



BRITONS THROW BACK HUNS IN WEST FRONT OFFENSIVE

GERMANS DRIVE IN BRITISH OUTPOSTS; WIN NO OBJECTIVE

Emperor William's Forces Not Only Fail to Make Good Last Night's Promised Advance, but Are Compelled to Give Up Territory Already Taken; Enemy Falls Short of Realizing Aims in Firs Great Smash; Washington Pleased With Dispatches and Confident That Allies Are Capable of Holding Teuton Armies

British Army Headquarters in France, March 22.—Vigorous counterattacks late yesterday restored some of the positions which the British had abandoned temporarily. British Army Headquarters in France, March 22.—The fighting still is continuing, but the first stage of the offensive has passed. The enemy failed badly in the execution of his program, as is attested by captured documents showing what he planned to do in the early hours of his offensive.

London, March 22.—The great battle on the western front continued until late last night, the war office reports. The British are holding the enemy. "During the enemy's attacks yesterday his massed infantry offered remarkable targets to our rifles, machine guns and artillery, of which full advantage was taken by our troops. All the reports testify to the exceedingly heavy losses suffered by the enemy."

London, March 22.—It is not yet possible to give more than a very general and vague idea of the fighting Thursday on the front between the Oise and the Senne which continues with swaying fortunes, according to the accounts of correspondents at the British front in the morning newspapers.

The German attack made on the British front west and southwest of Cambrai evidently aims at recapturing all the Hindenburg line says a dispatch to the Morning Post from British headquarters in France which adds: "The German Army attacking south of the Scarpe seems to have delivered its first blow principally in the triangle of Arras Cambrai and Bapaume-Cambrai roads, while the German Army south of Cambrai is striking against our trench systems in the region west of the Scheldt canal. No doubt the enemy hopes that the attacking forces of these two armies may succeed in forming a junction and thus cutting off a considerable slice of the British front and taking back all the Hindenburg trenches lost exactly four months ago."

Struggles for villages and ruined farm houses continued throughout Thursday, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail. Engagement Becomes General "The enemy bombardment," he says, "began at 5 o'clock in the morning and at 7 o'clock some of the German units left their trenches and attacked the British with heavy and light machine guns. Between nine and ten engagements became general on a front of some twenty-five miles."

The right of the German attack was aimed at Croisilles, Bullecourt and Lagincourt, and there was hard fighting in a brick field near the first of these villages. Along the Bapaume-Cambrai road the enemy also attacked and then toward Gouzeaucourt, while his left wing was pushed in in the direction of Ronsoy and Hargicourt.

The British front in the area of attack forms a rather sharp salient, the enemy could pinch off this salient and run his line straight in a northwesterly slant instead of having it run at an angle first north and then west, he would be able to hold it with fewer troops. Also in pinching it off he would hope to surround and capture a good number of British troops. These, it seems plain, are his aims in the first stage of the offensive.

The eagerly-awaited British official statement of to-day, which was expected to give further details of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's reports, was read with great satisfaction, in so far as it revealed that the enemy had been held and had suffered great losses. If this proves to be the great German offensive that has been predicted, the preliminary round appears to have gone in favor of the Entente, although as the official report points out, further heavy fighting still is to be expected. The tremendous artillery duel was heard more distinctly in Kent last night. Houses continually were shaken as the result of the violent concussions.

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HOLLAND CLAIMS THE ALLIES HAVE PUT HER IN A VERY EMBARRASSING POSITION



CAPITAL CALM AS FIRST NEWS OF DRIVE COMES

Military Experts Believe British Will Be Able to Withstand German Thrusts Washington, March 22.—American military observers, already having cast their doubts on whether the German drive begun yesterday really heralds the long expected German offensive, were closely scanning the official dispatches to-day for evidence to support their view that the German onslaught, terrific as it may be

War Decreases Birth Rate in Hungary by Half

Washington, March 22.—The birthrate in Hungary has been cut more than half by the war, as shown in statistics made public here to-day in an official dispatch. In the year preceding the war 765,000 children were born; in 1917 the number was 328,000. The peace-time infant mortality rate was 24 per cent. In 1916 it had increased to 50 per cent.

SHAMES FOOD SLACKERS INTO SILENCE BY ASKING FOR NAMES

Restaurant Evolves Clever Scheme For Men Who Kick Against the "Wheatless" Wheatcake "Write out your complaint and sign it; we'll see that it gets to the Food Administration," is the answer now given to every food slacker who may happen to patronize one of the more popular of the Market street restaurants. Nearly every day, according to the proprietor, some one makes a protest against something on the menu, sometimes against meatless days, but

U. S. ARTILLERY POUNDS HUN LINE WITH HEAVY FIRE

Trenches of First and Second Lines Obliterated by American Gunners With the American Army in France, Thursday, March 21.—Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of Luneville have been destroyed completely by American artillery fire. After the raid into the German positions last night, the American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and this morning. Crossed No Man's Land "To-day a patrol, without assistance from the artillery, crossed No Man's Land and found the first and second lines had been wiped out. The patrol also obtained additional information and returned without casualties, the Germans apparently having decided not to molest them. Artillery fire by both sides on the sector continued all day. On the sector northwest of Toul a

