

GERMANS SMASH ROE IN CHAMPAGNE

Advance Half Mile on Front 2600 Meters Long, Berlin Reports

PENETRATE FOUR LINES

Capture 837 Prisoners and 20 Guns—Crush Counter-attacks

BERLIN, Feb. 16. Four enemy lines on a width of 2600 meters and a depth of half a mile were stormed and taken by German forces around Hill 185, Champagne district, the official statement said today.

German forces took 837 prisoners and twenty machine guns. "Our losses were slight," it was stated. "The French made a fruitless counter-attack."

LONDON, Feb. 16. The British pressure on the German lines north of the Somme has not relaxed in the last twenty-four hours, and while General Haig reports no spectacular advance, the German official statement admits a withdrawal "under orders" in the region between Serre, which the British have clearly indicated they mean to take, and the bend of the river near Peronne.

The war reports from both London and Berlin agree on the artillery fire in this sector. What these "small local advances" mean, both to the Germans and the British, was explained today by Major General P. H. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the War Office. The ground gained since the first of the year, he declared, covered a depth of three-quarters of a mile on a front of 10,000 yards, while the 2000 German prisoners brought back more than counterbalanced the entire British losses.

"During the last fortnight," said the general, "I have had a chance to see the results of our raids, which as you may have noticed, are divided into two forms: those on the Somme front, where we are securing the new ground, particularly observation points, and on the remainder of the front, where we raid the enemy's trenches, worry the Germans and improve our own morale. Both forms have been successful."

On the Aisne, since the first of the year, over a front of nine thousand yards, we have gained ground to a depth of nearly three-quarters of a mile, while elsewhere in the Somme section terrain to an equal depth has been gained over a thousand-yard front. These gains have not only given us excellent vantage points, but the encouragement of our morale has been very great, while we have reason to believe the effect on the enemy has been exceedingly depressing.

"The ground for two weeks has been very hard. The slight gains lately did not retard the raids. It is easy to get over hard ground. The difficulty arises in organizing captured trenches. Some idea of the effect on the morale of our troops may be gained from the expression of a Canadian colonel, who, when I was visiting his troops, said they had become very cheery since they had taken part in the raids. It is seldom that more than a battalion takes part in a raid. Some idea of their success may be gained from the fact that in a whole series of raids our total mileage was only one hundred. Some of these were dead or wounded, whom it was impossible to bring back.

"We are now capturing Germans of all ages, including both ends of the seventeen year old to the middle aged. We are limiting the German army. While it would not be safe to say that deterioration of the German army has become general, it can be said that the German army has marked evidence of such decline, and the fact that they have abandoned villages without attempting to defend them confirms this impression."

LUDENDORFF CALLED POWER BEHIND THRONE

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Americans arriving in the French capital yesterday from Berlin who were in a position to see what was taking place behind the screen regard General von Ludendorff as the first Quartermaster General of the German imperial army, the most vital person in the small group surrounding Emperor William, responsible for the German policy.

General von Ludendorff, the Americans say, appears to be the brain that organizes the military plans, while Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the general staff, is the hand that executes them. General von Ludendorff is described as being of a military mind rather than of a political one. Yet his immense influence in the entourage of the German Emperor gives him a voice in purely political and foreign politics.

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DR. KEEN QUESTIONS CONGRESSMAN MOORE

Condemns Philadelphian's Speeches and Asks Him to Define His Americanism

Dr. W. W. Keen, surgeon of national reputation, has sent a letter to Representative J. Hampton Moore, of this city, denouncing his pacifist speeches in Congress and informing the congressman that he is willing in spite of his years to serve in the army if the President calls for volunteers.

Mr. Moore told Congress that he was neither pro-Ally nor pro-German, but that he was pro-American and was unwilling to side with any of the belligerents in the European war. Dr. Keen wrote to Mr. Moore in part as follows: "The Kaiser claims to be fighting for the 'freedom of the seas' and in the same breath he illegally forbids American ships to enter upon large zones of the high seas. Are you pro-American enough to resent this dictation?"

"The Kaiser has forbidden the United States to send more than one ship a week to England. Are you pro-American enough to resent this dictation?" "The Kaiser has forbidden us to send any ships at all to any port except Peking, Kobe, and Yokohama. Are you pro-American enough to resent this dictation?"

"As a result of the dictation of the Kaiser the American Line (note the word American) has not ventured to send its ships to sea lest the Kaiser's submarines send them to the bottom. Are you pro-American enough to resent that menace?"

