

BITTER STRUGGLE ON CAMBRAI FRONT IN SECTOR OF CROISELLES

40 DIVISIONS OF HUNS THROWN INTO STRUGGLE

Assault on British Positions in Cambrai Sector Continued, With Fiercest Attack in Hargicourt Region—Concentration of Artillery Exceeds Any Since World War Began.

British Headquarters in France, March 22.—(2 p.m.)—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans today continued their assault against the positions in the Cambrai sector, notably in the region of Croiselles and Hargicourt. At least forty divisions have been identified on the battle front. No such concentration of artillery has been seen since the war began.

MASSED HUN INFANTRY TARGET ALLIED RIFLES

NINETEEN DIVISIONS EMPLOYED BY ENEMY
London, March 22.—Nineteen enemy divisions were identified in yesterday's fighting, Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters reports. He says: "The whole thing is too big to be able to even sketch or visualize easily. Thus far the enemy has paid a colossal price for such small gains as represent the fruits of his mighty effort."

During the last twenty-four hours the cannonading on the western front has been distinctly heard in Holland, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam reports.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 22.—Vigorous counter attacks late yesterday restored some of the positions which the British had abandoned temporarily.

One of the most brilliant British counter attacks occurred at Doignies. The British advanced with infantry and tanks at 7 p.m., and after fierce fighting drove out the enemy.

First Line Captured?
Berlin, March 22.—(British admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—The British first line has been captured by German troops attacking from the southeast of Arras as far as La Fere, the war office announces.

Heavy artillery fighting continues in Belgium and French Flanders. Reconnoitering detachments are said to have penetrated the opposing lines at many points. Ostend was bombarded from the sea.

Statement Follows.
"From southeast of Arras as far as La Fere we attacked the British positions. After powerful fire by our artillery and mine throwers our infantry stormed in broad sectors and everywhere captured the enemy first line.

"In Belgium and French Flanders the heavy artillery duel continued. Reconnoitering detachments penetrated on many occasions into the enemy lines.

Our artillery continued the destruction of enemy infantry positions and batteries near Verdun. On the Lorraine front also the artillery activity increased on many occasions.

From the other theaters of war there is nothing new to report."

London, March 22.—The great battle on the western front continued until

decide on terms. Finish Arrangements for Liberty Loan Campaign.

Washington, March 22.—Final decision on the terms of the third liberty loan probably will be reached tomorrow at a conference between Secretary McAdoo and members of the House Ways and Means committee.

Rebel Leaders in Nicaragua Killed
San Juan, Del Sur, Nicaragua, March 22.—Further fighting in which the rebel leader was killed, has occurred in Costa Rica between government forces and the revolutionists, who made an unsuccessful attempt last month at an uprising. In a skirmish near the Panamanian frontier Rogelio Fernandez Guillen, four assistants were killed. Guillen was editor of a pro-German newspaper which the Costa Rican government suppressed, was leader of the movement.

Seven Days More Income Tax Returns Must Be Made Before April 1 or Pay Penalty.

Seven more days remain to make out income returns. The deputies, when interviewed this morning, said: "You see we have nothing to do. The people have only seven more days, and they will come in a rush next week and we will be overworked. Please urge the people, through your paper, to come and make out their returns to avoid the rush."

SPANISH SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Washington, March 22.—Sinking of two Spanish vessels, the steamer Arpillao and the ship Begonia, by German submarines was reported today in official dispatches from Barcelona. The Begonia was attacked while on its way to Piraeus. The Arpillao was sunk off the Canary Islands.

SEIZURE OF SHIPS CAUSES OUTBURST OF ANGER

Feelings of Dutch, to All Appearances, Are Badly Hurt.
Comment on Wilson's Proclamation.

Amsterdam, March 22.—The text of President Wilson's proclamation regarding Dutch shipping reached Holland after the Thursday evening newspapers had gone to press. Meanwhile a somewhat bluntly worded dispatch from Washington speaking of "the seizure of the ships after the war trade board had been informed Holland had rejected the American ultimatum" caused an outburst of anger from virtually the whole Dutch press.

TRANSFER TANK SHIPS Action Caused Decision to Pool Fuel Oil.

Washington, March 22.—Transfer of tankers from coastwise to overseas routes has been chiefly responsible for the decision of the fuel administration to order the pooling of all fuel oil east of the Rocky mountains, it is learned today. Difficulties of distribution have arisen which threaten an artificial shortage of oil in the east, although the available supply is ample for essential needs.

NOTES DELAYED American Word on Dutch Ship- ping Not Received.

The Hague, Thursday, March 21.—It is officially announced here that the Dutch minister at London has forwarded the British note regarding Dutch shipping to the foreign office here, but that the American note has not yet been received from the Dutch minister in Washington.

TO INVESTIGATE BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY MARKET

General Counsel Heney, of Trade Commission, Expects to Open Inquiry.
Kansas City, March 22.—Francis J. Heney, general counsel for the trade commission, conducting an investigation of the packing industry of the southwest here, announced today that he expects to open a general investigation of the butter, eggs, poultry and canned goods market in New York next week.

