



GERMAN ASSAULTS BREAK DOWN UNDER BRITISH FIRE

Italian First Line Troops to Join Allied Forces on Flanders Battle Front

GOLDEN STREAM FROM 12 BANKS DISPELS GLOOM

Large Sums Poured Into Nation's War Chest in Answer to Government's Warning of Under Subscriptions.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Responding to the treasury department's warning of disappointing results in the third Liberty loan campaign, the entire 12 federal reserve districts brushed away the gloom and poured a golden stream of \$136,811,650 into the nation's war chest in one day, swelling the loan total to \$1,059,734,900, in the latest official count. The day's bond sales exceeded the daily amount required for the minimum quota of \$3,000,000 and loan directors have appealed to every district to bend their efforts in maintaining the daily over-subscription record throughout the campaign.

Actual subscriptions to the third Liberty loan as indicated by the five percent initial payments in the 12 federal reserve districts, are now \$1,161,510,050, the treasury department announced today.

Many states in the middle west are reporting high percentages of their quotas subscribed, and treasury officials expect several of them to go over the top together. Indiana has joined the states now over-subscribed, and Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee are nearing their quotas.

The St. Louis district is leading all with 71 percent of its quota subscribed. Dallas is second with 65 percent. Cleveland, Ohio, has a cosmopolitan committee representing 21 nationalities which has pledged a large subscription. Twenty-nine nationalities in Chicago have banded together and in the first few days rounded up \$5,000,000 for the loan.

Every Town to Decorate. The news of the president's proclamation declaring Friday, April 26, as "Liberty day" has set in motion all the spectacular features of the drive. The day will be memorable in American history, as every city, town and hamlet will bedeck itself in the national colors, and in great patriotic demonstrations, held under the direction of the secretary of the treasury, the nation will stand to a man and renew its pledges of loyalty and financial support to the common cause.

ENGLISH MAN POWER BILL BECOMES LAW

LONDON, April 19.—The man power bill extending military conscription to Ireland, is today a law and it is expected that the government will carry out its provisions without any delay.

It took the bill just 10 days to pass through all of the parliamentary stages and to receive royal assent, despite the fact that it is one of the most important that has received the attention of the two houses in years.

NINE AMERICANS KILLED IN MEXICO APRIL 5

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 19.—Nine Americans were killed in Tampico, Mexico, on April 5 and 8, according to Capt. F. M. Sadler, who has just returned from Tampico, who says there are many Germans in Tampico and their dislike for Americans is very evident. Mexican workers also show a keen dislike for Americans, he said.

Skilful Withdrawal of British Removes Chances of Isolation

BY FRANK H. SIMONDS. The skilful withdrawal of the British from the forward positions east of Ypres removes the larger fraction of the chances of an isolation of the British and Belgian armies in Belgium from the main mass of allied armies in France and of a consequent disaster. Until the British have retaken the Messines-Whitesheet ridge or retired out of Ypres altogether, the danger will remain, but not in any acute form.

In estimating the meaning of the retirement, three considerations must be examined. First—the reason for it; second, the value of the ground, evacuated; and third, the conditions of the new front on which the British have elected to stand, at least temporarily. The reasons for the retirement are simply said. When the Germans on Monday took the Messines-Wytschaete ridge, which they had been assaulting for several days, they looked north and down hill upon the single railway line and the main highway, which feed the Ypres salient and they were only three miles away from them. If they could advance three miles, before the British troops east of Ypres could get back and beyond the danger point, they would envelop and capture many thousands of British troops and a vast booty of guns and material.

BRITISH WERE NEARLY CAUGHT. As it stood at the critical moment, the British on the ridges east of Ypres in a broad circle from the flooded area to Passchendaele were nearly eight miles away from the point in the Ypres-Poperinghe road toward which the Germans were advancing and from which they were only three miles distant. It was, therefore, essential to retire at once and to do two things, namely, to get all the troops east of Ypres back nearer the danger point and secondly to get as many as possible beyond it to avoid a threatened Sedan.

To accomplish these two things, Haig first drew back his troops from the broad circle of hills to a comparatively straight front just east of the ruins of Ypres, the front occupied by the British when they began their great offensive last year. This retirement shortened his line by nearly 15 miles and this shortening released almost half the men who had been holding the longer front and permitted them to retire west of Ypres and beyond the danger point. Further, it gave Haig some fresh troops which were not previously used in the counter offensive, which on Wednesday took but could not hold the Messines ridge.

