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SOUTH BEND NEWS-TIMES

New Slogan for South Bend—"SOUTH BEND, IND., AND PROUD OF IT"—Reply Made by South Bend Boy
GIVING HIS ADDRESS TO NEWSPAPER MEN IN THE TRENCHES AFTER FIRING THE FIRST AMERICAN SHOT AT THE GERMANS

THE WEATHER
Indiana—Fair and warmer tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer. Lower Michigan—Generally cloudy tonight and Tuesday, warmer tonight; warmer Tuesday in southeast portion.

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GERMAN HORDES OVERRUN RICH RUSS GRAIN DISTRICT

Berlin Says Dutch Will Resist Allies' Seizure of Ships

AMERICANS IN TRENCHES AT FIVE POINTS

Raid on March 11, Undertaken on Own Initiative and Without Allied Support, is Successful.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 18. — American troops now are in the front line trenches at five different points in France.

They are constantly in action and acquitting themselves creditably.

It can now be revealed for the first time that in their raid on March 11, not only did they act on their own initiative, but they penetrated the enemy trenches to a depth of 300 yards. They had no French support in this movement.

The general situation is improving along the western front from the allied viewpoint. British and French successes took place during the last week.

Inactivity Prolonged.

All this is distinctly emphasized in the weekly war review issued by the war department today. Throughout it breathes a most optimistic spirit. The review follows:

"The period of inactivity in the west is being prolonged. Though the raids now taking place would in the past have been considered important engagements, nevertheless, owing to the fact that they are merely of minor tactical value, they cannot be held to be major operations.

Preparations Go Ahead.

"While hostile preparations for an offensive in the west are not slackening, it is becoming more evident that the enemy will launch this offensive only if compelled to do so by the exigencies of the general strategic situation. While fresh German divisions are reported as moving in the west it is important to note that the density of enemy forces has nearly reached a point beyond which it will be impracticable to go, for should any large additional body of men be massed the chances are that the congestion of the lines of communication will become so great as to make it impossible to maintain the flexibility of maneuver which is so essential.

Sammies in Action.

"Our own forces in France have been constantly in action.

"Our troops are now in the trenches at five different points.

"This week we undertook our first assault against German positions unassisted by any allied contingent.

"At dawn on March 11, after a preliminary bombardment lasting three-quarters of an hour, we drove a highly successful raid against a German trench segment.

"Our men penetrated the German line to a depth of 300 yards. The enemy was driven off after a hand-to-hand fight whereupon our contingent returned to our lines.

"At three places in Lorraine American troops, acting in cooperation with small French detachments raided German trenches. Two of these operations were carried out simultaneously, each on a frontage of some 600 yards.

Reach Objectives.

"After a prolonged bombardment the attacking units were able to reach their objectives. Few of the enemy were found in the first line trenches and the attackers swept forward into the German second line.

"Our men remained for nearly an hour in the German positions and retired after inflicting much damage and capturing considerable quantity of material.

"There has been a decided increase in sniping, owing to more favorable weather conditions.

"Our artillery was also very active.

"We kept up a vigorous bombardment on the rear areas opposite our Toul sector.

"Near the Swiss border where another detachment of our men is in the trenches hostile bombardments were frequent.

Secretary in France.

"The arrival of our secretary of war in France is noted.

"During the past week the secretary has had interviews with the leading French authorities and is about to undertake a careful inspection of our schools, training areas, rest camps as well as those sectors of the front where our forces are in action.

LAUNCH FINAL DRIVE FOR OVERMAN MEASURE DURING PRESENT WEEK

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The administration forces today launched a final drive to bring about a decision on the hard fought Overman bill, granting the president the broadest powers to reconstruct the war government.

They were determined to keep the judiciary committee, having the measure under consideration, in session every day until a vote was reached. When the vote can be reached, therefore depends upon the tenacity and endurance of the opposition.

Sen. Overman in charge of the bill, was confident today that the vote was reached. When the vote can be reached, therefore depends upon the tenacity and endurance of the opposition.

