

ALLIES' BIG ARMIES BATTER FOE'S LINES ON WESTERN FRONT

Two Great Drives Now Under Way in Effort to Crack German Defensive at La Basse and in Champagne.

Russians Press Drive on Mamel, Petrograd Reports, But Berlin Denies Successful Invasion of East Prussian Territory.

In a supreme effort to capture Lille and break the German line of defense in the Champagne two great drives by the Allies are under way. The British are concentrating their attack in the La Basse district and are hurling mighty bodies of troops at the advanced positions of the Germans.

Between Rheims and the Argonne Forest the French troops are attacking in force the entrenched positions of the invader. More than 1,000,000 men of the Allied army are being used in this great offensive move. The British have succeeded in driving back the Germans at several places, while the fury of the French assaults has kept the Kaiser's generals from sending reinforcements against the British.

In Flanders the Belgians are also on the offensive and have slightly advanced their lines.

The Germans officially report that their artillery fire has checked two French attacks north of Mamel, in the Champagne region. North of Beaune-Jour another French onslaught failed and two French officers and 70 men were taken prisoners.

Around Verdun the French made slight gains in the Woivre plain. On the east bank of the Meuse they suffered a repulse, but fighting continues on the Meuse heights.

The Russian drive into Northern East Prussia has gained way, according to the Petrograd official bulletin, which reports an advance along the road from Gorzda to Mamel, the northernmost Baltic seaport. The inhabitants are reported to have fled to Koenigsberg.

Today's official bulletin from Berlin admits that Russian forces have penetrated to the outskirts of Mamel, but denies anything approaching a new invasion of East Prussia on the north-east. Successes are reported in the Orzye and Piska valleys.

Russia indignantly denies atrocities and depredations in East Prussia charged by Berlin, and threatens drastic counter-reprisals for threatened Teuton destruction of villages and Government buildings in Poland.

ALLIES MAKE TWO GREAT DRIVES ON GERMAN LINES

British at La Basse and French in Champagne Press Foe Hard.

PARIS, March 19.—Two great drives against the German army in France are under way, one being conducted by the British, the other by the French. In the La Basse district, where hundreds of thousands of British troops are massed, the English are battering away at the German lines in an effort to pierce them and press on to Lille.

In the Champagne district, between Rheims and the Argonne forest, the French have concentrated their efforts to pierce or drive in the German lines. It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 men are engaged on these two sectors of the battle front. Things have gone badly for the Germans since the Allies began pressing home the jaws of this mighty vice. The invaders have been driven from Nueve Chapelle, L'Epinette, Aubers and Haples, and the Champagne the Germans have been driven back mile after mile near Le Mennil, Pertines, Beaune-Jour and Souain.

ALLIES CUT GERMAN LINES NEAR HEIGHTS OF LORETTE

Gains at Eparges Announced in French Official Report.

PARIS, March 19.—Further gains for the Allies are claimed in this afternoon's official communique from the War Office. It says that German lines of communication in the region of Notre Dame de Lorette, northwest of Arras, have been destroyed, their defenders being killed or captured.

At Eparges, near the Meuse, the French have taken a salient east of their foe's position.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today

Name	From	Sailed
Mr. Conrad Mohr (Br.) Shields, ballast	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Millinocket, Stockton, paper, Jona May	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Delaware, New York, merchant, Clyde Steamship Company	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Anconia (Ital.), New York, ballast, Italia Line	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Northwest, Miller (Br.), Newcastle, Philadelphia-Manchester Line	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Charlotte (Dutch), Rotterdam, ballast, Joseph C. Gabriel	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Pantele (Br.), Newport, England, ballast, Elton, Georgia	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Knud II (Nor.), Sakau, sugar	London	Mar. 18

Steamships to Arrive

Name	From	Sailed
Mr. Anconia	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Northwest	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Charlotte	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Pantele	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Knud II	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Anconia	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Northwest	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Charlotte	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Pantele	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Knud II	London	Mar. 18

Steamships to Leave

Name	To	Sailed
Mr. Anconia	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Northwest	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Charlotte	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Pantele	London	Mar. 18
Mr. Knud II	London	Mar. 18

SUNDAY GETS LOUD GREETING IN CHESTER

"Billy" Cheered by 6000 in Big Tabernacle—Talks to Students.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)
CHESTER, Pa., March 19.—Six thousand persons filled the Nicholson-Hemminger tabernacle here this morning and cheered "Billy" Sunday to the echo when the evangelist entered the building.