PLANE INVENTOR SAYS HE CAN CROSS OCEAN

Joseph Bellanca, Building 35-Horsepower Machine at Hagerstown, Ascertains It Will Have Large Radius

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Feb. 15.—Joseph Bellanca, the Italian inventor who is building an aeroplane at the plant of the New York and Hagerstown Metal Stamping Company, thinks that the machine will be tested out near this city, and if not will be taken either to near Washington or Baltimore. The machine will have a thirty-five horsepower engine and will have a radius of 3200 to 3500 miles.

Mr. Bellanca says it can stay up forty-four hours and can cross the Atlantic Ocean. He admits that United States army officers have been inspecting it and hopes that the Government will be a purchaser for many of the flyers.

TROOPS PUT DOWN DUTCH FOOD RIOTS

Workers Clash With Police and Soldiers at The Hague

POOR NEAR STARVATION

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15.—Serious rioting, in which the crowds were only dispersed after repeated charges by police and Hussars hurriedly called upon for re-enforcements, occurred here last night. The rioters, mostly workmen, staged their demonstration as a protest against the high cost of food. They occupied the space in front of the Queen's Palace and the Ministerial buildings.

The food situation was regarded today as having reached an acute stage in Holland. Small-salaried workers find it almost impossible to obtain coal and potatoes. Discontent has been growing and authorities today did not disguise their fear of further outbreaks of probably an even more serious nature than that of last night, unless the Government takes some remedial measures at once.

"Primarily the shortage in food has been due to the fact that Holland, of all neutrals, is most affected by the blockade which the belligerent nations of Europe have established about her."

ITALY ALSO FACING SERIOUS FOOD CRISIS

ROME, Jan. 21, by mail to New York, Feb. 15.

The Italian government is taking steps to avert a food crisis. Already the situation is serious. There are now two meatless days a week and three days a week pastry may not be baked nor sold. The introduction of the card system has introduced for the sale of sugar, butter and perhaps bread is under consideration.

The Government outlined a program of restriction and conservation in a circular letter which Minister of Interior Orlando has addressed to the prefects of every province. Simultaneously a nation-wide campaign has been started under the direction of Professor Leonardo Biondi, minister without portfolio, tending to secure the cooperation of every Italian housewife in the enforcement of the new rules regarding the distribution of food.

According to food experts, there is no immediate fear of a famine, yet the steady increase in the cost of living and the rapid disappearance from the market of wheat, butter, eggs and fats are unmistakable signs of an approaching food crisis, unless the problem is solved.

An idea of the food strain placed upon the country may be gained from the fact that the feeding of the army requires that 1500 tons of bread be baked every day. In addition 200 tons of corn and 200,000 tons of cheese and 150 tons of potatoes must be cooked.

The people are gladly submitting to the privations and so far no disorders have occurred.

LIQUOR QUESTION UP AGAIN IN ATLANTIC CITY

Second Split in Commission Averted When the License Application Is Withdrawn

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 16.—A second split over additional liquor selling permits in Atlantic City's otherwise harmonious city commission was averted when Frank Miller, a Republican organization leader in the Fourth Ward, withdrew his application for a wholesale license at 230 1/2 Atlantic avenue.

W. P. Sooy, Director of Public Safety, against whose protest the commissioners a week ago granted a wholesale license, had refused to approve Miller's petition. The applicant, finding he could not count upon enough votes to pass the grant over Director Sooy's veto, abandoned it rather than run the risk of being deprived of a license for a full year.

The Commissioners passed upon second reading a bill creating the new office of assistant mercantile appraiser, at \$1400 a year, to be filled by William F. Raitzel, a former county detective. Mayor Maloney introduced a bill increasing the liability of physicians who fail to report within twenty-four hours all communicable diseases which come to their attention.

Director Sooy, to put an end to reports that many cafe owners have been permitted by the police to entirely disregard a city law requiring all licensed establishments to close at 2 a. m., gave notice he is prosecuting charges against these license holders. He declared the closing rule will be enforced rigidly.

Will Keep Vessel Movements Secret

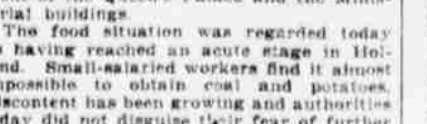
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Government's marine observers at Baltimore, Cape Henry, Va., and Sand Key, Fla., have been instructed to discontinue making public the names of vessels passing their posts.

FOUNDERS' DAY AT URSINUS OBSERVED

Academic Exercises Are Followed by Annual Family Dinner in Freeland Hall

WILLARD GOLDSMITH

Composer and director of "Mignon Maguire," the musical comedy to be presented by the Balbaroz Club of the Young Men's Hebrew Association in Mercantile Hall Monday evening, February 26. This is the third of the "Balbaroz" shows which Mr. Goldsmith has directed. There are fifty young men in the production.



