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FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRITISH FORCED TO GIVE GROUND

ALLIES ARE IN NEED OF MORE MEN DECLARES GEN. WOOD

Army of Four To Five Million Men Wanted in France

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Back from his visit to the western battle front, Major General Leonard Wood, in a statement before the senate military committee, declared that Allied military opinion was unanimous that the German offensive will fail. He greatly urged an increase to four million or five million men in America's army.

It was General Wood's opinion that the Germans on the western front are now numerically superior, both on the ground and in the air, but the Allies are in a better position.

While confident that the German offensive will be halted before the enemy gains any material objectives, he suggested that it may change warfare into an open contest, and recommended the training of American forces for open as well as for trench fighting.

The general was before the committee three hours and frankly discussed the situation. He stated that the French were disappointed at the size of the American army thus far in Europe, and recommended that immediate steps be taken to increase the American Expeditionary Forces to two and a half million men at the earliest possible moment, and that two and a half million more men be put into training at home.

He urged the speeding up of the war program, saying that no American artillery or airplanes were yet available for the use of Pershing's men, although thousands of aviators are now ready.

Commenting on the German offensive, he said he thought the German initial success had been greater than had been expected either by the Allies or the enemy, judged by the number of British guns reported captured. There was no possibility, he said, of the Germans attaining their apparent objectives, the channel ports, or threatening Paris.

German Advance Is Really a Reverse

By Associated Press. LONDON, March 25.—Commenting on the results of the German offensive, the Daily Chronicle says:

"Assuming that the German losses are at least 150,000, the enemy has sustained a reverse, for he has not obtained a strategical success directly conducing to a decision, while he has lost 8 or 10 per cent of his effectiveness without similarly lowering the efficiency of the Allies.

"This matters of the greatest importance for Germany at present, is at the critical moment when the man power pendulum is swinging in favor of the Allies. No weakness at the Anglo-French junction has yet been disclosed and the task before the enemy in the next few days of the battle is more formidable than that already accomplished."

FORMIDABLE OFFENSIVE

WASHINGTON, March 25.—A formidable enemy offensive will be launched on the Italian front as soon as natural conditions allows, says a dispatch from Rome.

Huns Are Losing Over 100,000 Men A Day in Battle

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Members of the Allied military mission said today that in the nature of the fighting on the western front the Germans must be losing at least 100,000 men a day. They made this deduction from the Germans' plan of massed attack, the number of troops they are employing and the strength of the Allied resistance.

The Allied losses, it was declared, would be far less than those of the Germans, because they are fighting on the defensive.

Day War Bulletins

The Germans claim the capture of Baupenne also that the Crown Prince forced a passage on the Somme below Ham and scaled the heights.

Germans captured Baupenne at a cost of forty thousand men.

Berlin claims capture of 45,000 prisoners, 600 guns and thousands of machine guns.

Capture of Irkutsk by 80,000 German prisoners in Siberia means that control of Trans-Siberian railway has fallen into German hands, says a dispatch to the New York Tribune.

Germany's losses estimated at 349,000 to 582,000.

President Wilson sent message to Haig congratulating him for holding back Germans.

Huns are checked at Somme.

Fresh battle now raging around Bapaume.

British repulse attacks south of Peronne, with French aiding on south.

U. S. guns drive Huns from two lines at Toul as Fritz hurls gas. For third successive day, Germans drop mustard fumes. Nine Sammies get U. S. war cross.

Paris laughs as giant gun drops shells on city today. Another air raid alarm sounded early this morning and four shots crashed into French capital, but populace gaily "kidd" cops who are awakened in drumming alarm. Monster battery suspected.

English outnumbered eight to one at start of drive. Masterly retreat of British is made against great odds. Germans are thrown back from Ham in a terrific counter-attack of Haig's men. Fifty German divisions identified in battle. Men given two days' rations and hurled over the top to death.

Enemy hurled back to east bank of river between Liecourt and Brie. Heavy firing in Flanders rocks houses on Kentish coast. German losses are frightful as English pour in machine gun fire.

The French on Saturday went to the assistance of the British and took over a sector of the fighting lines.

Fresh attacks of Germans have developed north and south of Bapaume, according to the latest news from the front.

On a fifteen mile front and closely following the center of the Somme the British have hurled the Germans back with terrific losses. This is the British third line of defense and regarded as practically impregnable.

U. S. Consul Treadwell has returned following the Volodga and under date March 20, reports that Petrograd is under German control.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 25.—American batteries on the Toul front subjected advanced position of Germans to an intense and destructive fire at intervals during the night. There was no infantry action. German batteries reply with gas shells and high explosives. At daybreak American observers flew over German lines photographing the positions that had been bombarded.