"Billy" has pronounced Philadelphia enthusiastic, but the waving handkerchiefs and the roar of applause which greeted him this morning was equal to any demonstration at the Philadelphia tabernacle. Sunday delivered his sermon on "Hope," which he gave recently in the Philadelphia campaign.

Many times the intensity of "Billy's" arguments made his hearers gasp with astonishment, especially when he brought his fist down on the pulpit with a resounding crash and cried:

"If the present ratio of insanity to the population of the United States continues, every man, woman and child in this country will be insane in 29 years."

AUDIENCE ENTERTAINED.
A moment later he had his audience roaring with laughter when he shouted:

"People don't have to urge you to sit down and eat food down your throats. You know it's for your good. Well, then, for heaven's sake, don't eat a carcass and turn down something that is better than anything else you ever had a chance to enjoy."

At the conclusion of the service, "Billy" called for "trail hitters" and 25 persons responded to the invitation. Among them was "Lottie" Howard, a well-known character in Chester, who came down "the sawdust trail" sobbing. She is said to have served several short terms in the county prison.

William H. Berry, Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, greeted Mr. and Mrs. Sunday upon their arrival in Chester and introduced them to other members of the reception committee, which included:

George M. Booth, Federal Judge O. B. Dickinson, Mayor William Ward, Jr., the Rev. A. L. Latham, R. R. Spencer, J. Irvin Taylor, the Rev. Frank MacDonald, Stacy D. Glauser, James L. Rankin and the Rev. J. B. McClure.

The tabernacle at Chester will be opened on March 28 for a revival to be conducted by William P. Nicholson and J. Raymond Hemminger.

The revival campaign will be conducted by the Rev. William P. Nicholson, who has concluded in Philadelphia and will last six weeks.

"Billy" was greeted warmly by more than 80 students and guests of the Pennsylvania Military College, where he stopped on his way to the Chester tabernacle.

"Billy" and "Ma," Collector of the Port and Mrs. William H. Berry, Judge O. B. Dickinson, Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Burt, Colonel T. E. Clyde, J. A. G. Campbell and others were ushered to the platform by Colonel Charles E. Hyatt, while the students sang "Blessed Be the Corner" and other well-known hymns.

The college yells, led by Captain Robert Young and Fairwell Long, scored a decided hit with the evangelist.

"Think of it," "Billy" said, as he held his audience in breathless attention. "How many young fellows there are in the world today who will never carry the ball down the field for a touchdown or swat it over the fence. I am referring to that bunch who are only fit to make up a crowd."

"Originality—that is, doing things better than the next fellow—is the thing that counts these days. The jack-of-all-trades will soon be wearing out shoe leather looking for a job. The Government has many big jobs waiting for the right man."

"I want you to realize that Christianity is a great asset. Get out of the idea that to be a Christian means some sort of dishwater proposition. I feel the great majority of people want to do right. That is why I am addressing you today."

Mr. Sunday's sermon on "The Incarnation, or the Divinity of Christ," which Mr. Sunday preached last night, was printed in the EVANGELIST LEXON on Wednesday.

BATTLESHIP SUNK BY TURKISH GUNS

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works by the Anglo-French fleet, according to dispatches from Athens. The loss of a French submarine in an attempt to run through the Dardanelles is admitted by Rear Admiral Quevotte. Although the Bouvet was a battleship of the old style, having been constructed in 1885, she carried powerful armaments and was a formidable fighting machine. The Bouvet was laid down in 1881 and completed in 1886 at L'Orient. She was 267 feet long and 30 feet in the beam. Her tonnage was 12,867.