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SHEATZ URGES CAMDEN BRIDGE AS NECESSITY

Tells Business Men Growth of City Makes Span Across Delaware Vital Need

TO HIS WE WANT THAT BRIDGE! We want a bridge, just a bridge, to reach the Camden side. Build a bridge, not a skyway span. And road and highway wide. A good memorial bridge to William Penn. We want a bridge, just a bridge, to reach the Camden side.

Necessity of quick action on the bridge over the Delaware to Camden was pointed out by John O. Sheatz, chairman of the citizens' committee on the bridge. In a talk to the Market Street Business Men's Association last night.

Philadelphia is rapidly becoming crowded along the water-front," he told the business men, "and will have to expand to New Jersey. Such a bridge will be of great benefit in more closely knitting our business relations."

Sheatz told his audience that Philadelphia was doing its share in furthering the consummation of the plan and a call is being prepared to be presented at Harrisburg to place the matter under the authority of the State Department of Public Grounds.

ALLEGED CHECK PASSER HELD

Frank Perry Hamilton, With Many Aliases, Arrested

Frank Perry Hamilton, of Trenton, N. J., a man of a half dozen aliases, who posed as a naval officer, a preacher and other personalities to suit his schemes, and who was successful in passing worthless checks aggregating several thousand dollars, according to the police was held on \$1500 bail by Magistrate Tracey at the Fifteenth and Vine streets station this morning on one charge and without bail on the allegations of a boy who said Hamilton had taken him all over the country and had abused him.

Hamilton was arrested on February 8 by District Detectives Creedon and Malone when a man who had cashed a worthless check recognized him.

Fire Destroys Boarding House

STONE HARBOR, N. J., Feb. 15.—A boarding house of Mrs. Cora Bowers, at 191st street and Second avenue, was burned to the ground. No lives were lost, but Mrs. Bowers, in escaping down a ladder, was badly cut. The cause was a defective furnace.

This \$35 Quartered Oak Buffet at \$22.50

75c a Week A February Sale Bargain Beautiful quartered oak, showing all the richness of the grain. Solid plank top, massive construction throughout. Large mirror.



Buy Furniture This Month and Save Half. This is our best February Sale, and invites the attention of every homekeeper. Easy terms of payment on any purchase. 4-Room Outfit (Value \$125), Complete, \$86.50

GOLDSMITHS 722-24 Market Street

Officers in Reserve Corps. Pennsylvania to Whom the War Department Has Given Commissions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Pennsylvania commissions whose appointments as officers in the Reserve Corps have been received and to whom commissions were assigned were: Ernest G. Smith, major of infantry.

Furs

Millinery

Mawson & DeMany 1115 Chestnut Street (Opposite Keith's)

Here's a Hundred Selected Values at One-Half Off For To-morrow's Selling

We are reaching the end of a most successful season, one that was mutually profitable both to our patrons and ourselves.

A fact that needs no confirmation is the advice to purchase your furs at once—no investment will prove to be of more stability or greater security—due to the advancing use of furs.

In addition to these many enumerated values we have a large assortment of other furs, equally worthy for investment or immediate wear. Read each item carefully.

Fur Coats

Table with 2 columns: Regularly, Now. Lists various fur coats and their prices.

Muffs

Table with 2 columns: Regularly, Now. Lists various muffs and their prices.

Scarfs

Table with 2 columns: Regularly, Now. Lists various scarfs and their prices.

Fur Sets

Table with 2 columns: Regularly, Now. Lists various fur sets and their prices.

Sport Clothes for Women and Misses

Distinguished by perfect lines, smart styles and exceptional workmanship

Sport Suits

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Lists various sport suits.

Short Sports Coats of wool jersey, check pongee silk jersey, velour and satin.

\$18, \$22, \$35 upwards

Top-Coats for traveling and motor wear; of Poirret twill, velour, Bolivia and checks.

\$32.50, \$48, \$50, \$68 upwards

Sports Dresses of individuality; made of linen and cotton voile, in white, Copen, pink, rose, leather.

\$15, \$18, \$22, \$25 upwards

Sports Skirts of cotton gabardine, pique, corduroy and fancy weave cottons.

\$4.50, \$6.25, \$8 upwards

Sports Skirts of navy-and-black poplin, serge and velour, check, plaid and stripe velour and flannel, white cloth and flannel.

\$6.50, \$10.75, \$13.50, \$17.50 upwards

Sports Shirts—White madras, cotton crepe, dimity, linen and batiste, in a great variety of styles.

\$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.75 upwards

Sport Shirts of colored stripe tub silk.

\$5.75

Wash Flannel Shirts in white with colored stripes.

\$6

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