

MRS. SULLIVAN TO BE "MOTHER" TO BOYS IN FRANCE

Official Notice if Her Son's Death Arrives With a Letter From Him

TO PACK BOX FOR OTHERS

Last Word Tells How Much Enjoyment Package From Home Brings

Official confirmation of the death of Sylvester F. Sullivan, who Saturday was reported killed in France, was received to-day by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Sullivan, 526 North street, from the adjutant general of the War Department.

Sullivan was a member of the 14th Machine Gun Battalion, Company B, Rainbow Division. He is the second Harrisburg boy to meet his death while fighting in France.

The letter from the war department was delivered to Mrs. Sullivan at 11:30 this morning. With it was handed the mother a letter from her son before his death. The letter began, "Dear mother, I am still safe, and contented."

In his letter delivered with the official notification of his death, young Sullivan tells his mother how much he appreciated her gift of newspapers and "goodies."

"I'll never stop sending the soldiers food and remembrances now," sobbed the little mother of the late Harrisburg soldier killed on the French battlefields. "I'm going to pack another box at once for one of the soldiers I know."

While the mother wearily felt the loss of her son, she declared herself filled with the determination to help make as possible for the soldiers as they came.

The communication from the War Department is on a printed form, with the name and address of the soldier filled in.

Wanted to Be in France. Sylvester Sullivan enlisted here several days before registration day, and served for a short time with the 1st Marine Division.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Sullivan, 526 North street, and two sisters, Mrs. M. Stine, in a letter to Mrs. Sullivan Saturday, Captain Stine declared that Sullivan was one of the best soldiers he ever knew.

He was a member of the St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was a brother of Charles Schlayer, 638 Kelker street.

Hun Plans For Victory. Fall Far Short, Papers on Prisoners Show

London, March 25.—Copies of the German plan of offensive taken from the front, according to British headquarters, show that the enemy's objectives were as follows:

The success attained thus far falls much short of these objectives, the dispatch states.

The Germans made attempts on Friday night to cross the Somme, by means of four bridges. The attempts, however, were detected and frustrated, with loss by the British artillery fire, his message states.

All the roads in the rear of the German advance, the dispatch continues, are blocked by columns of troops, guns and transport vehicles, furnishing targets upon which the British artillery is making deadly play.

"Miraculous," Cry Berlin. Newspapers of War Plan

London, March 24.—The Berlin Vossische Zeitung's war correspondent, telegraphing from the neighborhood of the Oise, is quoted by the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam as saying:

All of our movements have taken place with the utmost secrecy, according to the plans of the attack. The English are defending themselves bravely, but the British command was not equal to the attack, which, although doubtless foreseen, probably was not expected so early."

"MONSTER CANNON" DOES NOT ALARM PEOPLE OF PARIS

Shell Drops Every Twenty Minutes on French Capital; Experts Admire Mechanical Feat and Wonder at Useless Barbarity

Paris, March 24.—The German "monster cannon" which has been bombarding Paris, has been located in the forest of St. Gobain, west of the city, 137 kilometers (approximately 76 miles) from the Paris city hall.

German Feat Possible, Hudson Maxim, Great Ordnance Expert, Tells

New York, March 25.—"When I first heard the report that Paris was being bombarded from a distance of more than sixty miles and was asked if the thing were possible, I told my interrogator there was a possibility, and whether or not it would depend upon the purpose of the Germans," said Hudson Maxim in a statement issued yesterday.

"I understand that the projectile is virtually of nine-inch caliber. With a nine-inch gun from forty to fifty feet in length and with a maximum elevation of forty-five degrees a projectile may be thrown to a distance of more than twenty miles with the ordinary pressures at present employed in the powder chamber of the gun."

"Now, if we double the caliber of a gun we quadruple the area of the base of the projectile. If we were to make a gun of eighteen-inch caliber and shoot a nine-inch projectile from that we would have four times the propelling energy on the base of the shell during the entire flight of the projectile through the bore of the gun."

"But it would be perfectly possible to employ a gun for such purpose of twenty-inch caliber throwing a sub-caliber projectile of nine inches. Then we would have a good deal more than four times the area upon which the powder gasses would push against the projectile."

"There is nothing new in this idea of a sub-caliber projectile. Sub-caliber projectiles were used in the old fifteen-inch Zalsneski dynamite gun in order to get greater range."

"Two rings were provided, one near the forward end of the projectile and the other at the rear. The rear ring carries a driving band for giving the projectile rotation, and back of that is a gas check. The gas check is independent. In this case, the gas check is at the rear of the driving band. The rear ring, or support, for the projectile must necessarily be made very strong to stand a pressure of 35,000 pounds to the square inch."

