

FRENCH HALT FOE'S ATTACKS ON TWO HILLS

Admit Loss of 500 Yards of an Advanced Trench Near Le Mort Homme

QUIT BETHINCOURT LINE

Terrific Slaughter Marks Battle Northwest of Verdun

PARIS, April 10.—Pierce German attacks against the French positions on Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) were renewed during the night and the Teutons occupied 500 yards of an advanced trench, it was announced by the War Office in an official communique today.

Mountains of corpses on the front northwest of Verdun and west of the Meuse River testify to the frightfulness of the German losses.

The ferocity of the assaults around Hill 304 and Dead Man's Hill is only equalled by the gallantry of the French defenders.

Although the French have evacuated Bethincourt, northwest of Verdun, a modified salient still extends into the German line in that region and the Teutons are pounding it on two sides with infantry and artillery in an effort to compel the French to give up their positions on Hill 304.

The voluntary retirement of the French from Bethincourt and the territory southwest of Bethincourt opened up the way for a direct attack against Hill 304 and the Germans immediately took advantage of it, hurling great masses of men against the hill.

The battle raged along an eight-mile front. According to French military circles, it was a decisive defeat for the Crown Prince.

By the retirement from the Bethincourt sector the Germans were able to advance a mile, but at the same time General Pétain saved his forces from what would have probably proved severe losses by this strategic move.

Two German army corps (80,000 men) fought generally all day and night in a determined effort to hurl the French from Hill 304 and the southern slopes of Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) back to the Charney Ridge, which forms a strong line of defense for Verdun upon the western side of the Meuse, but the defense never wavered.

The first attack was delivered between Avocourt and the crossroad south of Bethincourt, where a division and a half sought to capture Hill 304 by a combined direct and enveloping movement.

Each advancing column consisted of a company. They marched forward beneath a withering fire until checked within 100 yards of the French trenches, where machine guns mowed them down in masses.

Simultaneously two divisions of fresh troops attempted to storm Dead Man's Hill from the east, but they were repulsed in the region of Cumerles, but the only result was to leave heaps of corpses on the battlefield.

Several hundred Germans succeeded in penetrating the lines between Cumerles and the Meuse River, but they were cut off and all perished.

Meanwhile one brigade attacked the trenches between Avocourt and the crossroad.

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THIEF'S PLEA MOVE JUDGE

Burglar's Story He Stole for Starving Family Found True

The story of a burglar so touched the sympathy of Magistrate Beaton today that he deferred disposition of the case until Saturday.

The defendant, Alfred Jensen, of 112 South 2d street, had admitted stealing silver from the home of Elizabeth Peters, 114 West Philadelphia street, Germantown, protesting that he did not under the necessity of saving his wife and two children from starving and being thrown out of their home because there was no way to pay the rent.

Jensen confessed to Detective Doyle and Benz. They had Frederick J. Pooley, general agent of the Pennsylvania Prison Society, investigate the man's story, and Mr. Pooley found it true.

There is no record to show that Jensen ever broke the law before, and he said this was his first offense.

SPRING SINGS SNAPPY SONG

Sun Shines, Robins Chirp and Mercury Goes Up

Spring entered into her own again today. The sun, which struggled all day yesterday with the clouds that formed the rearward of the late snowstorm, came out early. Up mounted the mercury, and the songs of the robins and the chirp of the trees, all of which for two days had been repressed by the sudden return of winter in the heaviest late snowstorm on record.

The temperature went up well above 40 degrees, and better things are in store for the city, according to the weather forecast. Fair and warmer, says the Government Weather Bureau. Rain, says Baer's Weather Almanac.

RUSSIANS WIN FIRST FIGHTS IN TREBIZOND-FRAY

Battle for Possession of Turks' Black Sea Port Under Way

MOSLEMS REINFORCED

90,000 Troops in Defense. Grand Duke Personally Leads Attack

PETROGRAD, April 10.—The battle for possession of Trebizond, the great Turkish port on the Black Sea, has begun and the opening fights have terminated successfully for the Russians.

