

ALLIED FORCES CONFIDENT OF VICTORY AS TEUTONS LAUNCH GREAT DRIVE ON WEST FRONT

FRENCH BRACED TO MEET DRIVE

Poilus, Watching German Preparations, Have No Doubt of Victory

DEFENSE MUCH BETTER

Allied Armies Unified—Foe Has as Many, but Poorer Men

By GEORGE H. PERRIS
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

With the French armies, May 27. The air is sultry and the sky heavy with clouds and still the expected rain does not fall...

The issue is abnormal. The first part of the German offensive, begun on March 21, may be said to have ended within that month...

Nothing Vital Gained

The second aim of the offensive, nothing like so much as the first. They gained some ground we could ill afford to lose...

Gains Exceed Losses

Esse for the brave men who have gone and who did not fall in vain, what we have lost in these two months is less than we have gained. I do not wish to take a merely cynical view of the situation...

Big Campaign Brought Up

Already these divisions may be seen on the way to their "jumping-off places." For five or six weeks the roads and railways have been preparing for their passage...

Casualties Among American Troops

- Nineteen names appeared on the casualty list announced by the War Department today. Nine were killed in action, four died of wounds, one of disease, two were wounded severely and three were reported as missing in action.

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Germans Open New Drive on Two Fronts

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tions many miles from the Picardy and Flanders battlefields, but there is every evidence that he failed to do so.

The presence of British troops in that sector (revealed today by the British War Office for the first time) shows that General Foch, the Allied generalissimo, had anticipated a German effort in that region and had moved British re-enforcements southward to help the French meet it.

The German line on the thirty-five-mile sector between Rheims and Soissons lies nearer to Paris than at any other point with the exception of their front in the Noyon-Montdidier sector...

Rheims is seventy miles northeast of Paris. Soissons which lies upon the Aisne River, is about fifty-five miles from Paris. The German front in that region bends northward from a point north of Rheims, crossing the Aisne River at Berry-au-Bac...

The Rheims-Soissons theatre lies some twenty to thirty miles north of the Marne River, where the Germans received their first decisive defeat in the war, when Paris was saved and the German hordes of Von Kluck were sent rolling back to positions on the Aisne River.

Americans on Front

Soissons is about ten miles south and west of the former southern extremity of the Picardy battle front, in the vicinity of St. Gobain forest, where the German big gun-shelling Paris at long range is located. Rheims is about thirty-five miles to the east and south, the front suddenly veering sharply to the eastward before Soissons. This front includes the famous Chemin-des-Dames sector, where American troops have been in the line for some time.

The Apremont forest, mentioned in the Paris communique, is just east of St. Mihiel and adjoins the American Toul front. American troops are holding part of the line on the Woerpe plain and in the vicinity of Apremont. Recently the Americans engaged in a hot combat with the Germans around Apremont.

The French have been compelled to bear the brunt of the new German pressure on the Flanders front. They held Loere, which was one of the points of attack, while their positions in the sector of Voormezele were also under assault. This front under attack is almost five miles wide.

Co-Ordination of Attacks

British troops are now operating with the French in Chateau de la Chapelle, south of the present Picardy front, Marshal Haig's official report shows. This is the first indication that British forces are operating in co-ordination with the French in the field of battle.

The weather has improved and fighting conditions are better. Prisoners without exception are speaking of Field Marshal von Mackensen's being on the west front and insisting that he will have charge of major operations. It is also rumored that German troops have been withdrawn from the Balkans for use on the west front during the last twenty-four hours.