"When the projectile escapes from the gun these rings part company with the projectile and fly off, leaving the projectile to proceed by itself."

"With a gun of twenty-inch caliber, with a range of 100 to 150 feet long, it is possible to get the range at maximum elevation of 45 degrees, to get the range attributed to the Germans."

Long Distance Cannon. Pictured in Fiction

Just as the "land battleships" of fiction have become reality in the British front, so the long range dealing British tanks, so the rider gun, the greatest of all guns described by Arthur Train in his story, "The Man Who Shook the Earth," has now become a reality.

The Echo De Paris, declares the bombardment is designed to give the impression that Paris is within the range of the German guns, it is a political cannon," the newspaper says.

France Is Confident. Premier Clemenceau's newspaper, L'Homme Libre, says that the news of the hour is confidence. "Germany," it declares, "has wished to make it a complete offensive on the front of the land, water and air. We are facing an enemy who wishes to end it as soon as possible. That suits us. Every shell that falls on Paris is a shell that falls on confidence in an ultimate victory."

The newspaper La Journal, in its article regarding the gun, says that the projectile is of a caliber of 240 millimeters in diameter (25 centimeters or about 9 1/2 inches) from a point in the German line nearest to Paris.

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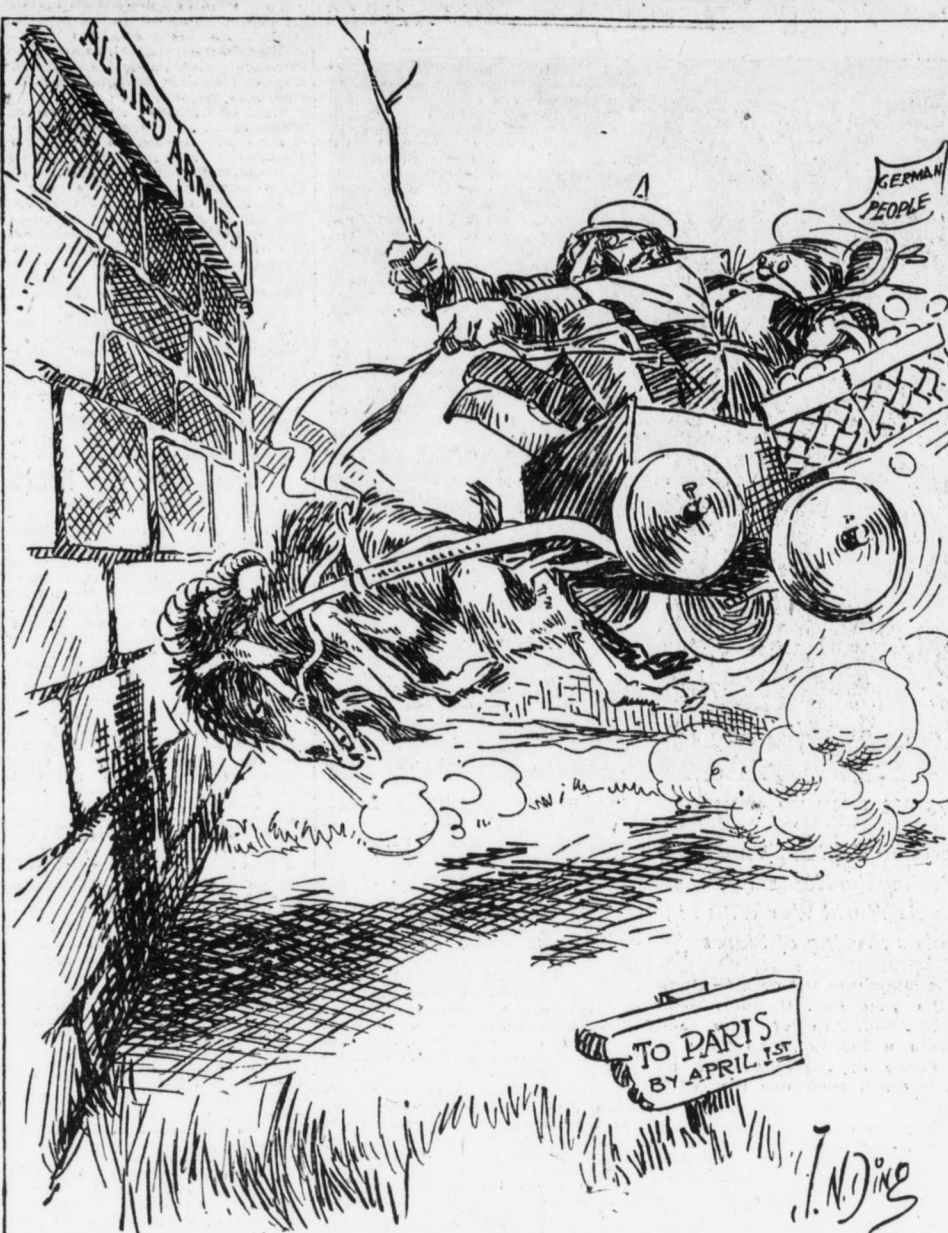
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Gott Gets Half Credit With Kaiser For 'Victory'

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"I am pleased to be able to tell you by the grace of God, the battle by Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere has been won. The Lord has gloriously aided. May He further help."

