

EXPECTS WAR MOVE BY AUSTRIA

Declaration of Hostilities by Vienna Against America Likely

WILL NOT PUSH ISSUE

Washington Not Eager to Force Action by Dual Mon- archy

BERNE, April 10. The American legation has been officially notified from Vienna that the Austrian embassy staff there, comprising nineteen secretaries and clerks, four women, wives of attaches, and one child, may be expected to arrive here, together with the consular staffs at Vienna, Budapest, Carlsbad, Trieste, Prague and Fiume.

WASHINGTON, April 10. The rupture between this country and Austria, taken on the latter's own initiative, was not the result of any radical change in the submarine issue between the two Governments. It was not based on our attitude toward the Austrian Government's verbal support of the German submarine policy, but on the attitude of the United States toward the German Government. Almost simultaneously with the action of Baron Zwiadnick, word reached the State Department from Minister Stovall, at Bern, that the dual monarchy had broken diplomatic relations with the United States.

The diplomatic break does not necessarily and of itself involve the two nations in war. But it is everywhere accepted in diplomatic and political Washington that the action taken by the Vienna Government is a prelude toward the declaration of Austria to the existence of a state of war between itself and this country. The very ground on which the break came—that of considering it an unfriendly act toward Austria for this Government to declare the existence of a state of war against the German Government—presupposes an Austria-Hungary intends joining Germany in dealing with the United States as a hostile enemy.

The Washington Government is not disposed to push the issue against Austria-Hungary to the point of immediate hostilities. The policy of the Administration will be to await the declaration by Austria-Hungary of war against the United States, or some overt act by the Vienna Government or its agents.

British Take Many Towns and 6000 Men

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was driven from the high ground between Le Verguier and Hargicourt. "We seized the village of Fampoux and also the neighboring defenses to the north and south of the Scarpe," the report continued.

"After an intense bombardment, the enemy at night attacked on narrow front southeast of Ypres and succeeded in reaching our support line. They were immediately ejected, leaving several dead."

LONDON, April 10. A new British offensive on a great scale in northern France, begun early yesterday morning, has met with brilliant success. Among the Germans a staggering blow which threatens the whole Hindenburg line, a terrific battle is raging.

Attacking on a front of twelve miles south of Lens to southeast of Arras, the British have broken into the German line to a depth of two to three miles at the salient where the Hindenburg line joins the old German front. Nearly 6000 prisoners have been counted and more are swarming in. Cannon, trench mortars

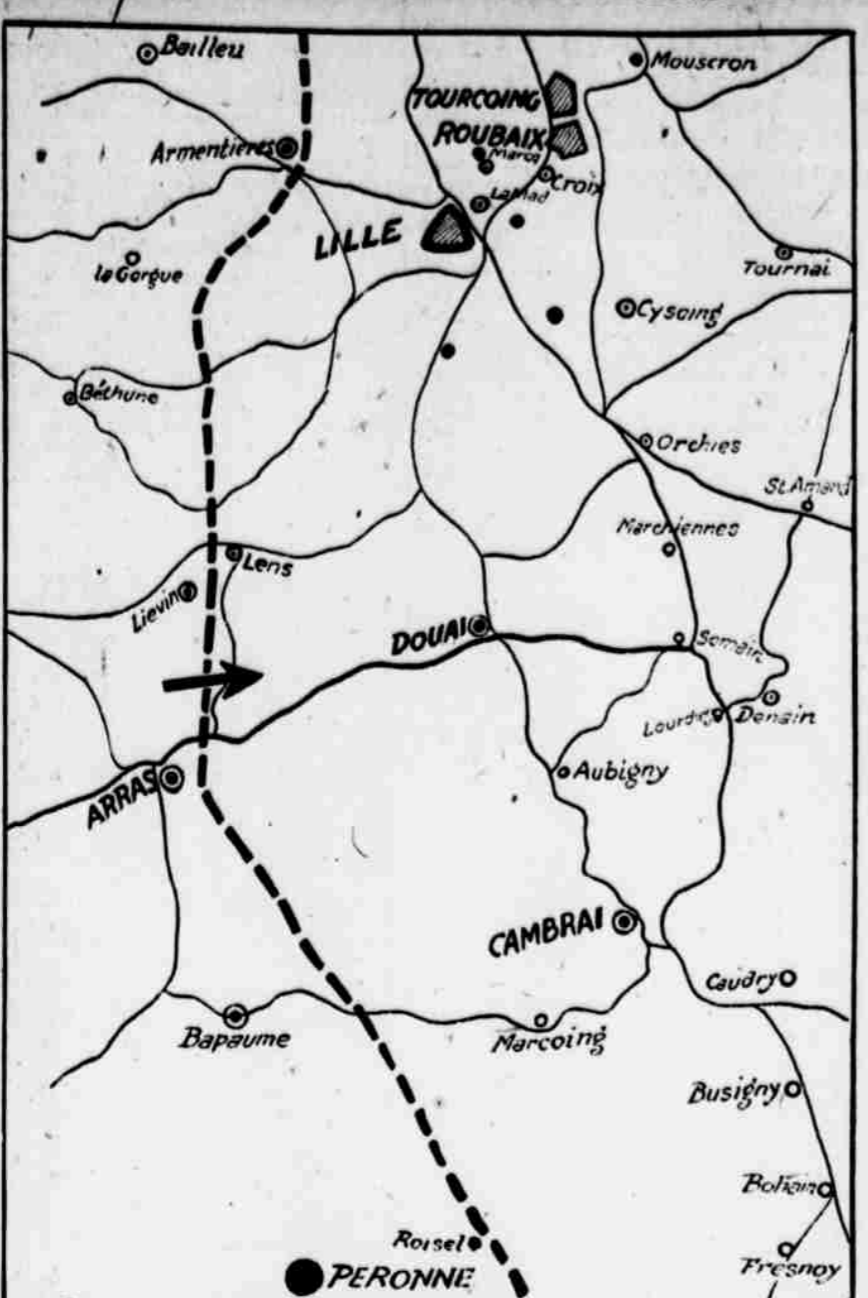
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SCENE OF NEW BRITISH OFFENSIVE