To avoid possible envelopment and capture incident to the advance of the Germans over the Messines ridge toward the Ypres-Poperinghe road, the British thus abandoned all their gains in last year's offensive. What were the values of those gains in the main; they were values that were important only for an offensive. When Haig set out last year to drive a wedge between the Germans on the Belgian coast and those in the Lys valley, and west of Lille, he had first to capture the circle of hills east and north of Ypres of which Passchendaele is the most famous. He had then to advance down the northern and eastern slopes of these hills upon Roulers.

BRITISH OCCUPIED ALL HIGH GROUND. The first step was taken, the second was blocked and at the end of the campaign of 1917, the British occupied all the high ground, but they were still far from Roulers. They were in the position of the Germans in 1916, after the crown prince had taken Vaux and Douaumont and been checked just west of these forts.

The Germans were presently driven off the Douaumont plateau by French counter offensives, and lost what they had gained, but their main line was not thus endangered and their defensive positions from which they had attacked Verdun remained intact.

The same thing has happened east and north of Ypres. The British have abandoned ground gained in the first phase of an offensive which did not attain its larger objects. The only difference is that their abandonment has been due to an attack south of Ypres and not, as in the case of Verdun, by a direct and disastrous enemy offensive.

The ground abandoned by the British, then, was valuable for an offensive, not a defensive operation. Now that they are on the offensive and the decision of the war is to be had in another field, the British lose nothing of vital importance by giving up the famous Passchendaele-Langemarck-Poelcapelle positions, just east. The Germans are not hurt in the present operations by the fact

RUSH NAVAL APPROPRIATION TO FINAL VOTE

When House is Told Troops Must be Sent to France Now Members Prepare For Action.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Warned that the troops "must be sent abroad," the house set aside congressional precedent this afternoon and prepared to rush the naval appropriation bill to a vote within 48 hours. The bill carries appropriations totaling \$1,355,000,000. All of the appropriations, although made for the next fiscal year, are made immediately available in a general provision in the introduction of the measure.

Within 48 Hours. "Navy department officials have told me that this bill must be passed within 48 hours," Chairman Padgett, of the naval affairs committee, told the house. He asked that the day usually consumed in general debate be set aside and the consideration of the bill under the five-minute rule be begun immediately.

When the excitement that followed Padgett's urgent request had passed, it was rumored in the chamber that facts brought back from France by Sec'y Baker emphasized the necessity of sending all available men immediately to aid the allies.

Rep. Butler, of Pennsylvania, the ranking republican member of the committee, asked that the general debate come after the bill had been passed, but later withdrew that request when it became evident that it would lead to controversy and delay.

"This matter is urgent," he said. "The troops must be sent abroad. They must be sent abroad now. We cannot delay." When the question was put and he again withdrew that request, tracking general debate the house stood and cheered.

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Pro-Boche Thieves Steal the Film of "Beast of Berlin"

International News Service: KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 19.—Shortly after midnight this morning burglars or pro-Germans broke into the Garden theater and stole seven films of the photoplay "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin," showing this week.

"We have no definite clue as to the identity of the robbers," said the manager of the theater, "but we naturally suppose the theft was prompted by a pro-German antipathy to the sentiments the picture expressed."

TO END TALK ON OVERMAN BILL

Debate on Measure is to be Translated Into Action By Congress.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The end of the long controversy in the senate over the Overman bill was in sight today. By unanimous consent, talk is to be translated into action. Beginning next Wednesday, speeches on the bill are to be reduced to 20 minutes each, while remarks on amendments must be confined to 20 minutes. This arrangement is expected to bring the measure to a final vote by next Thursday.

The fight has narrowed down to an effort to make the bill specific. In its present form, the measure extends blanket powers to the president to reorganize the war management as he sees fit in the interest of higher efficiency. No department is exempted. Debate on the measure indicates a unanimity of opinion in the senate that reorganization is necessary. Views of senators, however, differ widely as to the extent of such reorganization and there is much opposition to giving the president carte blanche in making necessary changes.

Majority of Six. The democrats, as the senate is now constituted, have a majority of six votes. Approximately half a dozen of their members are "off the reservation," holding the Overman bill. The administration forces have been pledged the support of three or four republicans. Indications today were that the opposition by concentrating their strength upon the Hoke Smith amendment specifically naming agencies affected by the proposed reorganization would be able to muster sufficient strength to materially change the bill.

