



BRITISH DRIVE HOME SMASHING BLOWS ON HINDENBURG'S LINE

German Attempts to Regain Key to Positions in Northern France Failed When Haig's Troops Mow Down Invaders For Heavy Losses; French Launch Fresh Assault to Prevent Teutons From Sending Reinforcements North

By Associated Press

London, April 12.—Reports from a Swiss source have been received at Rome that the Bulgarian minister at Berne has made overtures to the entente ministers with a view to the conclusion of a separate peace, says the Exchange Telegraph Rome correspondent.

Similar advices regarding Bulgaria are sent by the Exchange Telegraph representative at Lausanne. He reports that the Gazette of that city states it has learned that semi-official Bulgarian delegates are in Switzerland endeavoring to arrive at a basis for a separate peace with representatives of the entente.

Despite the most unfavorable weather conditions prevailing, the British continue the delivery of telling strokes against the Germans along the line from Lens to St. Quentin.

Apparently devoting the greater part of their attention to the important sector of the line near Vimy ridge, the key position on the northern end of the front which they have captured, the British to-day drove against two important positions north of the ridge and captured them.

This blow was driven home just southwest of Lens, and enabled the British to advance their lines on both sides of the Souchez river.

All German attempts to regain on the ridge itself have been foiled. The Germans tried twice last night to drive General Haig's troops from the positions they had established on the northern end of the ridge but the machine guns broke up the assaults with heavy German losses.

Further south progress for the British below the river Scarpe, where Monchy Le Preux was captured yesterday, is reported.

Much importance is attached to the resumption by the French of the general attack. Seemingly, they are giving the Germans in the region southwest of Laon all they can attend to, preventing any reinforcements from this sector of the lines menaced by the British offensive.

Nivelle Strikes Hard

The main drive by General Nivelle's forces was launched along the three and one-half-mile front from Coucy La Ville to Quincy-Basse. A costly

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Firemen's Union Opposes Plan to Transfer Paxton Engine to Royal Company

Resolutions asking Commissioner E. Z. Gross not to transfer the engine of the Paxton Fire Company to the Royal Company on Allison Hill and protesting against the abandoning of the Paxton Company were passed at the regular monthly meeting of the Harrisburg Firemen's Union.

Resolutions also were passed requesting the Royal Company not to ask for the Paxton engine, but to join in a petition that a new engine should be purchased for the Thirteenth ward organization, and a chemical wagon for the Paxton.

Petitions are being circulated protesting against the proposed transfer and will probably be presented to council within the next few weeks.

U. S. Call Ready For 500,000 Volunteers For Duration of the War

Washington, C. I., April 12.—The War Department prepared today to issue instructions to recruiting officers which will be in effect a call for 500,000 volunteers to fill up the regular army and the existing units of the National Guard.

All recruits enlisted since the declaration of war and those to be enlisted hereafter will be notified that they will be discharged at the close of the war, putting them in the status of war time volunteers.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and colder to-night and Friday; lowest temperature to-night about 40 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly overcast and colder to-night and Friday; fresh north-west winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall slowly. A stage of about 6.1 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The area of low pressure that was central over Lake Superior Wednesday morning, has moved eastward to the North Atlantic coast; it caused unsettled weather with some scattered, light showers from the Great Lakes eastward to the coast.

East of the Mississippi and south of the Lakes a general rise of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature has occurred.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 56. Sun: Rises, 5:27 a. m. Moon: Rises, 11:58 p. m. River Stage: 6.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 68. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 54. Normal temperature, 49.



NEWS ITEM:—Commissioner Gross has asked citizens of Harrisburg to notify him of any delay in ash collections at their homes.

FEAR EDDYSTONE BLAST IS ONLY PART OF PLOT

Company Officials Convinced Disaster Is Beginning of Reign of Terrorism

Chester, Pa., April 12.—After extended investigation, company officials to-day reaffirmed their belief that an ingenious plan, conceived in the brains of enemy plotters, was the cause of the disastrous explosions on Tuesday at the plant of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation, near here. They asserted their conviction that the disaster was deliberately perpetrated as part of a campaign of terrorism.

Opposed to this view is the statement of Commissioner Gross.

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BIG WAR COUNCIL TO SHAPE POLICY OF U. S. IN WAR

Commissions From England and France Will Come to America Soon

By Associated Press Washington, April 12.—The Government to-day began to prepare for important war councils to be held here soon with commissions from England and France.

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SIGNS STATE POLICE BILL

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh signed the State police bill increasing the number of policemen from 227 to 329 and also increasing the salary of the officers, this morning at 11:50 o'clock.

He called Captain George F. Lumb into his office and presented him with the pen with which he had written his signature.

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EXPECT EVERY VACANT PLOT TO BE CULTIVATED

Wide Response to Request For Donations of Available Land

Secretary E. L. McColligan, of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, is being besieged daily with requests for garden plots in the various sections of the city, and the plan of the agriculture committee of the chamber is meeting with success on all sides. It is expected by those in charge of the work that every vacant and available lot in the city will be under cultivation before the summer months are here.

J. G. McAllister, head of Troop 4, Continued on Page

VOLUNTEERS RALLY TO AID OF RED CROSS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP form for the American Red Cross. Includes fields for name, address, and membership type (Annual, Contributing, Sustaining, Life, Patron).

