

GERMANS GAIN WEST OF MEUSE; YIELD ON EAST

Teutons Capture Trenches Along 300 Yards of Bethincourt Line

INFANTRY FIGHT GROWS

Berlin Report Claims Kaiser's Troops Again Hold Caillette Woods

PARIS, April 7.—German troops have made further gains west of the Meuse River...

In a furious night attack the Teutons penetrated the first line trenches of the French on the Bethincourt front...

The Germans drove violently against the French positions on the Bethincourt-Chattancourt road...

Counter-attacks were immediately launched by the French. At every point except one the Kaiser's men were forced back.

Bethincourt lies 5 1/2 miles northwest of Verdun, being the apex of the French salient west of the Meuse River.

The infantry assaults were both preceded and followed by furious artillery duels that raged night and day.

The Germans are making violent efforts to stem the French advance in the Douaumont region...

Infantry fighting is now in progress over the widest front in the Verdun sector since the great battle opened 47 days ago.

The text of the official communique follows: West of the Meuse, in the course of a night attack, delivered with the help of a violent bombardment...

Our counter-attack immediately drove them out of the greater part of the position which they had succeeded in occupying.

The enemy at present holds only some advance elements on a front about 300 yards long.

East of the Meuse there was an intermittent bombardment. We have continued to advance in the enemy's communicating trenches southwest of Fort Douaumont.

There were some artillery squalls in the Woivre region. The night was quiet on the rest of the front.

BERLIN, April 7.—Caillette Wood, a small forest northeast of Verdun, for which the French and Germans have been fighting desperately for three days and nights, is now firmly in German hands.

Official announcement of this effect was made today by the German War Office. French attacks west of the Meuse, on the Verdun front were repulsed. In the Argonne the French exploded a mine north of Four de Paris...

mine north of Four de Paris, which was followed by fighting in which liquid fire was used by the French soldiers.

South of St. Etloi, in West Flanders, after careful artillery preparation, the Germans delivered attacks which won back for them the mine crater recently captured by the British.

Several attempts by the enemy against German positions in the forest northeast of Avocourt were unsuccessful.

The French were unable to carry out their attacks against our positions in Caillette Wood, which is now firmly in German hands.

French troops were all ready for an elaborate attack, artillery preparations having been made, but it broke down under the accurate fire of our guns.

VIENNA, April 7.—Italian forces are again on the offensive in front of Gorizia. The Austrian War Office announced today that the city is being shelled, and that the Italian artillery is very active elsewhere on the Isonzo front.

Adelsberg, behind the Austrian lines, has been attacked by Italian airplanes. North of Tonale mines exploded by the Austrians destroyed Italian trenches.

The following official statement was given out: Italian artillery is lively on the Isonzo front.

Gorizia is again being shelled by the Italian heavy guns. One hundred and two Italian aviators dropped bombs on Adelsberg, without success.

Small encounters took place on the Tyro frontier. In Rauchhofel, north of Monte Cristadel, the Italians succeeded in occupying a ridge which the Austrians afterward recaptured.

One hundred and thirty-two prisoners, among them two officers and two machine guns, were captured by us.

North of the Susana Valley, near St. Oswald, strong Italian forces attacked, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

Italian attacks in the Ledro sector also failed. North of Tonale defile some recently built Italian trenches were destroyed by our mines.

Villa's Brother Free at U. S. Request HAVANA, April 7.—Hipolito Villa, brother of "Pancho" Villa, who was arrested here several weeks ago at the request of the American Government, was released today at the order of the Secretary of the Interior.

Villa was detained in the Havana prison, awaiting extradition to the United States.

Strike Cripples Reading Colliery POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 7.—All the "company" men and the drivers employed at No. 4 drift, at Silver Creek Colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, struck today when the foreman ordered that they load and start the cars, as well as drive.

The strike has seriously crippled this large operation.

Not Allowed to Work, He Ends Life CHESTER, Pa., April 7.—Because his father refused to let him go to work at the Remington Arms Company in Eddystone, Robert F. Ebbard, 20 years old, of Folsom, walked into the woods at Morton and shot and killed himself Wednesday night. His body was found last night.

MAYOR SMITH WILL URGE CITY HOME RULE BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Repeal of Present Charter Will Be Sought, Dinners at Municipal Research Bureau Dinner Are Told

POINT TO LOAN MUDDLE

Home rule for Philadelphia may soon be a reality. The Smith administration is planning to go before the Legislature at the next session and urge "All Philadelphia" legislation to replace the present antiquated charter...

Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's Finance Committee, made both these points clear last night at the dinner of the Bureau of Municipal Research...