Canada's Conscription Act to Pass Today. OTTAWA, Ont., April 19.—Because Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked for a postponement of debate on the new conscription act, as he was not ready to discuss it, Premier Borden did not move the resolution putting into effect the order in council, giving authority to call out all military classes, at last night's session of parliament, but will do so today. The government hopes to issue the proclamation calling out men from 20 to 23 years old Saturday. The men will have 10 days to report.

Freight Train Kills Family of Three. LIMA, O., April 19.—William Slagle, 58 years old, his wife, 55 years old, and a son, Gaylord, 12 years old, were instantly killed shortly after 10 o'clock last night when a freight engine attached to a passenger struck their auto at the Pollock crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad, two miles from Van Wert. Slagle's engine stalled on the track while he was enroute to his home nearby from a visit with a neighbor.

FORM PART OF WAR COUNCIL'S RESERVE FORCE

Officials Refuse to Indicate the Number of the Troops That Are Already in Service in France.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Italian first line troops in large numbers constitute a part of the allied reserves formed by the supreme war council at Versailles, according to an official statement made at the Italian embassy today. Officials refused to indicate the number of these troops and what portion of them already are in France.

Such information, it was explained at the embassy, cannot be made public at this time. There was much satisfaction displayed, however, over the fact that the entente was to have material assistance from Italy.

It was explained that Italy at the present time is rich in man power. What it has lacked in the past has been equipment and munitions. These now are being supplied by the entente. The Italian government has called to the colors all males between 18 and 45 and has thousands of effectives awaiting orders. Because of the nature of the Italian battle front, only a small portion of the Italian army can be utilized in the operations against the Austro-Germans.

Forms Right Wing. The Italian army is forming the right wing of the allied armies in France and shortly Italian regiments will participate in the operations in France, official dispatches to the Italian embassy this afternoon stated. The dispatches add that Premier Orlando's announcement to this effect in the Italian parliament created the greatest enthusiasm, the socialist deputies joining in a great ovation to the French, British and American armies. The news of Italian participation in the great struggle now going on in France was received by the Italian population with the greatest satisfaction, the dispatch stated, as the Italians feel proud that their soldiers have the opportunity to show their valor alongside the French, British and American troops.

Unity Among Allies. The dispatch points out that it is considered that the unity in military operations will evolve the greatest possible political and moral unity among the four great nations during and after the war. Many Italian officers and soldiers are asking to be incorporated in the number of machine gun emplacements, the war office announced today.

PLACE MILTON WRIGHT IN DEFERRED CLASS. AKRON, O., April 19.—Placing of Milton Wright in deferred classification yesterday by the district appeal board at Canton at the urgent request of his uncle, Orville Wright, Dayton aviator, after the board had put him in class 1, a day of protest here today.

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BIBS OF INJURIES. RUSHVILLE, Ind., April 19.—John Downs, 75 years old, is dead of injuries received when he was struck by a train near his home at Milroy. He was partially deaf.

Repulse Determined Efforts of Enemy to Take Kimmel Ridge

International News Service: LONDON, April 19.—The Germans renewed their attacks on both ends of the Flanders battle front late Thursday, but were repulsed with heavy losses, the war office announced today.

A determined effort was made by the Germans to take Kimmel ridge, just west of the lower end of Messines ridge in Belgium, but the assaults broke down under British fire. On the southern flank the Germans concentrated their pressure around Ginchy in the sector of La Basse canal, but there too, they met with a reverse.

Make Vain Attacks. Swinging their pressure to the southern flank of the Lye salient, the Germans have vainly attacked Anglo-French positions in a desperate effort to widen the wedge. The assaults in this district had been forecast by the growing intensity of the artillery firing between Locon and Robecq.

At the same time that French reinforcements reached the Flanders front, Gen. Foch flung his troops against the apex of the German salient opposite Amiens and won ground there. The French attacked on a two and one-half mile front between Thennes and Mully-Raineval and after hard fighting extended their lines to the edge of Castel.

Reach Avere River. Farther south they reached the dominating heights overlooking the Avere river. It was evident from the developments of the past 24 hours that Gen. Foch was waiting until the French forces reached the hard pressed British positions on the Flanders front before striking against the Germans on the Picardy plains.