Sen. Overman in charge of the bill, was confident today that the vote would be in favor of the administration. He calculated that it would have a margin of two votes.

SOUTH BEND TO OBSERVE FIRST WAR ANNIVERSARY

Parades Will be Feature of Celebration Arranged by Liberty Loan Committee.

Saturday, April 6, the first anniversary of America's entrance into the great world war for humanity, will be a national Flag day in honor of the event. As that date will also be the opening of the third Liberty loan campaign, the event will have a double significance. Announcement of the government's intention to celebrate our first year's participation in the great conflict in the above manner was made Monday morning in a letter received at the Liberty loan headquarters at the Indiana club.

Dennis to Plan Parades.

The parade feature of the day was Monday morning turned over to Maj. Fred Dennis, who has taken charge of the arrangements and will soon be ready to announce members of his committee appointed from the different civic, fraternal, labor, social clubs of the city. The automobile parade consisting of 400 or more automobiles decorated for the occasion will be held at 10 o'clock. It was originally intended to have that feature of the celebration at 1 p. m., but it was moved up to the morning to allow a parade in the afternoon of the different organizations, school children, Red Cross nurses and the four bands of the county. The afternoon parade will start at 2:30 o'clock. The automobiles from different parts of the county that will take part in the automobile parade in the morning are expected to be in the city not later than 9:30 a. m.

Want Factories to Close.

It is the desire that as many as possible of the South Bend and Mishawaka factories close at least during the afternoon, which is Saturday, in order to allow their employes to take part in the parade with any of the organizations of which they may be a member, or as individuals. Factories working on rush war orders will likely continue at work, at least in the departments where such work is being done.

A call upon everyone in the country to either take part in the big event here or at least attend, and for every head of a home to display the Flag, or the national colors in bunting, from their residences and business places that day, was made Monday morning.

GASOLINE STILL BURNS WITH LOSS OF $50,000

International News Service:
BAYONNE, N. J., March 18.—The Constable Hook plant of the Tidewater Oil Co. sustained a $50,000 loss today when the plug of a high pressure still was blown out. Twelve hundred gallons of gasoline were released and this was ignited by a fire burning under the still. The gasoline from nine other stills was drawn off by firemen of the plant. One of the stills was completely destroyed.

AGED NEGRO DEAD.

International News Service:
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 18. —Shepherd Haywood, 101 years old Negro preacher, is dead at his home here today.

GERMANS STAY HAND IN WEST, FEAR FAILURE

Hesitate to Start Drive Upon Which Great Stakes Admittedly Depend—Hope For Peace Spark.

BY HENRY G. WALES.
International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 18.—One of the chief arguments against the imminence of an immediate German drive on the western front, is the fact that German newspapers are printing stories on the subject, but these arguments were pointed out today as possibly being groundless when it is realized that all of the five big German operations since the beginning of the war have been widely heralded in advance.

The five big German campaigns in their order were:

(1) The driving back of the Russians from the Dunajec to the Brest Litovsk line in the summer of 1915.

(2) The overrunning of Servia in the autumn of 1915.

(3) The Verdun drive in the spring of 1916.

(4) The overrunning of Roumania in the fall of 1916.

(5) The thrust against the Italians in the fall of 1917.

Other big German offensive operations were the submarine war which was announced early in the winter of 1914-1915 and aerial bombing, announcement of which came in the fall of 1917.

Other Campaigns Heralded.

Perusal of the old files of the foreign neutral press shows that every one of the campaigns mentioned above were clearly foreshadowed.

Reports to Swiss newspapers from German and Austrian sources indicated a concentration of artillery for von Mackensen's attempt to breach the Russian front at the point of its farthest advance into Galicia—the Cracow sector. Then came the Servians' call for help before the advance of the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians to the Greek border. Next appeared stories in the Dutch press about German troop concentrations on the western front. The enemy made no secret of the formation of a great mobile army for operations against Roumania, while the newspapers foresaw the offensive against Italy long before it was launched.