AUSTRIAN COMPULSORY LABOR BILL PRESENTED

Amsterdam, March 22.—The government bill relative to compulsory labor has been presented in the lower house of the Austrian parliament, says a Vienna dispatch to the Cologne Gazette.

ALABAMA MAN DIES IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, March 22.—Samuel N. Lee, widely known as a railroad contractor, died here last night. He was born in Birmingham, Ala. He was 63 years old.

GERMANS ESTABLISH RAILWAY CONNECTIONS

Through Communications Between Newly-Occupied Districts in Russia and Berlin Now Complete—Towns Flooded With German-Made Goods.

Moscow, Tuesday, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans have already established through railway connections between the districts they have occupied and Berlin and are flooding the occupied towns with German goods, especially clothing and hosiery.

LIMIT FLOUR PURCHASES. Special to The News.

Nashville, March 22.—Hereafter, according to a rule announced by the food administration today, all town customers will be limited to twenty-four pounds of flour at one purchase, and country customers will be limited to forty-nine pounds of flour at one purchase. No sales should be made where customers have any flour on hand.

FIGHTING MORE ACTIVE IN ITALY

Rome, March 22.—Fighting is becoming more active along the whole front, the war office announces.

SEEK CONSERVATION OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

Commercial Economy Board of National Defense Council Institutes Program.

Washington, March 22.—Institution of a program for the conservation of news print paper was announced today by the commercial economy board of the council of national defense. A study of the situation was decided on as necessary at a conference between members of the board and representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, called to consider the depletion of paper stocks.

FARMER MURDERS HIS STEPDAUGHTER Fires at Two Other People and Then Commits Suicide by Cutting His Throat.

Nashville, March 22.—An Ashland City, Tenn., special says that Tom Hamilton, 35, a farmer, killed his 11-year-old stepdaughter, Iola Dunaway, in the Ninth district of Cheatman county, and after shooting at A. P. Dozier and Miss Mat Dozier, with whom the child was staying, cut his throat when Sheriff M. B. Knight came to arrest him.

LENROOT STILL LEADS Loyalist Candidate Appears Winner G. O. P. Nomination.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 22.—No additional returns had been received this morning to disturb the apparent lead of 2,600 votes for Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot over James Thompson, LaFollette candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN Cotton at Montgomery Exceeds Civil War Price.

Montgomery, Ala., March 22.—All records since Civil war times were broken here today when 35 cents per pound was paid for a round lot of bales of cotton. The amount involved was about \$200,000. A local warehouse firm was the seller.

BATTLE FRONT MAY EXTEND FAR AS YPRES

Paris, March 22.—Lieut.-Col. Rousset, military critic of La Liberté, says the attack of the Germans yesterday indicates that they have taken the decision for a general offensive. He predicts persistent pressure for some time, perhaps with an extension of the battle front as far as Ypres.

Pleads for Peace Pope Benedict Issues Easter Message to United States.

Rome, Thursday, March 21.—A plea for lasting peace is made by Pope Benedict in his Easter message to the United States, which he sends through the Associated Press. The message says:

"The first message of the Risen Savior to His disciples, after suffering the torture of Passion week, was 'Peace be unto you.' Never has the world, for which He sacrificed Himself, needed so poignantly that message of peace as today.

AMERICAN GUNS DESTROY POSTS

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Reichstag Approves Treaty With Russia

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HELD UP BY U-BOAT Spanish Ship Bound for New York Forced to Return Home.

Cadiz, Spain, March 21.—The Spanish trans-Atlantic liner Montevideo, which sailed for New York Monday, was held up by a German submarine Tuesday and forced to return here.

AMBULANCES WAITING At Charing Cross to Receive Wounded From Battlefield.

London, March 22.—Long lines of ambulances began forming at the Charing Cross railway station early this morning to receive wounded men from the front.

ROUND-UP ENEMY FUNDS Alien Property Custodian to Start Inquiry.

Washington, March 22.—A country-wide inquiry to ferret out information regarding enemy holdings will be started by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian. Special inspectors will be sent out to investigate every case in which there is indication that enemy funds have not been reported.

CABINET FOR SPAIN Former Premier Maura Succeeds in Formation.

Madrid, March 22.—Antonio Maura, the former premier, has succeeded in forming a cabinet to succeed that of the Marquis de Albuquerque. Maura will be premier, former Premier Dato will be minister of foreign affairs.

AIM AT RETAKING ALL HINDENBURG LINE TRENCHES

German Attack on British West and Southwest of Cambrai Has Double Purpose.
WOULD CUT OFF SALIENT

At Same Time Capturing Number of Troops.
Straightening of Front Would Enable Huns to Hold It With Fewer Men.

London, March 22.—It is not yet possible to give more than a very general and vague idea of the fighting Thursday on the front between the Oise and the Sennce which continued with swaying fortunes, according to the accounts of correspondents at the British front in the morning newspapers.

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New York, March 22.—The income account of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and its subsidiaries for 1917, issued today, reports net earnings of \$52,979,940, a decrease of \$1,127,923.