Do You Think You Can Break Through, William?



HUN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED BY BITTER FIGHTING IN FRANCE

to their posts and impeded the German advance. The British have made few counterattacks, but every one attempted has been successful. British efforts are centered on withdrawing as occasion requires and permitting the enemy to wear himself out before the British defense.

Bombardment of Paris by Long Range Gun Resumed This Morning

Paris, March 25.—The long-range bombardment of Paris was resumed at 6:30 o'clock this morning, but was interrupted after the second shot.

Reach Old Battle Field. Sunday the fighting forces in the north reached the old battle field of the Somme from which the Germans retreated a year ago.

Win 10 Miles of Ground. On the southern end of the great battle line where the Germans have reached Chauny, an important point on the Oise river southwest of La Fere.

Americans Aid British. The intensity of the struggle is shown by the official announcement that British aviators on Saturday brought down fifty-four enemy machines. The British lost only nine.

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STREWED SHELLS WITHOUT SYSTEM, SAYS GERMAN PAPER

Amsterdam, Sunday, March 24.—Describing the first day of the battle on the western front, the correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says the British artillery was held with "uncanny precision" and its counter efforts became ever fainter and less systematic.

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Wilson Predicts Final Victory For Allied Armies

Washington, March 25.—President Wilson to-day cabled Field Marshal Haig congratulating him on the British stand against the German offensive and predicting a final allied victory.

London, March 25.—King George to-day sent the following message to Field Marshal Haig: "I can assure you that the fortitude and heroism of the British troops with which the troops under your command continue so heroically to resist greatly superior numbers are realized by me in many a noble soldier. The Empire stands calm and confident in its soldiers. May God bless them and give them strength in this time of trial."

BRITISH FACE ODDS OF 8 TO 1 AT SOME POINTS

against the British line near Evryillers but at the latest reports the crushing troops had been unable to force their way through the intense artillery barrage which the British maintained.

British Army Headquarters in France, Sunday, March 24.—The main thrust on the British right flank by the Germans Thursday evening was south of St. Quentin and the enemy used a division of every 2,000 yards of the front, there being approximately one German division against every British battalion.

Hold Until Lost. At Vendoué a group of British held out until 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. A little further north the Germans stormed Evryillers and Essoy-le-Grand and thereby acquired high ground for a further advance.

Another Verdun Is Seen by Tardieu. New York, March 25.—There is nothing in the current news from overseas to warrant any disquietude on the part of the United States.

Hot Point at Mory. Early the Germans began attacking the British with their new machine guns on Henin hill held up the German advance for a long time, doing deadly execution in the densely formed ranks of the British.

German Emperor Confers Honors on Hindenburg. Amsterdam, March 25.—Emperor William at German main headquarters on Sunday, according to an official announcement at Berlin, conferred the iron cross with gold rays on Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and the grand cross of the Order of the Iron Cross on General Von Ludendorff.

City Takes Many Notes. Approximately \$2,000,000 of the short term treasury certificates have been subscribed through local banks, the Liberty Loan committee announced last night.

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HUNS JOIN SLAVS TO ORGANIZE A SIBERIAN ARMY

Army Corps of Teutons and Russians Will Oppose Any Advance

Harbin, Monday, March 18.—Russian and German soldiers in Siberia are organizing an army corps composed of one exclusively Russian division and another which will be two-thirds German and one-third Russian, according to reports reaching official quarters at Irkutsk.

Reports of Americans in Action on the West Front Not Confirmed. Washington, March 25.—German statements that American troops had taken part in the fighting on the British front in France had not been confirmed to-day and officials, including Major General March, chief-of-staff, declined to comment on the report.

Gains of Germans Only Normal, Says Lausanne. New York, March 25.—In the opinion of Stephen Lausanne, Altide of Le Matin, there is no occasion for concern at the early success of the Germans in their attack of the last two days on the British front.

More Than a Million Men Were Engaged. Washington, March 25.—Describing the great struggle in France, the Havas correspondent says: "The German offensive, according to official reports, is a ground order, cutting ground foot by foot, to strong positions prepared months ago."

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