

BRITISH CONFIDENT OF RECOVERING LOST GROUND NEAR YPRES

"The Further They Come the Harder They'll Get Whipped," Is General French's Comment on German Attack.

Fighting Grows in Intensity as Both Armies Hurl Fresh Reinforcements at Threatened Points—Kaiser Making Supreme Effort.

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AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BRITISH OVERSEAS ARMY, NORTH-FRANCE, April 25.—"The further they come the harder they'll get whipped!"

The above phrase, the sharp comment of Field Marshal Sir John French, commander in chief of the British forces, when apprised that the Germans had backed their way through to the Ypres Canal, is today the slogan of the entire British army. It expresses the supreme confidence of the entire force, regular and volunteer, and is being followed up by an onslaught all along the line to try to recover the lost ground that for fierceness has never been equaled in any previous war. The fighting continues of the utmost intensity and the reinforcements are being thrown into the battle-line at every point where reports of air-men indicate the Germans have massed for renewed assault.

Standing on a hill, five miles from Ypres, today I saw reflected along a 15-mile panorama filled with smoke, the gigantic opposition which General French's army is making against the weight of the reinforced German war machine. Through the smoke and tumult of the horizon dotted with white clouds from the bursting shrapnel, the British still hold all of their positions in the vicinity of Hill 60. Over the hill itself a dense smoke cloud hangs, placed there by the enormous shells of the German guns which constantly burst over every portion of the British positions.

Six miles northeast of Ypres where the Canadians still are gallantly holding their new positions the line can just be distinguished through the whitish smoke. Ypres itself is being subjected to almost continuous bombardment from the German heavy artillery and has been set on fire in many places. The great tower of the beautiful Cloth Hall glimmers in the sunlight above the sea of smoke which fills the city, offering a great target to the hostile gun. Smoke from six burning Belgian villages is easily discernible on the horizon while all it can be picked up by the British aeroplanes reconnoitering the enemy's positions and watching as they fly by the "new" for the new massing of troops that forecasts another attempted advance.

The quantity of the German poisonous gas which showered over the Allied lines was so great that the ground for a wide area turned a deep yellow which, viewed from a distance, seems as though it were covered with a powder. Although the allied soldiers were affected for an area half a mile behind their trenches, the German soldiers rushed into the fumes unharmed. This was explained when, on prisoners were found wedges of cotton, and they said they had received instructions to plug up their nostrils when charging after the gas guns had been fired.

From General French down, the British believe that the present drive is the supreme attempt of the German General Staff to hack through to Calais, and every precaution has been taken to meet the movement.

PARENTS FIND "LOST" GIRL AFTER LONG SEARCH

Five-year-old, Losing Way, Spends Night With Strangers.

Little Rachel McKenzie, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdo McKenzie, is back at her home, 5607 Linmore street, today, and her father and mother are tired but contented after an all-day and all-night search for the child.

Rachel went to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday school, at 65th street and Chester avenue, yesterday for the first time. When the class was dismissed the little one started to wander in what she believed to be the direction of her home. She walked for a long time, she said today, and did not see any familiar faces. Finally she began to realize that she was lost, and the tears began to flow.

Just before 8 o'clock last night Mrs. Charles B. Verinden, sitting on the porch of her home, on Ridge avenue near Main street, Darby, saw a little white girl crying in a group of negro children. Mrs. Verinden investigated.

Little Rachel sobbed that she was "lost" and didn't know where she lived. She did not even know her last name or she was too frightened to tell it. Mrs. Verinden took the child into her home and kept her there all night.

This morning Mr. McKenzie went from his home to continue the search he had been making all night. Shortly afterward he bought a newspaper and read of a lost child in Darby. About the same time Mrs. McKenzie was reading the same story in a paper brought to her by a neighbor who thought the lost child might be Rachel. Both parents started for Verinden home and arrived within a few minutes of each other.

Little Rachel is playing in the lot near the McKenzie home now, and she says that she is "never, never goin' to be lost again."

BRITONS ISSUE NEW APPEAL FOR AID OF BELGIAN PEOPLE

Urgent Need of \$2,500,000 a Month to Feed 7,000,000.

LONDON, April 25.—Britain has taken on the lion's share of the Belgian relief work. A British-Belgian relief commission has been formed to secure better British co-operation. It is supported by leading statesmen, churchmen, members of the nobility and women leaders in charity. An appeal has been issued on behalf of 7,000,000 Belgians, a million and a half of whom are entirely destitute.

The relief work is to be left in the hands of the British Commission, an direct British participation is impossible. It is stated that the Germans will not, or cannot, offer any assistance.

Emphasis is laid on the fact that unless aid is given immediately the starvation of Belgium may commit the people to the sword. It is stated that a million a month is urgently needed. In Belgium there are 30,000 old men and women in the daily breadline waiting for food and soup; in Brussels, 200,000, and in Antwerp, 25,000. It is stated that a full \$2,500,000 in the contributions from America and the American commission appeal is needed.