The armaments of the Bouvet were: Two 12-inch (40-caliber) guns in turrets, fore and aft; two 10-inch (40-caliber) guns in turrets on the beam; eight 5-inch guns singly in turrets; eight 3-inch guns; 10 2-pounders and 10 1-pounders. She also carried two 18-inch torpedo tubes submerged. Her normal complement was 621 men.

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Text: Samuel xx, 15, "Thou shalt be missed, for thy seat will be empty."

"The temperature falls 60 degrees when some persons walk in your presence, and the earth freezes. There are some who change everything into flowers."

"God never planned for your son to be a drunkard or your daughter wayward. Some one may take your place when you are gone, but no one can do what God planned for you. That is why David was missed. He was such a cheerful fellow. God's plan of salvation includes everybody, but everybody will not be saved, for some of you reject Him."

"You take the loved ones out of your home and it will be just like a sepulchre, regardless of your fine rugs, tapestries, bric-a-brac and finery. I could take 'Nell' and the babies and live in a hut and be happy, but take them away from me and I would cry myself to death."

"It's a sad thing to walk around and see a 'for rent' sign in heaven. What's that for, Lord? 'Oh, planned that for a Philadelphia man, but he was too busy trying to make money.' A hired girl one time said, 'I don't appear to belong anywhere.' She was hid away in the kitchen and a lot of us are hiding from the Lord. Thank God some of us can take our place down here."

"The kind of a life you live will be reflected in others. If you blight your life you blight others."

"The place that God planned for many men and women to occupy will be empty and they will be missed. They are disappointing God, and the worst disappointment in the world is to disappoint God."

"When God planned the universe He had to take you and me into consideration. He gave us lungs that we might breathe the air and live. He created everything with you and me in mind. And now that He has planned the world big enough and full enough for you to live in, you go out and don't care a thought about Him. This old world could never have come by chance."

"If I raise my hand I bring into play certain forces. I disturb innumerable atoms. Don't you suppose when you live your lives that you touch other lives with its influence, that the lives you touch may be made better or blighted?"

"God has made a place for you on earth. My birthplace, my parentage, were planned for me by God. I had nothing to say about being born back in that little, old log cabin in Iowa, with the dirt floor. God made provision for all of you. You were born in one place. I in another."

"Some people blame the Lord for having given them at their birth certain evil tendencies to which they have yielded and become sinful. What about the good tendencies He gave you at birth to which you don't pay any attention? And if He did give you evil tendencies, and you yielded, instead of fighting against them, didn't He give you with salvation? If you accept Jesus Christ He will give you back the life He has prepared for you."

"God intended that you and I should invest our lives for Him. But to invest your life for the devil is a disgrace—a disgrace—I don't care who it is."

"God has planned a place for me in the church. God has prepared a place in His church for every sinner in Philadelphia. But your place in church Sunday and at the Wednesday night prayer meetings is empty. Yet you are responsible in heart for the success of God's plan. What you are and what you are doing has much to do with the success or failure of God's cause."

"God might have sent an angel down here to conduct these meetings in Philadelphia, but He's not in that business. He sent me instead. He uses earthly vessels. He might have sent an angel to be pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, but He uses earthly vessels."

"Why do you go about criticizing the church for having so many hypocrites in it? You are to blame that there are so many hypocrites to count. You might give your heart to God and make one less hypocrite."

"Of the grown men and women who went out of Egypt toward the promised land, although God planned that all of them should enter, only two ever did. They fell out of harmony with God's plan."

"A lot of people are going to hell. God did not plan that they should go to hell, but they are going to be lost, just as sure as you live and breathe. The Lord never planned for penitentiaries. The Lord never planned that your boy should become a drunkard or your girl become wayward."