The French captured over 500 prisoners and some machine guns and have materially strengthened their lines as well as extending them. The major part of Senecourt wood is now in French hands and the pressure still continues. The Germans admit that they have been checked in their Flanders drive. The official report issued by the German war office on Thursday night said that "the situation is unchanged." The Germans, however, refused to admit any loss in the Amiens sector, claiming that French attacks around Moreuil broke down.

Extreme Tauton Losses. The repulse of the German attacks on the southern end of the Flanders front (between La Basse canal and St. Venant) was accompanied by extreme losses to the Teutons. (St. Venant lies about 10 miles north of La Basse canal between Nieppe forest and Merville.)

Not alone were the attacking German columns repulsed, but they lost over 200 prisoners as well. Great ferocity marked the course of the struggle in the Ginchy district. The Germans drove forward with determination, but were caught under a withering fire from British machine guns and artillery which rolled them back, leaving the field carpeted with dead and wounded.

Germans Renew Attacks. In the afternoon the Germans renewed their attacks against Kimmel ridge in Belgium, but were unable to make any progress. Kimmel ridge, which is a dominating feature of the Flanders front, is a dominating feature of the Flanders front.

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DECISION MONDAY IN EDITOR'S CASE

Defense Rests on Answer. Court Takes Case Under Advisement.

Decision in the case of John Hertz Zuber, editor of The News-Times, who is charged with indirect contempt in the St. Joseph superior court, is withheld under advisement until Monday. The matter was taken under advisement by Judge Mott Friday morning, after the defense had decided not to amend its answer to the charges as filed on Wednesday.

Judge Vernon W. VanFleet, representing the defendant, replied to the suggestion of the court, made Thursday afternoon, that the defendant's answer be amended so as to name particularly the case involved, when court opened Friday morning. The suggestion of Judge Mott had been that the case of "Reinhart vs. Reinhart" be specifically named.

Rests on Answer. "The article which is charged libelous in the court's rule mentions this case by name," Judge VanFleet replied Friday morning. "The answer is concerned only with that article, and it is therefore unnecessary to name the case. Furthermore, the contempt case is only in connection with the charge of venue matter in the divorce case. We will let the case rest, as its stands, without changing the answer." Judge Mott announced that he would take the matter under advisement until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. "This case is largely a matter of principle," said the judge, "and it should be decided only after careful and complete consideration. I want a copy of the answer, so that I may consider it thoroughly."

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FIRE DESTROYS PLANT

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 19.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the plant of the Tarentum Glass Co. at Brackenridge, near here, early today. The loss is \$350,000.

GERMAN OFFICIALS FEAR REVOLUTION

Military Authorities Take Steps to Prevent Pro-American Propaganda.

BY BEIT FORD. International News Service: WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 19.—German military authorities have become active suppressing socialist propaganda at home, they have been in fostering pro-German propaganda in America. This is shown by a quotation from a German bulletin. It says in part:

Baron von Geyl, general commanding the seventh German army corps in Munster, offers 5000 marks to the person who first succeeds in implicating any English or American agent guilty of inciting disturbances or revolution in this district, in such manner as may be condemned by the courts.

The foregoing is the first indication that the German authorities have come to fear an actual revolution. It is true that there have been labor troubles in Germany, but the German government claimed they were without any political significance.

There are two imposing elements in the situation: (1)—The effect of the Russian revolution and the spread of bolshevik influence. (2)—The utterances of Pres't Wilson which were intended to open the eyes of the German people to the fact that they were being held in a state of subjection by their military masters.

A wall of secrecy surrounds Germany and the true situation existing in the empire today is unknown to the outside world. However, as the German authorities have begun to take steps against a possible uprising there is every reason to believe that unrest has begun to manifest itself.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY TOTAL IS \$971,750

"Beware the Yellow Card," Slogan of Liberty Bond Salesmen.

BULLETIN. With \$64,650 reported from the county on Thursday, St. Joseph county's total subscription to the third Liberty loan is now \$971,750, a sum which 1,725 persons have subscribed.

"Beware the yellow card!" That is the cry which is to be launched in connection with the Liberty loan campaign. Salesmen from the entire county met in the Elks' temple at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, to be instructed in the use of this new means of combatting enemy propaganda. The yellow cards contain spaces for the names, addresses and excuses given of those who are deemed unable to buy bonds and who refuse to do so. The cards will be turned in to the federal reserve bank at