Hope for Peace Spark.

Germany officially gave notice of her submarine intentions and for months the German newspapers have been carrying stories about the reinforcement of bombarding squadrons to carry the war farther afield than ever before in an effort to hurt the morale of the civilian population. In this they have failed.

It is pointed out, however, that there is a certain amount of bluff in German references to the proposed offensive in the west, as Berlin undoubtedly hopes that the peace spark may flare up into flame before any drive can be launched and hosts of men sacrificed.

Military critics hold that the fact is plain even to the casual observer that it is now or never for Germany—before the United States puts an army in the field overshadowing in size and equipment even the hosts put under arms by England and France. Furthermore, standardized tonnage will ease the shipping pressure considerably.

The enemy command now is evidently staying its hand because it is reluctant to play its last card. Another failure like that at Verdun might well be calculated to stir up openly even the rule ridden German populace and another lack of complete success means the beginning of the end for Germany, it is declared.

Failure Would be Fatal.

The German army command, it is believed, fully realizes that another campaign like that at Verdun, even if resulting in the capture of a strong hold like that upon the Meuse, without seizing a huge bag of prisoners, would not compensate for the loss of men and materials nor appease the demand of the German populace for a decisive victory. German troops have already occupied too many capitals and large cities for a further delusion of the people that "storming operations" are another means of victory and peace.

Military critics believe that Germany's sole hope now lies in staking all upon a final gigantic throw for enormous stakes and the longer it is delayed the better the allies will be to meet it.

American Railroad Men in France Win Fame as "Empire Breakers"

International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 18. — They called James J. Hill an "empire builder" because his railroads built the great northwest, but over here officers and men call a certain general engineer an "empire breaker" because they believe that the railroads he is constructing are destined to aid materially in shattering the German junker dream of world empire.

It is not permitted to describe too closely just what railroad building the Americans are doing, but a network of strategic lines has been laid down and is being extended. This is the fruits of what England and France learned in the past three and a half years; namely, that motor trucks may be a substitute for railways, but they cannot replace them. We are putting down standard guage tracks everywhere up to a certain point where the tracks become narrow guage and motor trucks are being treated as auxiliaries.

Obviates Reloading.

The system obviates reloading as the material is sent within sound of the guns without trans-shipment. The railroads are well ballasted and the bridges soundly built so that the lines can handle regular sized American freight cars instead of only the dinky goods vans used on the continental systems.

French engineers say that the American railways are well enough built to accommodate the gigantic artillery which are mounted upon trucks. Our railways will not require rebuilding to make them stronger as they are constructed to take care of the heaviest traffic.

Transportation Big Problem.

One of the big questions of modern warfare is transportation—getting supplies and munitions to the front—and Americans are working with that principle in mind.

American engineers follow the theory that the enemy guns may rip up the trackage for a short distance, but that shells are unlikely to shatter entirely the right of way as experience shows that even terrific bombardments don't obliterate trenches for a long distance.

The Americans figure also that it is almost as easy to replace standardized guage lines as the narrow guage. The standard guage lines can handle twice the traffic of the narrow guage systems and besides eliminate reshipment.

GORE IN FIGHT FOR $2.50 WHEAT

Wants Important Rider Attached to Agriculture Appropriation Bill.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The senate today was involved in a bitter fight over an effort led by Sen. Gore of Oklahoma, to hang two important riders on the agricultural appropriation bill.

The first of these riders is an amendment for $2.50 wheat. Notwithstanding Pres't Wilson's opposition, Sen. Gore, a frequent insurgent, today demanded the suspension of the senate rules to make the rider in order. His motion requires a two-thirds vote, and although sentiment is fairly strong in the senate for $2.50 wheat, indications were that the movement would fail.

Sen. Gore, as chairman of the agricultural appropriation committee, takes the position that America will not obtain the maximum of wheat production necessary this year unless the price to the farmer is materially increased. If he failed to get the price increased by action on the pending agricultural bill, he will renew the effort at the next parliamentary opportunity.