HOLLAND MUST REMAIN FIRM, GERMANY WARNS

Washington, March 22.—Germany according to unofficial reports from the Hague, considers that the attitude of Holland toward the Anglo-American shipping demands has changed the relations between the German and Dutch governments. The same report says Germany would take it as a cause of war if Holland should abandon her remaining demands regarding the use of seized

Loyalty Candidate Has Lead of 2,500 Votes Over Thompson in Wisconsin

Milwaukee, Wis., March 22.—No additional returns had been received this morning to disturb the apparent lead of 2,500 votes for Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot over James Thompson, LaPollette candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator. The Wisconsin Loyalty Legion, a new partisan organization, met here to-day and there were reports that either Lenroot or Joseph E. Davies, the Democratic candidate would be asked to withdraw, in order that a united front might be presented against Victor L. Berger, the Socialist candidate, who might be aided by supporters of Thompson. The managers of Lenroot and Davies, however, were going ahead with campaign plans.

British Bombard Ostend; Helgoland Is Attacked

London, March 22.—Ostend was bombarded by British monitors yesterday and Helgoland was attacked by seaplanes, according to the official announcement last night.

UNION JACK TO FLOAT WITH U.S. FLAG ON CAPITOL

Unique Distinction to Be Given Archbishop of York, Who Brings Message TO SPEAK IN ROTUNDA United States Soldiers as Guard of Honor; Governor Will Preside at Meeting

Will Decorate in Archbishop's Honor RESIDENTS of Market street from the Pennsylvania railroad station to Front street, Front from Market to State, and from there to the Capitol, have been asked to decorate their residences to-morrow in honor of the visit of the Archbishop of York and Primate of England, the Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, to Harrisburg to-morrow. The archbishop brings a special message to Pennsylvanians from the King of England, relating to the war, and will deliver it at the Capitol following a public reception at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth to-morrow the Union Jack will float over the Capitol together with the flag of the United States. This is Pennsylvania's reciprocation for the honor shown the American war mission on its visit to England, when the Stars and Stripes occupied a place of honor side by side with the British standard for the first time in all history over the Parliament building. The Union Jack will be swung to the breeze here to-morrow in honor of the visit of the Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Lord Archbishop of

100 CHILDREN IN PANIC RUSH TO SAFETY AT FIRE

Blaze in Cellar of Industrial Home Causes Much Smoke CAUSE IS UNDETERMINED Older Boys Help Quiet Fears of Babies Quartered on the Lawn

One hundred children, whose ages range from 2 to 14 years, rushed to safety through smoke-filled halls while a fire was burning in part of the Children's Industrial Home, at Nineteenth and Swatara streets, shortly after 12 o'clock to-day. Children and teachers were at their noonday meal, when Miss Clara Segelbaum, a teacher, sounded the alarm of fire. The instructor was sitting in a front room when she discovered the smoke. She ran to the diningroom and gave the alarm. Older Boys Help Leaving the tables without waiting orders to follow out the fire drill regulations, the children rushed

Bethlehem Earnings Show Shrinkage of \$7,000,000 After War Tax Is Paid New York, March 22.—The income account of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries for 1917, issued to-day, reports net earnings of \$52,979,260, a decrease of \$7,737,949. This decrease is arrived at after deducting from total net earnings of the corporations and its subsidiaries, taxes and the expenditure from ordinary and extraordinary repairs and maintenance.

U. S. CRUISER CAPTURES HUN RAIDER

A Pacific Port, March 22.—A German raider operating in the Pacific Ocean has been captured by United States cruiser and is now being towed to this port, according to a report received here to-day.

SERBIANS TO PLEAD FOR SERBIA

Steelton—The Serbian Sokal, of Steelton, headed by the rector of Nicholas Orthodox Serbian Church, will go in full uniform to Harrisburg to-morrow to meet the Archbishop of York, representing the King of England, to ask him to petition England to save Serbia from Bulgaria when the terms of peace are made. The committee will meet him at the Bishop's House.

FIRE STARTS IN OUTHOUSE

Harrisburg—Fire late this afternoon started in the home of Dr. C. F. Kaufman, Twenty-sixth, near Derry streets. An alarm was sent in from Box 75. The flames started in a fireplace in a summer house and spread to the residence. A second alarm was sounded but the apparatus was not needed.

BERLIN APPROVES RUSS TREATIES

Amsterdam—After a long discussion yesterday the Reichstag Main Committee, a Berlin dispatch reports approved the peace and commercial treaties with Russia. A resolution was adopted calling upon the government to obtain a guarantee for German financial claims, in return for reciprocal action on the part of Germany.

DECISION ON LOAN TOMORROW

Washington—Final decision on the terms of the Third Liberty Loan probably will be reached to-morrow at a conference between Secretary McAdoo and members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE

Washington—A resolution introduced by Senator New, of Indiana, asking the War Department to advise the Senate as to its reasons for not making public the addresses of American soldiers killed and wounded abroad, was adopted to-day by the Senate without a record vote.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry F. Smith, Buchananville, and Mary H. Hoffer, Conewago township; Samuel J. Worley and Mabel E. Walker, Harrisburg.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday, not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 40 degrees. Temperature: 8 a. m., 46. Sun: Rises, 5:57 a. m.; sets, 6:03 p. m. Moon: Full moon, March 27, 10:32 a. m. River Stage: 7.4 feet above low-water mark.

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