Mr. Gaffney spoke on the financial situation of the city and impressed the municipal experts present with the earnestness of his "home rule" plea when he said that Mayor Smith and other city officials will start actual work on the framing of the new charter when the loan bill is disposed of.

Mayor Smith himself endorsed the plan this morning and said he would do everything in his power to aid in the move. "Philadelphia has been hampered for years by stringent legislation most of which is obsolete," said the Mayor, "and the way should be provided for new, sweeping legislation that will permit the city to seize its opportunities fully."

The idea of a new charter is not a new one, but the trouble experienced by city leaders in obtaining permission for Philadelphia to spend its own money for improvements, by means of amendments to the constitution, has forcibly impressed Philadelphia of the necessity of virtual "home rule."

Mr. Gaffney also told the diners that it was time for the city to "clean slate" and live within its means, and that other sources than real estate should be found to provide the source of additional revenue. He said he would find new ways of adding to the city's revenues when the loan bill is passed.

George W. Norris, former Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, called attention to the fact that this city had neglected revenue sources by not taxing cigarettes, bankers and brokers, insurance companies and such.

A crisis in city finances has been reached, Mr. Norris declared. The city must increase revenue, or face the humiliation of being unable to meet obligations. The third alternative is the curtailment of all municipal activities, he said.

"There can be no doubt that additional revenue is necessary," he said. "How much of this should be obtained by an increase in the tax rate, and how much from other sources, is another question. There are various possible sources of revenue which we have partly or wholly neglected."

For example, figures made up several years ago showed that from amusement licenses we got \$17,625, while St. Louis, with less than half the population, got \$100,000.

More than twice that amount, and Chicago got \$131,000. From bankers and brokers we got nothing, while Chicago got \$47,000 and New York more than \$5,500,000. From the sale of cigarettes we got nothing, while Chicago got \$139,000. From the licensing of dogs we got \$12,500, while St. Louis got \$23,000 and Chicago \$121,000. From insurance companies we got nothing, while St. Louis got \$77,000. From manufacturers and merchants we got nothing, while St. Louis got more than \$700,000. From vehicles we got nothing, while St. Louis got \$115,000 and Chicago \$586,000. Carriages for hire used to be charged a license fee of \$10 a year, but now they have been superseded by taxicabs, upon which no license fee at all is charged.

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MORE TURK LINES TAKEN BY BRITISH MOVING UPON KUT

Felahie Won, Bringing Relief Corps 15 Miles From Pent-up Forces

TWO VICTORIES IN A DAY

LONDON, April 7.—Two important victories in one day have been achieved by the British army driving up the Tigris to the relief of General Townshend at Kut-el-Amara. It is now about 15 miles from its goal.

Besides taking the strong Turkish positions at Umm-el-Heena (20 miles below Kut) early Wednesday morning, the British in the evening stormed the Turkish trenches at Felahie, 3 1/2 miles further up the river. The Turks were routed on both sides of the river at Felahie.

An official statement issued here last night says: "The reports indicate that the Umm-el-Heena position was strongly entrenched. Its left flank resting on the Su-walchi marsh and its right on the river. The front trenches are stated to be nine feet deep and the whole system extended in successive lines for a depth of 2500 yards."

Two Appointed to City Positions City Hall appointments today were John McCabe, 5965 McCallum street, smoke inspector, Bureau of Boiler Inspection, salary, \$1200 a year, and Ralph M. Sperry, of 2610 West Ontario street, helper, bacteriological division, Bureau of Health, salary, \$600.

ENEMY OF 'BANANA' TRUST URGES ITS NEW TRIAL PLEA

Bluefields Steamship Company Says Court Excluded Strong Evidence

One hundred and four reasons for a new trial were advanced today by counsel for the Bluefields Steamship Company, Ltd., before Judge Thompson, in the United States District Court, where it lost to the United Fruit Company, the so-called "banana trust."

At the first trial the Bluefields Company spent months and \$160,000 trying to prove the United Fruit Company should pay \$15,000,000 damages for violation of the anti-trust law.

There was less argument this morning than heretofore. There were fewer lawyers. Whereas 14 lawyers were engaged in the first trial, but three presented pleas.

Among the reasons given by Thomas F. Galt, partner of State Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown and counsel for the steamship company, was Judge Thompson's alleged error in excluding correspondence between officers of the steamship company and the "banana trust." These letters tended to show, he declared, the "trust's" determination to stifle competition by any means.

German-American Loses Job NEW YORK, April 7.—Herman Winter, an American, born of naturalized German parents, who since July, 1911, has been in the employ of the Cunard Steamship Company here, has been "let out." The company acted, Mr. Winter said, because of repeated criticism regarding the retention by an English company of a man of German parentage. Winter has been assistant to the general agent of the company.

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