"I believe that just as much as you or I fail or succeed, God's plan will fail or succeed."

Reception for Rodeheaver

Eight hundred employees of manufacturing concern in the neighborhood of Broad street and Lehigh avenue tendered Homer A. Rodeheaver, of the "Billy" Sunday party, a farewell reception in the Ford building early this afternoon.

Robert D. Kiehn, of the North Branch Y. M. C. A., under whose auspices the meeting was held, presided and presented "Rodey" with a prize from the Ford employees.

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SUNDAY FIRES HOT SHOT AT HYPOCRITES

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those who criticize the church and its members.

"Why do you go about criticizing the church for having so many hypocrites in it? You are to blame that there are so many hypocrites to count. You might give your heart to God and make one less hypocrite."

During his sermon he employed many of his humorous thrusts, which brought loud applause and laughter from the big audience.

Among the delegations in the tabernacle this afternoon were 30 representatives of the 25th and 26th Diamond streets garages. They brought an automobile horn with them and insisted that Rodey sing the "Brewers' Big Hooses" so that they might have an opportunity to demonstrate its power.

"All! Maul, one-time pitcher and ex-cout for the Phillies, was on the platform to hear his old friend "Billy" make home runs."

The opening prayer at the service was delivered by the Rev. Charles F. Scott, a missionary to China, who has recently returned from Tsing Tau.

The thank offering continued to grow this morning. Many checks and cash contributions arrived at the Sunday residence and in the office of Edward H. Bonnell, in the Land Title Building. It is estimated that the \$50,000 mark will be reached today.

One of the biggest meetings held outside the tabernacle today was the farewell meeting of the work among young men and his conducted many factory meetings.

The farewell meeting took place in the big plant of the Ford Motorcar Company, Broad street and Lehigh avenue, and was attended by employees of 12 industrial establishments of North Philadelphia. This meeting began at 12 o'clock.

At the same hour Mrs. William Ashler spoke at the plant of the American Clear Company, 12th street and Washington avenue. Miss Rose Fetterolf spoke to girls of the Germantown High School, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Germantown, at 2:30 p.m.

There were 40 converts last night, when "Billy" preached his great sermon on "How Shall We Escape?" This brought the total of converts for the day up to 100 men and women.

Among last night's "trail-hitters" were almost all the members of a delegation of 150 representing the Old Guard of Pennsylvania, Civil War Veterans. They were escorted to the platform by William Durant, the only survivor of the Merriam, who "hit the trail" a few days ago.

Among the others were a large number of employees of the Baldwin Locomotive Works and Policeman "Joe" Gabriel, of the 25th Police District, who has been one of Sunday's personal bodyguards.

There were more than 500 persons in the delegation for whom reservations had been made. The largest delegation of the campaign started.

Employees of the Link Belt Company sent Sunday a check to be applied to Sunday's campaign offering. They also sent a gift to Choir Leader Rodeheaver.

There were many other gifts for "Billy" and "Ma," including \$9 from Holme and Melhenny.

Among the visiting delegations were representatives of Jefferson Medical College, the International Y. M. C. A., Training College of Springfield, Mass., the American Garage and Machine Company, the Market Street Title and Trust Company, Henry C. Biddle & Co., the Pembroke D. Horton Company, the Horn & Hardart Baking Company, the Men Bible Class of the Wakefield Presbyterian Church, the Pennsylvania Gear Works and the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company.

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FOREIGN LEGION LOSES 1115 OUT OF 1500 MEN FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

American Tells How Fellow Countrymen in Famous Organization Marched to Front Under Stars and Stripes.

Following is the second of the excellent stories by Phil Rader, an American newspaperman, who fought with the famous French Foreign Legion in the trenches for four months. The first story in the series was published yesterday.