WHICH GOES TO PROVE THAT WOMEN ALSO ARE BORN FIBBERS



KAISER RUSHES TO FLANDERS; BERLIN CERTAIN OF VICTORY

Emperor to Direct Operations on Ypres Front.
AMSTERDAM, April 25.—Emperor William is rushing the Flanders front on his special train to direct the operations against the Allies at Ypres and along the Yser front, according to advices received here from Berlin today. These unofficial reports state that the Kaiser was at Cracow when the new Flanders battle opened and that he immediately hastened to Berlin, where he stayed only a few hours before continuing his journey to Belgium.

The Berlin dispatches state that retreating is general in Berlin over the German success in Flanders and that the people expect complete victory in their effort to win Calais. They report also that hundreds of British and French prisoners are pouring into Germany.

BRITISH FLEET BOMBARDS GERMANS ALONG COAST

Von Hindenburg Reported in Command of Flanders Offensive.
AMSTERDAM, April 25.—Along the Belgian coast British warships are bombarding the Germans' positions, according to a dispatch from Stuta, Holland, which states that all day Sunday the booming of the great naval guns could be heard.

A Rotterdam dispatch states that a great German offensive at Ypres is being directed by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg transferred by order of Emperor William from the Eastern theatre. British experts are inclined to doubt this report, though it is well understood that German troops have been transferred from the Poland and East Prussian front to Belgium.

Supreme Court Decisions
The following decisions were handed down in the Supreme Court today:
By Justice Stewart: County of Schuylkill vs. Reese, C. P. Schuyler, Plaintiff, vs. Reese, C. P. Schuyler, Defendant. Judgment reversed and judgment now entered for plaintiff in the sum of \$2825 and costs.
By Justice Frazer: Steer estate—Steer appeal, O. C. Carben County. Appeal dismissed.
Steer estate—Steer appeal, O. C. Carben County. Decree affirmed.

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The Citizens' Committee, representing organizations in all sections of Philadelphia, will offer its services to Councils' Fourth of July Committee at a conference early in the week, and co-operate in every way to make the national Independence Day celebration here a success.

A number of prominent soloists have offered their services, and it is probable that one of the number will be selected to lead the immense chorus in Independence Square. This chorus will be accompanied by several bands, which, according to present arrangements, will be massed in Washington Square.

As many prominent women guests will be present from all sections of the United States, the women's organizations of the city are arranging a number of social affairs in their honor, and everything will be done to make their visit here a memorable one.

A trip to Valley Forge and other historical spots in and near the city are among the things already planned. An effort will be made to have the wives and widows of famous military and naval heroes among the guests.

Considerable funds will be required to carry out the program as now planned, but as it is expected Councils will appropriate \$12,000 for the celebration, while \$25,000 more will be given by the State, there is every reason to believe that there will be enough money available for the big celebration.

Germany Offers Potash in Exchange for Cotton
Willing to Ship Cargoes to U. S. Under Guarantees.

BERLIN, April 25.—The negotiations with the United States for the removal of the German prohibition of the exportation of potash salts, which have been in progress for some time, have reached the stage where a successful issue seems probable.

Germany some time ago felt forced to interrupt shipments of potash for fertilizer purposes to the United States until satisfactory guarantees were arranged that German potash exported would not be used in the manufacture of ammunition for sale to the Allies.

Potash salts form the essential part of both black powder and the bursting charge in shrapnel, and also the fulminating cap in rifle cartridges.

The German proposal, which seems to be capable of acceptance by the United States, is that potash exported in exchange for cotton cargoes be consigned to the Department of Agriculture at Washington under a guarantee that it will be used solely in the United States for the purpose of fertilizers, and that its distribution be supervised by inspectors who would see that none of it would fall into the hands of powder manufacturers, as it is charged has been the case of rubber imports from Great Britain.

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PEACE DELEGATES HELD UP

Miss Addams Appeals for Release of Noordam by British.

LONDON, April 25.—United States Ambassador Walter H. Page has been appealed to in a telegram from Miss Jane Addams, to expedite the release of the Holland-America liner Noordam, now detained in the Downs. On board are the American women delegates to the Women's Peace Conference at The Hague, which is scheduled to open on Wednesday. The steamship cannot proceed without permission from the Admiralty. It is said here that so soon as the Noordam's cargo and papers can be inspected she will likely be permitted to proceed.

Maurice E. Stern Convalescent
Friends of Maurice E. Stern, of 3718 North 18th street, secretary to the Federation of Jewish Charities in the United States, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Stern has been ill for about 10 days.

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GERMANS GENERATED GAS FUMES IN OWN TRENCHES
Wind Carried Asphyxiant to Allies' Lines, Say Observers.

PARIS, April 25.—Travelers from Haasbrouck say that men who observed the beginning of the German advance north of Ypres deny that bombs filled with asphyxiating gas were used, but say that some kind of a gas was generated in the German trenches and carried into the allied lines by the wind.

Before the fumes commenced it was noticed that something of an unusual nature was going on behind the enemy's parapets. The Germans waited for a favorable wind, and when it came the operations began by the appearance of great, dark clouds of dense smoke, which rolled toward the allied positions.

Taking advantage of the stupefying effect caused by this smoke, the Germans rushed forward. Some say that at first the Germans had their faces covered with masks.

A Dutch correspondent telegraphs that certain Germans have confessed to him that the Germans intend to continue the use of asphyxiating gas and expect that it will prove their final means of victory.

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