The attempts of the Turks to drive the Russians from their position on the right bank of the Kara Dere, between 16 and 20 miles from Trebizond, resulted in failure, the Turks suffering heavy losses.

Reinforcements have been received by the Trebizond garrison and it is evident that a city defense of the city is planned. They have about 90,000 troops and the defensive operations will be directed by German army officers.

Great quantities of ammunition were sent from Germany for the defense of Trebizond, as well as many aeroplanes, guns and armored motorcars.

Grand Duke Nicholas is directing in person the drive against the Turkish stronghold.

Turkish official statements, reporting the sinking of two Russian transports in the Black Sea, are fabrications, the Ministry of Marine announced today.

German submarines, flying the Turkish flag, have inflicted only negligible losses on British transports or supply service, it was stated. The Russian destroyer Strogli rammed an enemy submarine near the spot where the hospital ship Portugal was sunk by a torpedo.

According to information received at the Russian Embassy, the Turks have succeeded in getting important reinforcements to Trebizond and Sivas. They are said to number 80 or 90 battalions with artillery.

The feeding of the Turkish army continues a problem. Constant attempts are made to send them food and material by sea, but few ships arrive, most of them captured by Russian submarines and destroyers.

Since the beginning of March the Russians have destroyed a hundred Turkish vessels.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 10.—One of the three Allied monitors that were shelling the coast of Asia Minor, southwest of Uria (near Smyrna), was disabled by Turkish guns and had to be towed away, it was announced today by the Turkish War Office.

JITNEY WAR IN McKEESPORT

Drivers Defy Mayor's Order and Are Locked Up

McKEESPORT, Pa., April 10.—There was here today between Mayor Lysle and the jitney owners. Satisfied that Mayor Lysle had ordered that no one should park cars at Walnut and 5th avenues, a station they have used for a year. Today 19 jitney owners lined their cars up at 9 o'clock and when ordered to move by the police all refused and were taken to the police station.

All refused to furnish bond for a hearing later engaged in or to allow their friends to do so. The 19 owners were locked up. An attorney has been engaged by the jitney owners and the whole matter is to be taken to court.

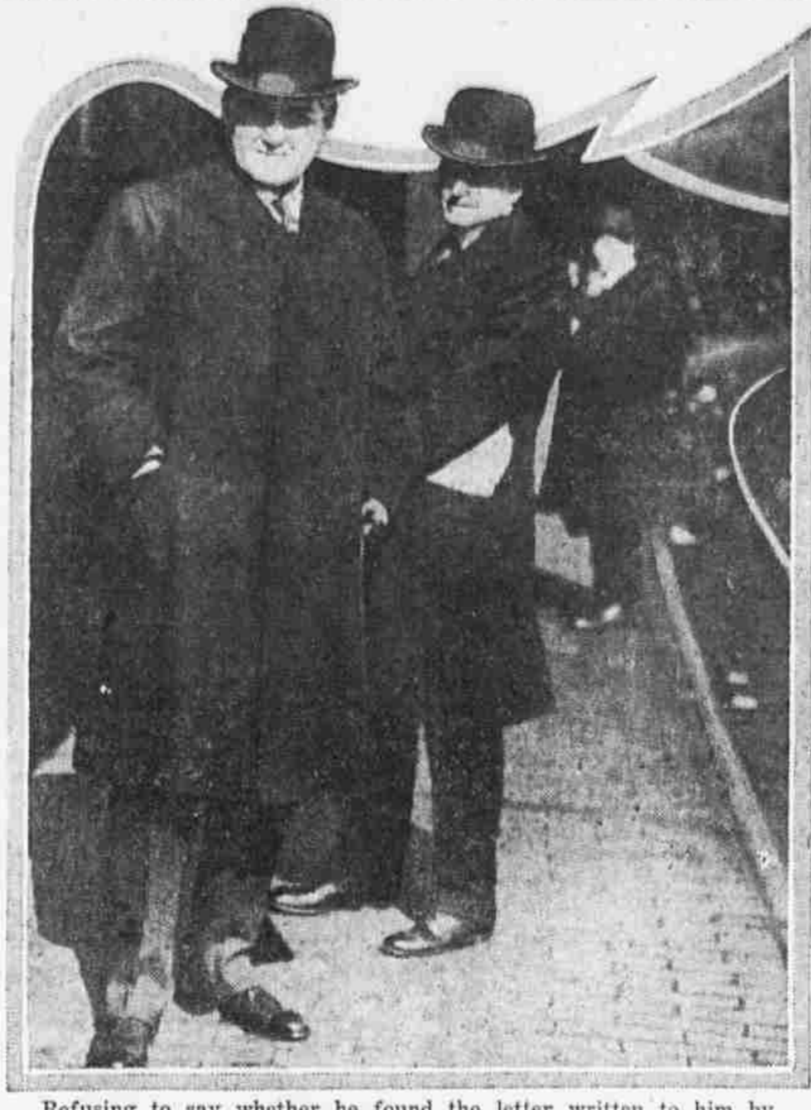
L'AUSTRIA VUOLE LA GRANDE OFFENSIVA?