*IMPORTANT! Memberships in classes marked * above include annual subscription to the American Red Cross Magazine, handsome illustrated, published monthly.

Sixty-eight volunteer workers reported for duty this morning when the Harrisburg chapter of the American Red Cross Society opened its new headquarters at 206 Walnut street. The big room was soon transformed into a veritable factory and the hum of the sewing machines was deafening. New recruits were added to the force of busy workers throughout the day.

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WARNS MEMBERS OF C. OF C. TO STAND LOYAL

Committee Urges Them to Keep Promises Made in High School Campaign

Declaring that loyalty to the Chamber of Commerce demands of its members that they shall personally urge a change of attitude on the part of the five directors, composing the majority of the school board, who have disregarded the recommendations of the joint committee with regard to the employment of a noted architect to take charge of the school building program, a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce issued a formal statement last night reviewing the history of the school loan campaign and calling on the members to keep their promises, made during the high school campaign.

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THIS CITY GREAT COG IN WHEELS OF U. S. INDUSTRIES

Foreign Trade Council Secretary Declares Harrisburg Has Big Obligation

That Harrisburg's share in maintaining and increasing the industrial and commercial prestige of the United States among foreign nations is no small one was verified by the remarks of Robert H. Patchin, of New York, secretary of the National Foreign Trade Council of the United States, who addressed the Chambers of Commerce luncheon at the Harrisburg

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NO IMPROVEMENT IN PAPER PROBLEM CAN BE EXPECTED

Entrance of U. S. Into War Routs Any Chance of Betterment

Advice from the Federal Trade Commission and from experts in the newspaper field are to the effect that no improvement in the print paper situation may be expected owing to the entrance of the United States into the world war.

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STATE POLICE TO EDDYSTONE At the request of District Attorney J. B. Hannum, of Delaware county, twelve State police are being rushed

15,000 TO MARCH IN HARRISBURG'S GREATEST PARADE

Men, Women and Children Will Be in Line of Everybody's Patriotic Celebration

Fifteen thousand is not too large an estimate to place on the number of men, women and children who will march in the great "Everybody's Patriotic Parade" to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, April 21. The demonstration promises to be the biggest in the history of affairs of the kind in Harrisburg.

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U. S. TO BREAK DOWN U-BOAT SEA MENACE

Campaign of Colossal Proportions on Germany's Warfare on Shipping Is Determined Upon by Administration As America First Stroke Against Her Enemy

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO LABOR GREAT MERCHANT FLEET TO BE ISSUED SOON

Hope to End War by Supplying Entente With Vast Amount of Supplies; Plan Will at Least Make Impossible Starvation Threat Through Which Teutons Hope to Win

Washington, April 12.—A campaign of colossal proportions to break down the German submarine blockade and keep the entente plentifully supplied with food, clothing and munitions has been determined upon by President Wilson and his advisers as America's first physical stroke against her enemy.

Unable now to send an army into the trenches, the President believes the United States can do an even greater service in the common cause against Germany by providing a great armada of merchantmen to invalidate the undersea campaign about which have been rallied the fading hopes of Prussian conquest.

For weeks officials have been at work on such a plan, but not until to-day was it revealed on how great a scale the task had been

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GRAINS JUMP IN PRICE

Chicago, April 12.—Another sensational advance marked the closing hour of the grain market to-day. Wheat led with extreme jumps ranging from 6 3/8 cents for the September option to eleven cents for May. Corn advanced from 4 to 7 cents. Grains were well held at the close.

HARRISBURG MAN HONORED

Lancaster, April 12.—The Woodman of the World, concluded their convention here to-day. Henry E. Kligh, of Harrisburg, was elected head clerk.

MARKET CLOSES FIRM

New York, April 12.—Steel and a few specialties rose to highest prices in the last hour, but reached in the final dealings on realizing sales. The closing was firm. Sales were estimated at 625,000 shares.

TWO ARRESTED ON ARSON CHARGE

Carlisle, April 12.—Two men have been arrested on suspicion of starting a fire at Newville, which early to-day destroyed eleven dwelling houses and a score of outbuildings causing a loss of \$40,000.

BUTTER AND EGG SPECULATION STOPPED

Philadelphia, April 12.—The Philadelphia Produce Exchange following the lead of other exchanges throughout the country to-day placed an embargo upon trading in futures in butter and eggs. The order prevents speculation and was made on patriotic grounds.

PENNSY WAGE INCREASE LARGE

Philadelphia, April 12.—W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, testified here to-day before Public Service Commissioner Ryan that the Adamson law will cost the company \$7,000,000 in advance of last year's expense. Voluntary increase to other employees means an additional \$6,000,000.

GUARD STATE WATER SUPPLIES

Harrisburg.—The State Health Department has ordered its 80 stream inspectors armed with instructions to shoot to kill any persons found tampering with water supplies. The law provides for the arming of inspectors but it is not done except in case of emergency.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Herbert Franklin Hess and Lauretta McFadden, Harrisburg. Joseph Ginski, Harrisburg, and Ellen Carlisle Hershey. George Bennett Spire and Mabelle Laura Garrett, Harrisburg. James Woodburn Caldwell, Enola, and Virgie May Hippensteel, West Fairview. James Joseph Elliott and Carrie May Miller, Harrisburg. William Shaffer and Sarah Jeastina Hoover, Steelton.