World's Greatest Battle Rages on With Horrible Fury

The greatest battle in the history of the world has been raging for two weeks. The Germans, with the aid of Austrians and Bulgarians, threw into the conflict the heaviest weight of men and guns ever used by any army. The purpose was to break through the British line in France, or failing in that, to drive a wedge between the British and French armies. Hindenburg was quoted as saying that he would dine in Paris on April 1.

He didn't succeed in keeping that appointment. His attack was met by a fighting retreat which cost his armies a casualty list of hundreds of thousands. At that staggering cost he succeeded in capturing a 30-mile wedge of wilderness which he himself had devastated last year. The apex of his wedge stops short of Amiens. He has paid a ghastly price for a strip of barren land which he will not be allowed to hold.

The great battle has been attended by two very important incidents. One is the appointment of General Foch as generalissimo of all the allied forces, leaving Haig and Petain to hold their present positions as field commanders, which they are filling admirably. The second is the entrance of 100,000 trained American soldiers into the active army.

Following is a daily summary of the battle to date:

March 21.—The Germans began their long expected west front offensive. Berlin claimed to have penetrated portions of the British positions between Cambrai and LaFere. London admitted some ground lost, but emphasized the enemy's heavy losses.

March 22.—Hindenburg continued to push forward at some points, while the British counter attacked and took Doignes, eight miles east and north of Bapaume, on the Bapaume-Cambrai highway. Haig asserted the enemy losses were terrific.

March 23.—The enemy advanced to Roupy, north of the Somme, and to Jussy, south of the Somme, about seven miles west of the former line. The Germans claimed to have taken 25,000 prisoners, 400 cannon and 300 machine guns. Paris bombardment by monster Hun gun at range of 74 miles.

March 24.—(Palm Sunday.)—The offensive gathered momentum and swept forward to a depth of fifteen miles. Peronne, Ham and Bethencourt fell. Berlin claimed 30,000 prisoners and 600 cannon. The Germans had now retaken about a third of the territory they lost in the spring of 1917. Paris again bombarded by long-range gun.

March 25.—Bapaume, Nesie, Guiscard and Chauny were lost by the Franco-British. The heaviest fighting had shifted five miles. This marked the first appearance of the French in the major fighting. and announcement was made that American engineer regiments were engaged. Berlin now claimed a total of 45,000 prisoners. The Germans continued to lose men at a staggering rate.

March 26.—Roye, Noyon and Lihons fell. The Germans made their greatest effort to date north of the Somme and pushed forward to the outskirts of Albert, making a total advance of fourteen miles in that region. Berlin announced that cannon captured totaled 963, besides 100 tanks. The German losses so far were unofficially estimated at 400,000.

March 27.—Albert was captured, but with its fall the German westward advance from that place north was practically stopped. The offensive began to show signs of exhaustion.

March 28.—(Good Friday.)—The German crown prince's army took Montdidier, about 35 miles west of LaFere. This practically marked the high tide of the offensive, as the enemy's efforts to push further westward at this extreme point have in the main been frustrated. The enemy extended the battle front northward beyond the Scarpe and entered advanced British positions east of Arras. Haig's men held firmly elsewhere. The French counter attacked between Noyon and Lassigny, St. George, Courtamanche and Assainvillers. General Pershing conferred with General Foch at the front, placing the entire American expeditionary army force at Foch's disposal. Paris again bombarded.

March 29.—Hindenburg's attack continued to slow up, ostensibly hindered by the heavy rain which fell during the night. The allies gained some ground south of the Somme, but the Germans pushed forward toward Amiens. Foch's appointment as generalissimo of all the allied armies was semi-officially announced.

March 30.—The Germans began to dig themselves in at various points along the battle front. The attack extended northward again, this time to the vicinity of Loos. The heaviest fighting was in the region of Montdidier.

March 31.—(Easter Sunday.)—French and British launch brilliant counter attacks and definitely stop German forward movement. At several points both French and British gained ground and captured prisoners. Morueil was recaptured by the French and the British restored their lines south of the Somme. It was officially established, that both Bulgarians and Austrians were being employed in the offensive by the Germans. The big long-range Hun gun again bombarded Paris.

April 1.—With the passing of the thirteenth day of the big battle there came increasing evidence of German exhaustion. The Huns no longer threw vast masses of men into the fray regardless of losses; on the other hand they declined to give battle except where the British or French attacked them. No important changes were made in the battle line.

April 2.—Apart from violent artillery and aerial activity, military operations were almost at a standstill. Minor German attacks were repulsed by the French in the Woevre and upper Alsace. Near Albert the British carried out a small operation and captured an enemy outpost.

The main German advance was made in the first few days when they pushed forward in a wedge headed towards the southwest. The lengthening sides of the wedge evposed them to a possible danger which they sought to avert by an offensive further north.

Frank H. Simonds, telegraphing last Friday night, said:

It was the realization of this danger that led the Germans to begin on Thursday their desperate attacks upon the British line about Arras. They sought to break the northern or British hinge of the allied front just as their dash at Montdidier was a blow at the southern or French hinge, north and south, they failed to make any but local gains.

In pursuit of the limited local objective, which is Amiens, the Germans began on Thursday to make desperate efforts just south of the Somme, to clear the old Roman road running west from St. Quentin to Amiens. This road is their most direct route to Amiens, now some twelve miles distance from Warfusse-Abancourt, which they reached on Friday. At the same time they pushed southwest into Montdidier in order to keep open the Noyon-Roye-Amiens highway which is their only road to Amiens.

The danger that one or more British armies could be destroyed, and that a great British disaster result, ended on Thursday when the British had pulled themselves together from the Scarpe to the Somme, from Arras to Albert and were standing firm. The arrival of French armies on either banks of the Oise between the bend near Lafere and Noyon and along the Noyon hills westward, had already closed the road to Paris. Thus the whole problem was simplified.

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BOOTH MEETINGS CLOSED SUNDAY

Dr. Herbert Booth closed a union evangelistic meeting on Sunday night which had been in progress at the First Baptist church for two weeks.

Dr. Booth is an able preacher and his messages were heard by crowds that often filled the church. The seating capacity would not accommodate these at the three last services on Sunday morning, afternoon and night.

There were about 65 professions during the meeting and the doors of the churches will be open next Sunday to receive new members.

While Dr. Booth is a deep student, is strong in argument and has quite a dramatic and interesting style, he did not go very strong on emotionalism, as some evangelists do, and there was not the manifestations of re-consecration on the part of backsliders as is in evidence at many revivals, but despite this there were quite a number of people converted and many others helped along their Christian journey.

Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians joined heartily into the services, nearly all of which were largely attended.

Dr. Booth was assisted in the meeting by his nephew, Rev. Eric Booth-Clibborn, who expects to soon engage in missionary work in China.

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THOSE TO FILL PULPIT OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. A. I. Justice will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church on next Sunday morning and night. On the following Sunday Rev. E. E. Bomar of Owensboro, Ky., will preach at the morning and night services.

Prayer meeting and preaching services will be held regularly in the absence of a pastor.

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The doors of the church will be opened for new members.

There will be communion service Sunday morning.

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EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

There will be an examination at my office on April 9 and 10 for certificates for high school principles and teachers and superintendents and assistant superintendents.

W. S. SHITLE,
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