Si Dice Che l'Arciduca Eugenio Attaccherà le Linee Italiane con Grandi Forze

Un telegramma da Roma dice che le informazioni delle autorità militari italiane e disposti giunti c'è affermano che gli austriaci stanno preparando una offensiva in grande stile contro l'Italia. Si dice che l'offensiva sarebbe stata decisa in seguito ad una conferenza tra l'arciduca Eugenio e gli altri comandanti dell'esercito austriaco. Come è noto, l'arciduca Eugenio è comandante in capo delle forze operanti contro l'Italia.

Forti unità di truppe sono state ritirate dal confine della Romania e grandi quantità di munizioni vengono inviate dall'Interno dell'impero verso la fronte di battaglia italiana. Qui a Roma si dice che il comandante delle forze italiane ha preparato tutto per far fronte all'offensiva austriaca, nel caso che questa dovesse svilupparsi, e per costringere gli austriaci a ritornare sulla difensiva.

GOV. BRUMBAUGH OFF TO HARRISBURG



Refusing to say whether he found the letter written to him by David B. Oliver, the Governor left the city from the West Philadelphia Station today, accompanied by his secretary, William H. Ball.

U-BOAT TERROR INCREASES; MORE SHIPS TORPEDOED

Six British Vessels Sunk in 24 Hours Total Nearly 20,000 Tons

SEVERAL CREWSMEN LOST

One Merchantman, Unarmed, Reported Struck Without Any Warning

The German submarine campaign, renewed March 1, is gaining in terror to shipping. Six more British ships have been sunk. They aggregate nearly 20,000 tons. One was struck without warning. Several lives have been lost.

A Danish ship was attacked, according to dispatches to Lloyd's London office. Ambassador Bernstorff has asked Secretary Lansing for an interview this afternoon. The Secretary refused to disclose any details of the conference, but officials believe it may result in new overtures concerning the Sussex case. The German answer to the United States note of protest is expected in Washington today. Additional affidavits from the American Embassies at London and Paris will be delayed until the St. Paul puts into New York Thursday.

LONDON, April 10.—The last 24 hours has seen an increase in the already terrifying campaign of German submarines. Up to noon reports had been received of the torpedoing of four British steamships whose size totaled 13,865 tons.

The victims were: Scafra, 3578 tons. Silkworth Hall, 4777 tons. Glenamold, 2383 tons. Yonne, 2562 tons. Avon, 470 tons. Adiantum, 2504 tons. The Scafra, Silkworth Hall and Glen-

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CHASE FOR VILLA PUSHES TO SOUTH, DESPITE RUMORS

El Paso Hears Deadline for U. S. Has Been Reached

FUNSTON DISREGARDS IT

Pershing Assured of Aid from Carranzistas—Washington Hopeful

"We are still going south," General Funston stated today regarding the chase for Pancho Villa. The commander added that there was not a chance for the immediate withdrawal of the American troops.