LONDON WAR OFFICE ADMITS TOMMIES ARE RETREATING

TWO TOWNS LOST IN FIGHTING; LOSSES OF THE ENEMY HEAVY

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 25.—The text of the evening official statement reads: "During morning of March 25, our troops on the front from Somme as far north as Vancourt had beaten off continuous heavy attacks with complete success. Heavy losses have been inflicted on the enemy by our artillery and machine guns, while our low-flying airplanes repeatedly attacked the enemies' advancing columns farther to the rear. Heavy attacks were delivered by fresh enemy troops in the afternoon, which enabled them to make progress west and southwest of Baupenne.

South of Peronne our troops have been pressed back in several places, slightly west of Somme, while farther south the enemy has succeeded in making progress and captured Nesle and Guiscard. French reinforcements are arriving in this neighborhood."

The British in their retreat defended every hill, ridge and fortification with great stubbornness, messages from German war correspondents say, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. The British artillery, it is added, splendidly sacrificed itself in covering the retreat, the batteries only breaking up when German storming troops arrived a few hundred yards from their positions. The British gunners then fired their last ammunition and retired.

Fighting of the most severe description has been taking place all day on the wide fronts south of Peronne and north of Bapaume, says Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight. "In both sectors the enemy attacked our positions in great strength with fresh forces, and in spite of the gallant resistance of our troops, forced us to give ground. German troops occupy Nesle and Bapaume, and heavy fighting continues," says the report.

HUNS LOSE HEAVILY

PARIS, March 25.—"French forces fighting south of St. Quentin and around Noyon, though retiring slowly, are carrying out strong counterattacks, inflicting heavy losses on the Germans," says the war office statement.

STILL THE MIGHTY CONFLICT RAGES WITH BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, March 25.—

This has been another day of the most desperate, sanguinary fighting along the whole front in the new battle zone. In the northern sector there has been no cessation in the awful work since yesterday morning. The Germans have continued to hurl great forces of infantry into the conflict, depending largely on the weight of numbers to overcome the increasing opposition offered by the heroically resisting British. On the northern wing of the offensive the enemy this morning brought up additional troops after an all-night struggle of the fiercest nature and renewed his efforts to break the British front in the region of Ervillers. To the south and near the center of the line, an equally strong attempt is being made by the invaders to extend the long narrow salient which they had pushed in south of Bapaume. These places are again the shambles in which the British machine gunners and riflemen exacted a terrible toll of death from the closely pressing enemy. The decision at all these centers is still in abeyance and the struggle goes on with unabated fury. The resistance of the British right wing has been particularly spectacular.

GERMAN LOSSES APPALLING

The Germans essayed crossing the Somme on rafts in the Nesle sector Saturday, but their forces were caught in a hail of artillery, machine gun and rifle fire and virtually wiped out. Yesterday the enemy succeeded in getting troops across in this manner and followed these advanced guards up with strong forces.

The battle today on the historic ground around Longville was perhaps the most spectacular of any along the

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People Get Excited Over False Report Put in Circulation

A report reaching this city yesterday afternoon from Phoenix, and which it was claimed was picked off the Western Union wire, caused a great deal of excitement, not alone in Prescott, but all over the county.

Investigation by The Journal-Miner showed that the report was entirely devoid of foundation and was not sent out by the Associated Press as had been represented. Instead of the British making immense gains and capturing or killing 800,000 Germans, including the Crown Prince, they were forced back at several points and lost two or more towns during the day's operations. These facts were made public by the British war office in its official statement issued last evening and therefore are authentic. The Journal-Miner desires to caution its readers and the public generally against taking any stock in street rumors or rumors coming from any but a reliable source. This paper will bulletin any news of consequence from the war zone and when it carries the seal of the Associated Press on it the people will know it is true.

Otherwise it is well to avoid placing any credence in street talk or rumors as nine times out of ten, like in the present instance, they prove unreliable.

The dispatch which caused all the useless commotion, was as follows: "British have regained and captured all ground lost yesterday, and captured and killed 182,000 including the Crown Prince. The British this morning had killed 150,000 by gas during the day and 200,000 trapped in the trenches vacated yesterday and blew up the trenches. Later 400,000 Germans were trapped and blown up, making about 800,000 Germans killed, wounded and captured in three days' fighting."

Two Engagements Of Prescott Belles Are Announced

Miss Louise Nelson's arrival in Prescott on Sunday was the first definite intimation to her friends of an engagement that has been suspected for some time. The happy news was verified at her home last evening, when she entertained with an informal announcement party. Mr. Charles Henry, formerly of Prescott, and now holding a responsible position with the Consolidated Arizona Smelting Company of Humboldt, is the prospective groom, and he is being showered with congratulations today. The wedding will take place in the near future and the happy couple will make their home in Humboldt.

The surprise of the evening came when the guests were invited to a prettily appointed table in the dining room. Here a second engagement was cleverly announced in rhyme, coupling the names of Miss Mabel Brisley and L. L. Berrien of Bisbee. Both Miss Nelson and Miss Brisley have been teaching in Bisbee this past year, and being room-mates it seemed a particularly happy event to make their announcements at the same time. Mr. Berrien is a capable mining engineer associated with the Shattuck Mining Company of Bisbee, where he has a host of friends. The wedding will be solemnized in Bisbee soon and it is there that they will make their future home.