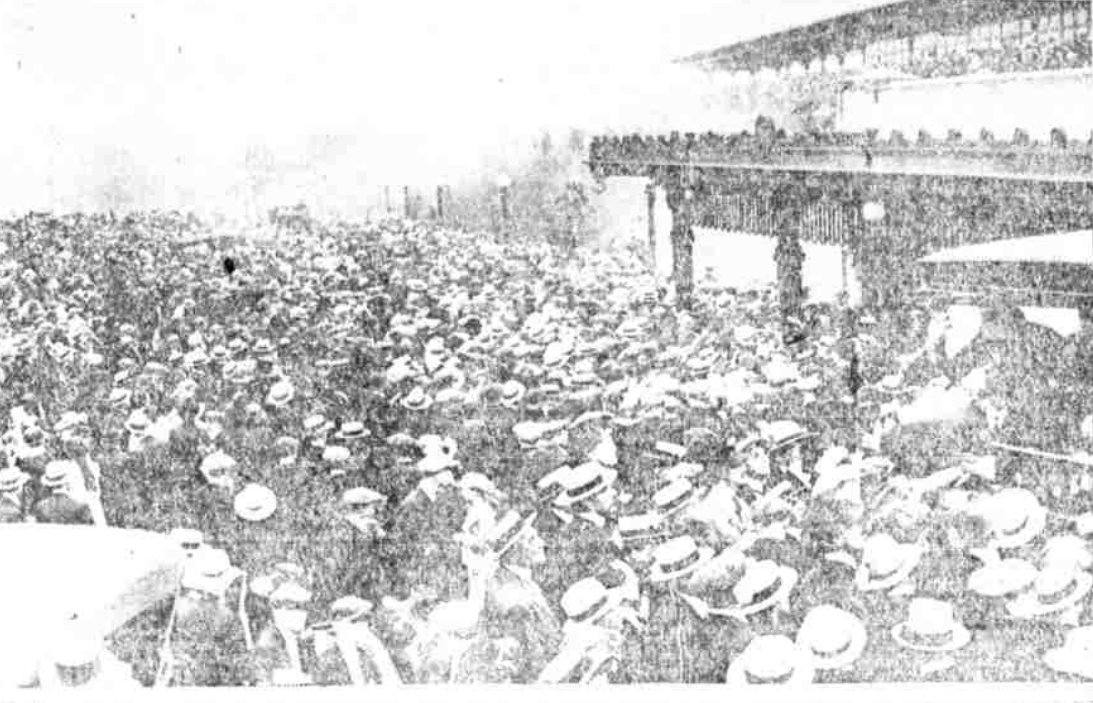
New Drive on Italy

In connection with the new blows by the Germans in Italy, reports which began March 21, and was thwarted before the middle of April, since when the Germans have been preparing for a new "big push." It is the 139th day of the war.

PARIS AND THE MARNE NEW DRIVE'S OBJECTIVE

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CROWDS JAM STATION TO SEE DRAFTEES DEPART



An additional contingent of 1649 drafted Philadelphians left for Camp Meade, the morning after the photograph above shows the throng that saw them off at North Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 27.—(Special Cable.)—A large number of Philadelphians gathered at the North Philadelphia station this morning to see off a contingent of 1649 drafted men who were being sent to Camp Meade for military training.

The men were seen off by their families and friends, and many of them were being sent to Camp Meade for military training.

AMERICAN ARTILLERY HELPS AIR OBSERVERS

With the Americans in Picardy, May 27. American artillery in Picardy is doing good work in helping the air observers in the field.

WIDE BATTLE FRONT SHOWS NEED OF MEN

With the Americans on the British Front, May 27. The wide battle front shows a need of men for the British forces in the field.

U. S. TROOPS RAID FOE'S PICARDY LINE

With the American Army in France, May 27. American troops made a very successful raid in the Picardy sector on Friday, inflicting many losses on the enemy and capturing many prisoners.

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GERMAN AIR SERVICE SMASHED, SAYS FRENCH FLYING OFFICER

Field Almost Deserted by Kaiser's Planes and Those That Remain Refuse to Fight—Men May Be Far Behind Lines Preparing New Tactics

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HINDENBURG HAS TYPHOID

Field Marshal Reported in Serious Condition at Strasburg
Geneva, Switzerland, May 27.—(Special Cable.)—Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, who is reported to be in a serious condition, has been diagnosed as having typhoid fever.

Clemenceau Returns After Consulting Foch

Paris, May 27.—(Special Cable.)—Premier Clemenceau returned from the front this afternoon after consulting with General Foch, the Allied generalissimo.

50,000 LIVES SAVED

British Lifeboat—In 27 Days—Four Years
London, May 27.—(Special Cable.)—The British lifeboat service has saved 50,000 lives in 27 days, a record for four years.

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Advertisement for Van Sciver Co. featuring "The Finer Grade of Furniture for as Little or Less Than the Ordinary Kind Elsewhere." Includes a list of furniture items and prices, such as "675.00 Royal Wilton, 9x12" and "525.00 Kirman Axminster, 9x12".

Advertisement for Hirsch's Department Store featuring "DECORATION DAY SALES" and "A Big Special Saving on Handsome Embroidered Georgette Crepe Dresses \$16.75". Includes details about the store and various clothing items.

GERMANY IN CONTROL OF FINNISH INDUSTRY
Firms Also to Raise Army of 100,000 Men Under Agreement
Copenhagen, May 27.—Economic control over Finland for twenty years is given Germany by the commercial agreement between the two countries, according to the Bergen Aftenavis, which published the report as coming from a "good source."

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