El Paso reports, however, said that Villa had passed southward beyond the Chihuahua-Durango State line, and that according to an agreement between President Wilson and First Chief Carranza United States troops would not be allowed further to extend the pursuit. Of this agreement, if such exists, General Funston apparently knows nothing.

Dispatches from El Paso, 30 miles south of the Durango border, while the reports from San Antonio, Funston's headquarters, indicate that he is somewhere near Parral, still in Chihuahua.

Official Washington was reassured by General Funston of co-operation from the Carranza troops, and was still optimistic that the man-hunt would succeed. General Funston's

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BRUMBAUGH LEAVES CITY; MUM ON NOTE

Refuses to Say Whether or Not He Found Oliver Letter

DOESN'T WANT STRIFE

Governor Goes to Harrisburg. Light on Check May Come Later in Day

Governor Brumbaugh left the city for Harrisburg this morning, after declining to admit whether or not he has found the letter written to him by David B. Oliver, Pittsburgh multi-millionaire and brother of Senator Oliver, at the time Mr. Oliver sent him the check for \$1000, and which would prove whether the check was a personal contribution, as the Governor avers, or a political contribution as alleged by Mr. Oliver.

"I have nothing to say; I don't want to stir up a controversy," said the Governor, in answer to direct questions as to whether he had found the letter. He spoke these words at his Germantown home, 254 West Walnut lane, before entering his automobile to go to the railroad station.

The letter, according to the Governor, last night was on file in his Germantown home. The Governor yesterday admitted that he would search for it while here.

MAY NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. William H. Ball, private secretary to Governor Brumbaugh, declared this morning that if the letter found it will not be made public at this time, thereby contradicting a statement which he made yesterday. Mr. Ball said yesterday that he was "waiting to see" what the letter would be made public as soon as it was found.

When he was seen at the Governor's home this morning, before the departure of the Governor, Attorney General Francis Shunk Grew, Mrs. Brumbaugh and the Secretary on the 8:40 train for Harrisburg, Mr. Ball said that he did not know whether the letter had been found.

"I don't know whether the Governor found the letter or not," he said. "Even if he has found it, it will not be made public at this time."

MIXUP OVER A BAG. An accident that occurred at the West Philadelphia station for a time promised an interesting side-light on the mystery of the letter. The Governor, who had appeared refreshed at his home early this morning, was nervous under the questioning of the newspapermen, and when the train left a traveling bag was left on the station platform where the Governor had been standing.

"This is the Governor's bag," shouted several persons. A station porter grabbed the bag, and ran after the train. He lost the race, and returned in the care of the station master. Speculation as to whether the Governor had found the letter and left it in his bag was rife until a man, who declined to give his name and insisted that the bag was not the Governor's, but belonged to him, appeared and carried it away.

The porter who carried the Governor's bags from the station to the train declared that he had placed all three of Governor Brumbaugh's bags in the Governor's compartment on the train. The abrupt mystery concerning the letter may be cleared up when the Governor arrives in Harrisburg, just before noon. It was said that if the Governor should find the letter here, he would wait until he reached Harrisburg before making it public.

The attitude of Senator George T. Oliver is the subject of much speculation.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON SOARING GASOLINE

HINTS AT PRICE-FIXING

Figures Given Congress by Federal Trade Commission

Only "Tentative," Says Explanation

BIGGEST BOOST IN EAST

Washington, April 10.—A preliminary report on the investigation of the increased price of gasoline, now being conducted by the Federal Trade Commission was transmitted to Congress today. The report explains the method the commission is pursuing and submitted some "tentative" statistics as to production and price. The commission explains that the gasoline investigation necessarily involves an inquiry into the whole petroleum industry.

A series of tables showing monthly production of crude oil and gasoline during 1915, average monthly prices for crude oil, kerosene, gasoline and fuel oil, and other statistical matter accompanies the report. But the commission says: "Being prepared at an early stage in the investigation, and returns not being complete from all refiners, these tables are to be regarded as tentative." Due caution should be used in drawing conclusions from them.