PARISIANS SHRUG SHOULDERS AT SHELL FIRE

By Associated Press. PARIS, March 25.—The long range bombardment of Paris was resumed at 6:30 o'clock this morning but was interrupted after the second shot.

After a brief interval two more shells were fired. The bombardment was suspended at 9:10 o'clock. As was the case yesterday the people did not take to shelter. Cellars which were filled on Saturday remained empty this morning. Little interest was shown in the bombardment.

Soon after they were awakened by the first shot the people were brought to their windows by the rattling of drums. Policemen circulated through each quarter of the city introducing the new system of alarm, which is distinguished from the alarm in case of air raids. The police came in for a great amount of chaffing, the people being greatly amused at their lack of proficiency with the drumsticks.

This appeared to mark their limit of interest in the bombardment. Work was resumed under normal conditions. All the transportation lines were running. The streets were full of people whose sole object of conversation was the new battle of the Somme which is generally compared with Verdun.

DOING THEIR BIT

PARIS, March 25.—French troops are opposing the Germans in the Noyon region, having relieved the British there. Our troops began to intervene since the 22nd. The enemy artillery has been violent in the Courcy-Locvire region. Two surprise attacks east of Suippe failed. There has been great artillery activity between Avoncourt and the Vosges region. Attacks by enemy at dawn east of Ellmevey and east of Liadonvilliers were reduced with heavy losses.

SILVER

NEW YORK, March 25.—Silver 92 1/2 cents.

HOPE TO SILENCE SURPRISE GUN OF BOCHES

PARIS, March 25.—It is to be hoped that the gun which shelled Paris will very shortly be silenced, says the Figaro, which gives the following quotation from a man who was said to be in a position to know: "The 380 millimeter gun which bombarded Dunkirk two years ago from a distance of 25 miles was located by our airplanes and soon put out of action. The same methods will be adopted with regard to the 240 millimeter gun which has been bombarding Paris for the last two days. Since Saturday our airplanes have been looking for it and the fact that it stopped firing is due perhaps to their arrival. It will not be long before the gun is definitely placed; then its career will soon be over."

The military authorities, according to another morning newspaper, are convinced that the Germans are using two new guns, while Richard Araps, the military expert of L'Oeuvert, believes there is a whole battery of them.

SOMME RE-CAPTURED

NEW YORK, March 25.—The British have re-captured the Somme as a result of a French aid. The Evening Post states that the long range bombardment of Paris was resumed at 6:30 this morning, but only a few shots were fired, also that Americans have shelled the enemy on the Toul lines.

PRINCE HENRY KILLED

LONDON, March 25.—Prince Henry of Reuss, head of the younger branch of the Reuss family, has been killed in the fighting on the western front, according to a Central news dispatch quoting advice received from Berlin.

ADVANCE OF HUN WEDGE FAILS TO ALARM ALLIES

Yielding Line Of British Absorbs Shock Impetus

By Associated Press.

While the German wedge is still moving, its progress is not alarmingly rapid, as it was in the first rush of the Teutonic hordes. The yielding line, it is asserted, has absorbed the impetus of the shock, and weathered the storm remarkably well. Berlin claims that 45,000 prisoners and 600 guns have been taken. These were probably the units left to hold easier points to defend while the main portion of Field Marshal Haig's army fell back.

Battling for every point of vantage and giving ground only when overwhelmed by numbers and exacting a frightful toll of lives for every foot abandoned, the British line in Picardy is still intact. While the German onslaught gained ground at a number of points Monday there was no sign of disintegration in the British forces, which at many points, especially on the northern end of the line, are standing firm.

The German official report which tells of the defeat of the British and their retreat via Ypres would seem to indicate that the fighting is far north of the Somme battlefield. Largest gains made by Germans have been made west of St. Quentin, where they captured Nesle.

Cross the Somme

BERLIN, March 25.—"Crown Prince Rupprecht has with the armies of General von Buelow, and General von Dermarwitz, again defeated the enemy in the tremendous struggle near Baupenne, while the corps of General von Derberne and General Lindequist and General Kuehne have broken through their strong positions, northeast of Bapaume. The stubborn resistance of the enemy, which had been reinforced by fresh troops, was broken in the violent battle. The German Crown Prince with the army of General von Hutier forced a passage across the Somme. His victorious troops have in bitter fighting mounted the heights west of the Somme."

THIRD LOAN TO BE FOR THREE BILLIONS

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Secretary McAdoo announced tonight that the amount of the Third Liberty Loan will be \$3,000,000,000 at 4 1/2 per cent, and that all over-subscriptions would be accepted. Bonds of first loan bearing 3 1/2 per cent, and of the second loan bearing 4 per cent, may be converted into the new bonds, but those of the third loan will not be convertible into future issues, according to an announcement made by Secretary McAdoo.

SHOWING THEIR METLE

PARIS, March 25.—American engineers are in the thick of the fight doing excellent transportation work all along the line.