The second of the riders is a proposal to place the meat packers' books under the inspection and supervision of the department of agriculture. The measure grows out of the Heney investigation of the meat packing industry. To him this proposal in order a two-thirds vote suspending the rules is also required and it was considered doubtful whether they could be obtained.

500 ARTILLERY HORSES NOW DEAD OF POISON

International News Service:
CINCINNATI, O., March 18.—The number of government poisoned horses being shipped from Camp Grant to Newport News this morning numbers 500 dead in Covington with more likely to succumb.

No clew has been found that might lead to the identity of the plotters in the crime. Secret service men are working hard to land the guilty ones.

A patriotic mass meeting was held in Covington yesterday at which 20,000 persons were present. Much anti-German feeling was evidenced in the several speeches made.

ELKHART GIRL HIT BY AUTOMOBILE, IS DEAD

International News Service:
ELKHART, March 18.—Miss Ruth Peterson, 19 years old, daughter of Andrew Peterson, local contractor, died of injuries suffered Saturday afternoon when she was struck by an automobile in transit, driven by Samuel Goehring, 19 years old, a chauffeur of Sioux Falls, S. D. Goehring was held a few hours by the police but later was released.

INDIANA FARMERS WANT 15,000 MEN

Calls For Drafts on Army of Boys and Men Enrolled Begin to Come in.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 18.—Farmers throughout the country are beginning to call for drafts of the army of 250,000 boys which the department of labor is enrolling through the United States employment service, it was announced today. Several states have made requests for the embryo farmers and it is expected that enrollment of the boys up to full quota will soon be completed.

Indiana farmers have asked for 15,000 boys and men for full time work during the harvest season. More than 9,000 are already enlisted in the state. Colorado has asked for additional numbers to work on the farms and to help with the season's canning.

Massachusetts has arranged with school authorities to release high school boys early so they can take their places on the farms and back up their brothers "over there." Appropriations for training the boys in farm work have been obtained in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania has followed with a similar measure for its quota of boys.

Western states which used the boys last year have increased their demands for the coming season and many of the experienced boys are being trained as teachers for the farmer "rookies" who are enrolling now.

NAVAL ARCHITECTS TO BE TRAINED AT CASE

International News Service:
CLEVELAND, O., March 18.—Beginning today a new course in naval architecture for architectural, mechanical and structural steel draftsmen will be started at the Case school for applied science here, under the direction of the United States civil service commission. The course will embrace both theoretical and practical work in drafting and ship design and the men who complete the course will be eligible to appointment as draftsmen with the emergency fleet corporation. The course will last until the end of the term in May. Graduates from engineering schools are eligible to entry.

ONE DEAD, ONE HELD FOR MURDER, IN FEUD

International News Service:
GREENSBURG, Ind., March 18. —Alex Trimbel, 51 years old, is dead of bullet wounds and Edward Demaree, his son-in-law is in jail today charged with murder as a result of the shooting, which followed an alleged attack by Trimbel on his daughter. Mrs. Demaree is said to have called at Trimbel's home to see her mother and was ejected by her father.

BOCHES FIND U. S. SOLDIERS STUBBORN FOE

Fresh Americans Undaunted by the Most Horrible of Fritz's Contraptions, Carry Fight to Him.

International News Service:
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 16.—(Delayed) —In all three sectors where Americans are on the front line—north of Toul, east of Luneville and at the Chemin des Dames—the Germans have discovered that they are opposed by "tough customers" when it comes to fighting men. The enemy is evidently not going to make the same mistake he did in 1914, when he classed the British as "a contemptible little army."

The Germans have learned that the fresh American troops, unused to the refinements taught by 42 months of warfare, are undaunted in the face of the heaviest bombardments and the deadliest and most horrible products of the German laboratories.

Use All Horrors.

The enemy has used successively mustard gas, chlorine gas, tear shells and liquid fire, all intermingled with concentrated bombardments from long range guns as well as from heavy howitzers and the latest type of huge calibre trench mortars. Colossal shells from the German minenwerfers tear up great craters big enough to set a good-sized church in.