By PHIL RADER

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LONDON, March 1.—At least one American flag that I know of has flown in the great war. My comrade and I in the French Foreign Legion went to war under its folds, and as we marched out from Paris about the middle of October and started on our 120-mile tramp to the front the French cheered the Stars and Stripes with huge delight. When "Ouida" wrote "Under Two Flags" she was telling of my regiment, the famous old French Foreign Legion, in which every man fights under the French flag and carries in his heart the thoughts of his own country's banner.

Of the 1500 men I started out with only 385 were alive February 1. There are strange men in the Foreign Legion, men whose lives have been twisted in one way or other; men with pasts; men with dark secrets; men who want to die, but who have stopped at suicide. You never ask a man in the Foreign Legion who he really is.

I had joined the Foreign Legion because I had been told that if I got into the French flying corps, which I wished to do, I must first become a member of the Foreign Legion.

MARCH TO TRENCHES.

I didn't intend to go to the trenches, but the first thing I knew we were under way with our American flag flying over us bound for the front. My arrangements for entering the flying corps had gone awry, and here I was, only an ordinary private, carrying a rifle and a pack weighing 60 pounds. We marched for six days, 16 hours a day, for 40 minutes at a stretch, with five-minute rests. At last we reached a little town which, they told us, was three miles from the trenches. We had been all night to get into the fighting.

"It'll be just our luck to be held in reserve," we were told. "I hope they get us into fighting right away. We had made these remarks hundreds of times during our long march. An orderly came up to the position where we were standing and said, 'We're going directly to the trenches. It was like a vision of cold water. Wasn't this just a little bit too sudden?' We thought. Then a terrific clattering broke out among us. Every man was trying to prove how ready he was. Men always do that in a pinch. I found, Jules were made, in unnatural tones. Loud laughs were high-pitched. Men slapped others on the backs boys.

Suddenly all fortitude departed. On the march no one of us would have admitted to another that he would ever run. But now, with one accord, we were all willing and anxious to run some where.

"Let's go over to the barn," several shouted.

We started for it when we heard another whistling, and the old barn was broken into huge splinters before our eyes.

"Where do you fellows want to go?" the words came from a little sergeant who came up behind us. He didn't seem the least excited. He was accustomed to shell fire.

We told him we were headed for the barn. "You're right," he said. "Shells never strike twice in the same place. Always go where the last shell hit and you'll be safe."

At last they got us into another barn in a nearby town and told us we could sleep there.

We piled into the barn and were soon asleep. But in the morning two of us were dead from bullets which had come through crevices during the night. We didn't have time to bury them; we were told that other men would take care of that part.

I think it all dawned on us then how valueless a dead body is, whether it's your own or another's. It wasn't long before we had lost all sentiment about the dead. At first, for instance, we were shocked to

terously. I didn't know that all these things were unfolding signs that fear was tugging at our hearts. I had hundreds of chances in the days to come to study myself and other men in the periods of danger, and I've learned that fear always comes.

The brave man isn't the man who has no fear; he is the man who has it and conquers it, or who fears the jitter of his mates more than the bullets of the enemy.

We marched a few miles more that afternoon and at last found ourselves in a deserted little town. Our path had been strewn with relics. French caps, French knapsacks, broken French rifles, French graves. I found myself wondering why we saw no German relics. I began to understand that evil things could happen to us as well as to the Germans. We were going to kill Germans, but in the meantime what were they going to do to us?

I was an average man, straight from the sidewalk of age man, and what was happening to my mind could have happened to the mind of any man I know. We could hear shooting now, distant rumbling. Our nerves were strung to cross the canal on the little bridge and go to the farmhouse," said an orderly. "But you must cross the bridge one at a time, so you won't draw the German fire."

There were 23 of us in my party. I was the third to cross the bridge. As I ran I could hardly believe that I, from San Francisco, was running from being killed; that I was this man who was entering war.

In the farm yard we found a grave marked by a wooden cross. It was next to the barn, but on the cross had been marked the name "Joseph Heinemann," and other lettering bore the praise of French soldiers for the bravery of the German lieutenant who reared there.