General Haig's forces are attacking the German lines between Arras and Lens. These operations aim at Douai and the railroad which links Valenciennes with Arras, of which Douai is an important center.

and machine guns yet uncounted have been captured.

At the same time British troops further south made separate but correlated attacks at two points, also with notable success. As the main attack was aimed ultimately at Douai, these two drives were toward Cambrai and St. Quentin. In each three villages were captured and valuable positions occupied.

The main attack is totally different from the recent fighting south of Arras in which the Germans were yielding up more or less voluntarily their positions. It is an operation like the Somme offensive last summer, by which the British are taking by sheer force positions the Germans have held for more than two years.

The front of attack begins just south of Givenchy, and the first position taken was the famous Vimy ridge, which was stormed by the Canadian troops. This position had defied capture since soon after the battle of the Marne. In the same region the British took villages, fortified farms and trench systems which were considered almost impregnable.

Farther to the south, east of Arras, which is the apex of the salient formed by the old German line and the new, the British made their greatest progress. They captured the villages of Neuville-Vitasse, Tilloy les Moffaines, St. Laurent-Blangy,

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Salus Measure Gives Phila- delphia Right to Run Own-Built Lines

MEETS TWINING'S PLAN

Supplements Resolution Provid- ing for Seizure of Present System

HARRISBURG, April 10.—An act designed to give to the city of Philadelphia full legal authority to operate the city-built high-speed lines, should all negotiations for an operating lease with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company prove futile, was introduced in the Senate last night by Senator Salus.

The act and resolution providing for a constitutional amendment introduced in the House by Representative Hecht last week if adopted would give the city the power to take over the existing street railways by the exercise of the right of eminent domain and the purchase of the transit company's system by an increase in the borrowing capacity of the municipality. In connection with these two measures the bill introduced by Senator Salus, it is understood, completes the program of new transit legislation proposed by City Transit Director Twining several weeks ago to put the municipality in a stronger position in all dealings with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

The measure introduced in the Senate is supplemental to the State public service law of 1913. It would give the Public Service Commission power to establish and regulate, as between two street railway corporations, whose lines intersect or are adjacent to each other, joint passenger rates.

On the adoption of the act the commission would have power to establish such transfer points and free transfers, or



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The young mother is twenty-five years old. She bore up bravely when told of her triple bereavement.

The series of illnesses began on March 17 when her husband, Ralph Wert, Jr., ruptured a blood vessel. He was taken to the German Hospital. Within a week, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nutter, with whom she lived, were taken ill with pneumonia. Her father-in-law, Ralph Wert, Sr., a policeman, also was stricken with pneumonia.

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