The price table shows that while crude oil in the Western field increased in price from 15 cents a gallon in August to 2.57 in December, the price of gasoline in the same period increased from 6.61 to 11.49 cents. In the Eastern field the crude oil price rose from 2.50 to 5.05 cents and gasoline from 9.95 to 15 cents a gallon. The prices used in the table are refinery prices and show in the Western field an increase of 1.17 cents a gallon for crude oil and 4.88 cents for gasoline. In the Eastern field crude oil increased 1.55 cents and gasoline increased 5.5 cents.

As to the causes of increased prices, the report said: "In investigating causes, the commission is considering both domestic and foreign conditions, and is watching every factor to detect any artificial or manipulative element. The following points are being examined: Forces of demand and supply affecting the price of crude oil, exports and imports, deterioration of quality of crude, increased cost of refining, improved methods and speculative holding of crude and gasoline.

The close connection between the investigations of high prices and of alleged discrimination in prices should be noted if prices are found to have been raised to higher levels in some sections than in others, making due allowance for quality of products, freight and marketing conditions. It may be inferred that an element of artificial manipulation has entered into the advance."

QUICK NEWS

WAITE PLEADS NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

NEW YORK, April 10.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite pleaded not guilty to the charge of the murder of John E. Peck, Grand Rapids millionaire, when arraigned in the Court of General Sessions today. His counsel asked leave to withdraw the plea or make such motions as he saw fit within ten days. Waite was then removed to the Tombs.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN OKLAHOMA

LAWTON, Okla., April 10.—An unmasked mob of 200 men and boys took Carl Dudley, a negro, from the county jail here early today and shot him to death in the jail yard. The body was then hitched out on an automobile and dragged through the streets while bullets were fired into it. Dudley shot Policeman James Hayes Saturday, the wounds resulting in death.

COMPLAINT REGARDING FREIGHT RATES DISMISSED

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The complaint of the freight bureau of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association that class rates from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to Birmingham, Ala., were unreasonable was dismissed by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The Atlantic Coast Line and other carriers concerned had altered the rates objected to.

PRESIDENT HAS A COLD; CANCELS ENGAGEMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Wilson, suffering with a very troublesome cold, canceled all his engagements today and remained in the White House. The President contracted a slight cold last Friday. He decided to take a river trip in the hope that he would be able to throw it off. Bad weather, however, forced him to return. Yesterday found him very uncomfortable. It was reported at the White House early today, however, that he was much improved.

CAR SHORTAGE CLOSES POTTSVILLE COLLIERIES

POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 10.—The collieries in the entire region are shut down today, owing to scarcity of cars. This, too, in face of the fact that yesterday was Sunday, a day when the railroads had sufficient time to convey cars to the several collieries in time for work this morning.

LONDON ESTIMATES GERMAN LOSSES AT 2,730,917

LONDON, April 10.—German losses to date total 2,730,917, London newspapers figure by adding the German official casualty list. Of these, 681,437 have been killed.

WEATHER RETARDS BRITISH IN KUT RELIEF

LONDON, April 10.—Preparations by the British for another drive in Mesopotamia in an effort to relieve the English army shut up in Kut El Amara have been hampered by the weather. It is stated in official dispatches from General Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in that district.

GERMAN MEAT RATIONS TO BE ALLOTTED TODAY

BERLIN, April 10.—Maximum meat prices, the amount of meat to be allotted daily to each individual and the manner of distribution will be agreed upon today. Representatives of all the greatest Berlin municipalities will meet for a discussion of the food problem. A decision, however, may have to wait on a general census of live stock in the empire, which begins Saturday. The census will include horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, tame rabbits and poultry.

CHANNEL RETAINS DEPTH OF AT LEAST 30 FEET

The Delaware River channel has been found to be at least 30 feet in depth, despite the deposit of winter silt, according to Government engineers. A survey completed by the department under the direction of Colonel George A. Zinn shows that the channel is in good condition.

