



GERMANS HURL MASS FORMATIONS INTO A WITHERING INFERNO

Tens of Thousands of Teutons Recoil Blasted by British Fire in Bitterest Fighting World Has Seen Since Verdun's Bloody Days; Line Driven Forward Time and Again in Futtle Attempt to Regain Commanding Heights Taken by General Haig's Army; Hills Soaked With Blood

BERLIN PREPARES TO TAKE HARSH STEPS TO QUELL STRIKES OF MANY PROTESTING MUNITIONS WORKERS

British Again Forge Ahead After Breaking Down Every Effort of Invaders to Break Through Positions; New Wedge Driven Into German Lines Toward Douai; Similar Inroads Made in Enemy's Defense System Near the Arras-Cambrai Road; French Use Infantry and Guns to Good Effect

The desperate efforts of the Germans to drive the British from the captured heights on the Arras front have failed after four days of the bitterest fighting that the world has seen since the bloody days of Verdun. Tens of thousands of Germans were hurled forward again and again only to recoil blasted and withered from the inferno caused by the British fire.

Having withstood all the violent attempts of the Germans to drive them from the commanding positions they have taken on the Arras battlefield, the British have again begun to forge ahead.

General Haig's report to-day shows advances for his troops in two of the most important sectors of the front.

On the two and one-half mile line between Roex and Gavelle important positions have been captured, driving still further the wedge into the German lines toward Douai. Likewise in the Monchy-Guemappe region near the Arras-Cambrai road similar telling inroads have been made in the German defense system.

The French armies along the Aisne front are also employing their infantry to good effect. Gains of ground in the Huertise region where German possession of Craonne is being menaced, are reported by Paris to-day. The French position near Cerny, west of the Vaucier plateau also have been improved. The French likewise have advanced near Moronvillers and elsewhere in the Champagne.

Europe Discontented In the lull of the great battle the murmur of the rising currents of discontent which are sweeping through Europe can be heard more plainly. The political and economic storm which has been brewing in Germany has apparently been by no means averted by the hasty measures of the government. The meager items which elude the censor throw some light on the situation. Not merely are the Berlin papers showing increased nervousness over the threatened general strike on May 1, but it appears that the recent strike has not been so definitely and satisfactorily settled as has been asserted in official circles.

The Lokal Anzeiger, staunch organ of the junkers, admits that some of the strikers are still out and official reports to the Washington State Department speak of 250,000 laborers in Berlin having quit work.

To Punish Strikers The seriousness of the economic situation in Germany is indicated by the action of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, who has appealed to the various governments to punish strikers with the greatest possible severity. This follows on the heels of the announcement from Berlin that large numbers of men previously exempt from military service are to be sent into the field. This announcement has added significance from the fact that one of the principal demands of the Berlin strike leaders was that none of their number should be punished by being drafted into the army.

Spain May Enter War In the meantime the situation in Spain has been quickened in the situation in Spain by a statement by the new premier, Marquis Prieto, asserting that neutrality was impossible where the honor or interests of a country were at stake. Germany's answer to Spain's latest note is expected within a few days and may decide the question whether Berlin is to number the last remaining great neutrals among her enemies. The Spanish note stated plainly that if Germany persisted in her present course she must not be surprised if Spain acted to defend her national interests.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness to-night; Saturday probably rain; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Increasing cloudiness to-night, probably followed by rain on Saturday; continued cool; moderate, variable winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall slowly or remain stationary to-night. The Joads, Upper West Branch and perhaps other streams will probably rise slightly Saturday. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning. General Conditions The lake disturbance has passed down the St. Lawrence Valley. It caused rain in the last twenty-four hours over the northern portion of the Great Lakes and generally in the Atlantic States from North Carolina northward into New England. Temperature: 8 a. m., 46 degrees. Sun rises, 5:04 a. m., 48 degrees. Moon full moon, May 6. River Stage: 4.5 feet. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 49. Lowest temperature, 41. Mean temperature, 46. Normal temperature, 55.

VICTORY OVER GERMANS NEAR, SAYS PREMIER

Lloyd George Declares British Armies Now Have Real Chance in Fight

London, April 27.—In an important speech at the Guild Hall to-day Premier Lloyd George discussed the military situation, the Irish question and others of the major problems with which the government is now engaged. The premier's speech was in acknowledgment of the conferring on him of the freedom of the city of London.

Mr. Lloyd George paid a tribute to the financial community, through the help of which, he said, British credit had survived the financial panic of the early days of the war. This community, he said, took an honorable and leading part in the triumph of the last war loan, which was the most remarkable financial exploit ever witnessed. After alluding to the organizations of the ministry of munitions, the premier said:

Raymond D. Coble Will Sail Soon For Red Cross Service Over in France

Raymond D. Coble, 74 North Eighteenth street, for several years a stenographer at the Commonwealth Trust Company will leave to-night to join the American Ambulance Corps in France. He will take a vessel sailing from New York for "somewhere in France." If the vessel docks safely, he will go to Paris and there receive his assignment for service along the French front. When a friend reminded him this morning of the danger of submarines, Coble laughed and said that he didn't mind taking a chance.

LEADERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN



Leaders of the Red Cross membership campaign. From left to right: William Jennings, Mrs. James I. Chamberlain, Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert and Mercer B. Tate.

CAPITOL PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO BE TAKEN UP

House Appropriation Committee Will Take Action Tuesday

Chairman James F. Woodward, of the House appropriation committee, is making a study of the plans for the development of the Capitol Park extension and the proposed bill to make the appropriation for the grading, highway changes, trees and other work will be taken up by the committee probably on Tuesday.

German Destroyers Shell British Coast Town; Two Civilians Dead

Copenhagen, April 27, via London.—All the German newspapers to-day indicate a deep and widespread apprehension that a revival of last week's strike movement is imminent. The whippers of a possible May Day strike which came from a few papers yesterday swelled to-day to a chorus of expostulation and appeal to the workmen not to allow themselves to be swept off their feet by strike agitators nor to leave their brothers in the field in the lurch by checking the stream of munitions and supplies.

GERMANS STOP SHIPS

Copenhagen, April 27.—German patrol ships are continuing their activities against neutral shipping in the Skagerrak. Recently the Scandinavian-American liner United States was halted and examined; yesterday the Norwegian passenger steamer Haarfagre, plying between Frederikshavn, Denmark and Christianand, Norway, was seized and taken to a German port.

Austria May Yet Break German Alliance, Report

The Hague, April 27.—Reports here are that there is some ground for believing that the large number of the Quadruple Alliance are numbered. Nothing of the kind can be predicted definitely, but Monday night, the Austrian is looking around for ways and means of shaking off German fetters which bind her to a continuation of a war from which she can expect no gain.

SPEEDY FINISH TO NET HUNDREDS FOR RED CROSS

Harrisburg First City in Country to Wage Intensive Membership Campaign

With a total membership of 4,238 at noon to-day, an increase of 452 over the count at the same hour yesterday, the membership office at the Red Cross headquarters, 206 Walnut street, will be open every day next week.

Allies Are Likely to Get \$400,000,000 a Month From the United States

Washington, D. C., April 27.—Preliminary reports to the Treasury Department from the Secretary of the Allies will base his recommendations to the President as to the size of the first bond issue under the \$7,000,000,000 war finance law, indicate that the allies are likely to get the extent of at least \$400,000,000 and possibly \$500,000,000 a month.

French and British to Provide Officers For the Plattsburg Training Camp

New York, April 27.—Twenty-five French and British army officers will be detailed to the Plattsburg camp as instructors in the art of modern warfare. Other allied officers will be detailed to the artillery and cavalry schools, to which many of the Plattsburg recruits will be sent after the month.

Light Standards Are Being Erected in Parks; Benches to Be Placed

Standards and globes in River Front Park, on the "front steps" and at Reservoir are being placed. The lights will be turned on next Tuesday for the spring and summer.

Wild Fluctuations Send Wheat Soaring to \$2.70; Drop Startles Market

Chicago, April 27.—Wild fluctuations occurred at the opening of the wheat market to-day. May wheat, which sold at 2.54 1/4 at the close yesterday, after opening practically unchanged, made a perpendiclar ascent of 15 1/2 cents to 2.70. This was followed by a sheer tumble to 2.53 1/2. Volume of trade was small.

130 TECH BOYS TO WORK FARMS DURING SUMMER

Future Mechanics Already Have 50-1-2 Acres of Land Under Cultivation

One hundred and thirty Tech High school boys will accept positions on farms this summer if given an opportunity, and nineteen have already made arrangements to work on farms this summer. This information has been collected by the principal of the school for the State, under the Department of Agricultural Education, supervised by L. H. Dennis.

Two Allison School Scholars Enlist; Pupils Give Parting Cheer

Richard Herr and Charles Howe, pupils of the Allison Building, have enlisted in the United States army. They are the first boys of less than high school grade to volunteer in Harrisburg. One is 15 and the other 16 years of age.

Berlin Well Pleased at Great Success of Its U-Boat Piracies

Berlin, April 27.—A confidential statement in regard to the progress of submarine warfare has been made by Vice Admiral Von Capelle, minister of navy, to the Reichstag main committee in the discussion of the naval budget. An official statement regarding the minister's communication was given out here to-day showing that he told the committee the success of the submarines continued to be great and their losses small.

