Alaska will be called upon in May and June for its allotted quota of six hundred and ninety six army draft registrants for army service.  
 The Provost Marshal General at the same time announced that the men selected from the list of draft registrants in the northern Territory will be placed in training for service at Ft Wm Seward, and other Alaskan army posts.  
 (In response to an enquiry, Judge Lomen, Chairman of the local exemption board informed a Nugget representative that the board is in receipt of a wire stating that for all future purposes on the part of all Local Boards in Alaska, Ft Wm Seward and other forts in the Territory to which Alaska's quota will be sent will be considered the nearest mobilization camp. The message, however, makes no reference to the time the draft selections will be made. This probably means that our own boys will be mobilized and may receive at least a portion of their preliminary training at Ft Davis.—Ed.)

TWELFTH RESERVE DISTRICT HAS SUBSCRIBED HUNDRED FIFTY NINE MILLION  
 Special to the Nugget By Associated Press  
 SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—Liberty Loan subscription returns reaching the loan campaign headquarters in this city last night bring the total subscription of the district to one hundred and fifty nine million, two hundred ninety eight thousand, eight hundred dollars. The quota of the district is two hundred and fifty million.  
 REDFIELD LEAVES FOR CANADA AND ALASKA  
 Special to the Nugget By Associated Press  
 SEATTLE, April 26—Secretary Redfield left for Victoria and Prince Rupert today on board the revenue cutter Cedar, after attending the initial meeting of the American-Canadian fisheries conference conferees.  
 After attending the hearings to be held at Victoria and Prince Rupert, secretary Redfield will proceed to Ketchikan.  
 Before his departure, Redfield promised to meet Governor Riggs in the north and may visit the new Alaska executive at Juneau.  
 CHAMP CLARK DECLINES VACANT MISSOURI SENATORSHIP  
 Special to the Nugget By Associated Press.  
 WASHINGTON, April 26.—Speaker Champ Clark has definitely declined the offer of the Missouri senatorship to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Stone, which was tendered him yesterday by Governor Gardner. Friends of Clark announced today that he has wired the Missouri governor declining the proffer, preferring to retain his present position in the House.

ALASKA BUREAU URGES BIG GOV'T FISHING FLEET FOR ALASKA  
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