SWALLOWS POISON TO SHOW WIFE HE HAD "NERVE"

Henry Weinhold held a glass of poison to his lips at his home, 2439 Harold street, and said he would drink it. His wife laughed and replied that he had not the nerve. The man answered by drinking the fluid and fell to the floor unconscious. He was taken to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital, where he is in a serious condition.

NORWEGIAN WOMEN ELIGIBLE TO CABINET

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, April 10.—The Storting has agreed by 91 votes to 14 to an amendment of the fundamental laws enabling women to be appointed members of the Council of State. This body in the Scandinavian kingdoms corresponds to what is known as the Cabinet or Ministry in most other European countries. The Norwegian Council of State at present consists of nine members. The Storting is the Norwegian Parliament.

MAXIM GORKY GRAVELY ILL FROM PNEUMONIA

LONDON, April 10.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says that reports reaching Holland through Berlin are to the effect that Maxim Gorky, the Russian author, is suffering from pneumonia at Moscow. His condition is declared to be alarming.

BELGIAN SCHOOL TEACHERS FACE TREASON CHARGE

AMSTERDAM, April 10.—Director Concheux, of the St. Louis Church School, and a teacher named Truven have been arrested for treason, according to a Brussels dispatch. They are charged with assisting young Belgians to join the army.

BRITISH CAPTURE FIRST FOKKER PLANE

LONDON, April 10.—The British War Office last night issued the following communication: "A Fokker monoplane descended inside our lines yesterday. The pilot, who was unharmed, was taken prisoner. This is the first Fokker machine, the newest and most powerful type of German aeroplane, reported captured."

GREEK MINISTER OF FINANCE QUILTS CABINET

LONDON, April 10.—Stephen Dragoumis, Greek Minister of Finance, has resigned his portfolio, says a Reuters dispatch from Athens. He is succeeded by D. G. Rhalia, Minister of Justice and Communications, who retains the Communications portfolio, M. Hatzaker becoming Minister of Justice.

RUSSIA SHUTS OFF ALL EXPORTS TO RUMANIA

BERLIN, April 10.—The Russian Government has canceled all permits for exports to Rumania, according to a dispatch from Bucharest, says the Overseas News Agency today. "This measure is considered an outcome of the recent Paris conference of the Entente and as having been taken in order to put pressure upon neutrals and multiply the difficulties of relations with the Central Powers, with whom Rumania's commercial relations have recently been drawn closer."

LITTLE GIRL FALLS INTO PAIL OF BOILING WATER

Three-year-old Helen Carmichael, of 2053 Dickinson street, is in a critical condition in the Polyclinic Hospital; today as the result of a scalding she received when she fell into a bucket of boiling water at her home. The mother was preparing the water for bathing purposes. She left the room for a minute to get the soap. When she returned she found the child in the water.

FIANCEE FORGIVES STUDENT JEKYLL-HYDE

Loring P. Crossman, the Haverford College student whose dual personality led him to terrorize women while living at Elizabeth, N. J., has been forgiven by his fiancée, Miss Mary Florence Hawkes, librarian at the Portland Public Library. They have obtained a marriage license at Lawrence, Mass. Crossman was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 or spend six months in jail. He explained that he had a dual personality since reading "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." His father, George I. Crossman, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, paid the fine.

Deschanel Blames Germany

PARIS, April 10.—Paul Deschanel, presiding at a demonstration at the Sorbonne in behalf of Armenia, said Europe, at the Congress of Berlin, guaranteed the security of Armenia. Germany was a signatory to this agreement and violated it in allowing the Sultan to torture Armenians.

Ex-Gov. Stuart Home From Porto Rico

Ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, of Pennsylvania, was among the passengers aboard the steamship Brasas from Porto Rico, which docked today in New York. Mr. Stuart left two weeks ago for San Juan on a pleasure trip. He is expected at his home in Overbrook late today.

LOST AND FOUND

DIRTY—Lost, dead in the name of Edmund... 202 Main Street, Camden, N. J. Application has been made for a duplicate... 202 Main Street, Camden, N. J. Application has been made for a duplicate...

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