The boches' attempt to harass Americans at night by sending over bombing aeroplanes have signally failed. The American officers and men have found the hide-and-seek fighting against aircraft with high angle guns and searchlights highly entertaining and amusing.

Furthermore, the enemy has found the Americans have the same high grade marksmanship as the British and that the Yankee soldiers don't forget the instructions drilled into them during months of training with rifles and automatic pistols.

Dispute Possession.

The Germans found to their dissatisfaction that they were no longer undisputed possessors of "No Man's land." American patrols have been sweeping the territory between the trenches at frequent intervals between sunset and dawn, always eager for a brush with enemy patrols. Their activity has proven highly annoying to the enemy, preventing him from repairing the breaches cut in his barbed wire by the guns during the day.

In the Lorraine sector, east of Luneville especially, the offensive spirit of the Americans has been rewarded as the Bavarians evacuted a trench rather than withstand the continual heavy pressure exerted by the Americans.

Disconcerted by Shells.

The Germans have been openly disconcerted by the metal thrown against him continually by the Americans as it is part of their policy to conserve shells everywhere except in openly active sectors which they like to choose for themselves.

Recently captured German army orders, brought in by raiders, disclosed that the German high command is showing anxiety over the continued drain of ammunition opposite the Americans. German artillery officers were warned to economize to the closest point, compatible with safety.

PLAN $400,000 BUILDING FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL AT INDIANAPOLIS

International News Service:
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 18. —Plans for a $400,000 building for the Indiana school of medicine, to be erected on a site adjoining the Robert Long hospital here, were being hurried to completion today and it was said construction would begin as soon as suitable bids are obtained. Bids will be opened April 8. With $150,000 from the sale of the old medicine school building, the Waterman bequest and tax funds, along with donations, it is believed sufficient money can be obtained to build a four or five-story building. The steps are being taken for the announced purpose of turning out doctors quickly, for with long continuance of the war, a dearth of physicians is inevitable.

U. S. Ready to Seize Vessels by Midnight

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 18. — The navy department was standing by today ready to take over and man the Dutch shipping in American ports. No action will be taken today, however, despite stories that this government would act at noon. There is not the slightest disposition anywhere to interfere with Holland's rights or to take summary action in the premises.

The state department will take over the vessels through the war trade board. The naval overseas transportation service will have charge of the transfer. But officials said that the transfer will be in every way quiet and orderly. It is stated that before midnight the whole question of transfer will be completed.

BERLIN SAYS HOLLAND WILL RESIST.

International News Service:
AMSTERDAM, March 18.—Holland has refused the shipping demands of the allies, according to a dispatch from Berlin today, which gave the newspaper Lokal Anzeiger as its authority.

Germany is reported to have given a promise to supply all the coal possible to Holland.

The report as to the decision of the Dutch government was circulated in Berlin following a council meeting at the German foreign office in which leading politicians, high army officers and naval officials took part, the Berlin dispatch added.

The amount of credence to be attached to the foregoing cablegram is doubtful in view of the fact that the alleged decision of the Dutch government should come from Berlin before it came from The Hague.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REQUISITIONS COTTON

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, March 18.—By royal decree the Swedish government has requisitioned all supplies of cotton yarn, with the exception of embroidery cotton, crochet cotton, etc., in skeins, balls or on spools, in small quantities in retail stores, Ira N. Morris, American minister at Stockholm, today informed the state department. The same decree fixed maximum prices for cotton yarns.

At the same time Mr. Morris notified the department that another royal decree has been issued prohibiting the manufacture of soap, soft soap and other articles used for washing unless permission has been granted by the industry commission.

DESPONDENT FARMER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

International News Service:
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 18. —Despondent because his son, William, is on the way to France to join the American expeditionary forces, George R. Grose, 45 years old, wealthy farmer of near Riley, Ind., committeed suicide by shooting himself and falling into a well on his farm. The body was found by members of the family who had been searching since his sudden disappearance Saturday. Grose, according to the coroner, first tied a sack filled with rocks about his waist and then shot himself as he stood over the opening of the well.