Many File Applications For Big Storerooms in New Penn-Harris Hotel

A number of applications have already been received by Miller Brothers and Company for the storerooms which are to be opened on the ground floor in the Third street side of the new Penn-Harris Hotel. So far negotiations for some of the rooms have not been closed, but it is understood that some of the businessmen in the downtown district have sent in applications.

Bids For Firehose Are Opened by Commissioner

Bids for fire hose were opened at the office of Commissioner E. Z. Gross to-day. Six thousand dollars has been appropriated for the purchase of additional hose for the department. Bids were received as follows: Bowman and Company, \$1 per foot; Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, 90c; B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, 78c; Home Rubber Company, \$1; C. C. Fire Hose Company, 6.95 per foot at \$6,000; multiple woven; 8,000, \$6,000, junction brand; Fabric Fire Hose Company, \$1; Henry Gilbert and Son, \$1.20, \$1.10, \$1.95, 85c and 77c per foot, according to various grades. Contracts will probably be submitted to council for approval next week.

COUNCIL MEETS TO GO OVER ASH DISPOSAL SURVEY

Contract Will Be Awarded at Next Regular Meeting Tuesday; Three Bidders

WANT CERTAIN RELIEF

Chamber of Commerce Asks Gross to Make Definite Recommendation Soon

Harrisburg Realty Co. Gives Land For Gardens

The Harrisburg Realty Company has given a large plot of land in the Tenth ward for garden purposes, to be planted under direction of Shirley B. Watts, of the Chamber of Commerce committee. A typographical error in yesterday's issue of the TELEGRAPH credited this donation to the Harrisburg Railway Company, which has no land in that vicinity.

RUSS ADMIT WOMEN TO BAR

London, April 26.—Reuter's Moscow correspondent says that four women lawyers have been admitted to the Moscow bar.

CONGRESS WINDS UP LONG DEBATE ON CONSCRIPTION

Leaders to Sum Up Arguments For and Against Selective Draft

WILL VOTE TOMORROW

Senate Will Pass on Army Bill Within Next Twenty-Four Hours

Washington, April 27.—Debate on the war army bill reached final stage in Congress to-day. In the House general debate was concluded after a session which lasted until 2.30 o'clock this morning. The House was to meet at noon to-day to hear summing up speeches by Chairman Dent, of the military committee, on behalf of the volunteer system, and by Representative Kegan for the selective draft plan. After that speeches were to be limited to five minutes. House leaders hoped to reach a vote to-night although this appeared doubtful.

No Reason Against Bill

The man who must conduct the war, our Commander-in-Chief, urges it as a wise and necessary measure now, said he. "The military authorities almost without exception urge it. The Senate committee that has fully examined into it, recommends it. The lessons of this great war point to it as a wise course. Why should I not vote for it?" The Washington senator said that he knew many of his constituents are opposed to the selective draft, but he believed those constituents expect him to weigh and consider questions and perform his duty.

COAL MINERS TO WORK HARD

New York, April 27.—Coal operators and mine workers in the recent anthracite joint conference here at which wage increases up to 35 per cent. were agreed upon, have pledged their services to the Council of National Defense to aid in coal production.

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM HAS FAILED

Washington, April 27.—Enlistments in the army since April 1, Senator Calder to-day declared in the Senate debate on the army bill, show the failure of the volunteer system and "sustain completely the argument that the United States cannot raise an adequate force by that system."

"MASTER SPY" ON TRIAL

New York, April 27.—Frank von Rintelen, alleged German "master spy," and several Americans accused of having conspired to instigate strikes in munitions plants were brought before the Federal court to-day for trial. H. Robert Fowler and Frank Buchana, former Congressmen, are included in the list.

TRY TO FIX BLAST RESPONSIBILITY

Chester, April 27.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the explosion in which 129 persons lost their lives at Eddystone, this afternoon is trying to fix responsibility for the fatal blast.

WHEAT SELLS AT \$3.10

Chicago, April 27.—A car of No. 2 red wheat was sold in the Board of Trade here to-day at \$3.04 and a car sold at St. Louis for \$3.10 a bushel. These prices far outstrip all previous records.

OVATION FOR SUCCESSFUL GUNNERS

London, April 27.—Captain Emery Rice, of the American steamship Mongolia, and Lieut. Bruce R. Ware, who commands the gun crew which sank the submarine which attacked the vessel, were given a tremendous ovation for the feat at a luncheon to-day.

FREIGHT HEARING IN MAY

Washington, April 27.—Hearings on the general increase in freight rates will be held before the Interstate Commerce Commission here beginning May 7.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Sidle Wentz and Elizabeth Annie Mummet, Harrisburg. Ira Russell Miller and Laura Belle Wise, Altoona. Herman Kroeger Nayford and Martha Ellen Stoop, Harrisburg. Harry A. West, Wisconsin, and Edna M. Palm, Williamstown.