HANGS 20 MINUTES TO HIGH TENSION WIRE, STILL LIVES

International News Service:
CLEVELAND, O., March 18.—Peter McKinney, 18 years old, today is in a serious condition at a local hospital, as a result of burns sustained on the face, head and arms when he grasped and held to a high tension wire carrying 11,000 volts of electricity yesterday.

McKinney had wagered a friend that he could climb an 80-foot pole along the Wheeling and Lake Erie tracks. He made the climb and just as he was about to descend he involuntarily grasped the high tension wire at the top of the pole. His body stiffened and he remained in contact with the current for 20 minutes until a fire company came to his rescue. Electricians say that the only reason he was not burned to a crisp by the heavy current was that his feet swung clear into the air and so no ground connection was established.

HUNS DRIVE WAY FURTHER INTO UKRAINIA

Army Dominates Whole Territory Under Pretense of Helping Russians—German Papers Talk Peace.

International News Service:
COPENHAGEN, March 18.—Austro-German forces are overrunning all of the rich agricultural districts, cities and ports of Ukrainia, according to information received today.

Under pretense of helping the Ukrainians fight the bolsheviki, German hordes are gaining domination of the whole of Ukrainia.

Continuing their advance along the Black sea coast from Odessa, the Germans have occupied Nikolaiev and are moving on Kherson, in the general direction of Crimea.

Ruthless measures are being employed against the guerilla bands that attempt to oppose the Germans.

Seize Stores of Grain.

Immense stores of grain are believed to have fallen into the Germans' hands at Nikolaiev, while the Germans also came into possession of great shipyards and the Black sea naval station.

The greater part, if not all of the Russians' Black sea fleet, fled to Sebastopol when the Germans occupied Odessa, it is now reported, although it is understood that the invaders captured some small craft in the Odessa harbor.

A train service between Berlin and Odessa has been installed, but it is supposed that the bulk of the grain shipments into the central empires will be made by way of the Black sea and Danube.

Rich seizures of Russian soil are being made by the Turks as well as the Germans, both forces apparently meeting little or no opposition.

ENGAGE IN ORGANIZATION WORK.

International News Service:
LONDON, March 18. — German army officers were reported today to be actively engaged in "organization work" in Russia.

According to information from Tokio, a German army of nearly 40,000 prisoners of war (presumably both Germans and Austro-Hungarians) is being formed in Siberia, adding fresh peril to the situation in the far east.

At the same time Petrograd advices stated that German officers in Ukrainia (southwestern Russia) are taking steps to organize a Ukrainian force.

While the Austro-German forces in southern Russia have ostensibly been helping the Ukrainians fight the bolsheviki the German operations indicate that they seek to make good their boast that they now hold an open road through to Persia in the direction of India.

GERMAN PAPERS TALKING PEACE.

International News Service:
AMSTERDAM, March 18.—Certain German newspapers are attempting to launch another peace drive. In view of the fact that the semi-official Cologne Gazette is engaged in the campaign, the movement was regarded here with unusual interest.

The Cologne Gazette has the support of the Frankfurther Zeitung, which argues that the allies should consider the situation in the east before deciding upon a continuation of the conflict.

Another newspaper engaged in the peace propaganda is the Germania, chief organ of the Berlin Catholics.

There is a note of anxiety in a great deal of the comment on the possibility of securing large food supplies from Russia. These fears may have something to do with the renewal of peace talk.

KENDALLVILLE CHILD IS BELIEVED KIDNAPED

International News Service:
KENDALLVILLE, Ind., March 18.—Fears that Francis, two and one-half years old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Schaffer has been kidnaped and is held for ransom grew today when no trace of the child, missing since Saturday, was found. Searching parties continued the hunt for the child throughout the night and a creek near the Schaffer home was dragged for more than a mile without uncovering a clew.