



BRITISH STIFFEN RESISTANCE TO MIGHTY GERMAN BLOWS IN GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR

IN FIVE DAYS HUNS RETAKE BUT PART OF OLD POSITIONS

Fighting Dies Down During Night; British Establish Themselves in New Positions East of Roye and Albert; Teutons Begin New Attacks Against Combined Forces of Allies South of the Somme; German Losses So Heavy That Enemy Is Required to Bring Up Reinforcements From Every Part of Western Front

London, March 26.—Exacting the heaviest toll for every foot of ground, the British line continues to withdraw slowly before the pressure of the German masses, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wires.

Over a large part of the battle zone the retirement is being made voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front. Prisoners say the advance of the Germans is behind their schedule.

The tenacity of the British forces, the prisoners say exceeded anything the Germans deemed possible. They complain of great privations, on account of lack of supplies and extreme weariness also is telling heavily. Owing to the dense masses of supporting troops, however, the enemy is able to replenish his forward line with fresh units.

British Loose Pandemonium

British airmen last night made veritable pandemonium of every center of concentration of traffic behind the German front. Tens of thousands of rounds were fired point blank into enemy formations while airmen fulfilled effectively their role as eyes of the artillery.

Yesterday was the supreme day for the British gunners, says the correspondent. Attacking from north of Ervillers to the point of British contact with the French, the Germans were held up nearly everywhere by the ceaseless intensity of the British artillery fire.

Met Fate of Old Guard at Waterloo

Masses of enemy troops which, coming forward in waves, again and again attempted to reach their objectives, met with the same fate as the Old Guard at Waterloo. In only one sector, near Sapiques, did they succeed in bending back the British front. It was to conform the front with this indentation that the British fell back during the night, straightening the line.

British Take Up New Position

London, March 26.—The fighting died down during the night, the war office reports. The British established themselves in new positions east of Roye and Albert.

The Germans this morning began new attacks against the combined French and British forces south of the Somme.

The German losses have been so great that the enemy has been obliged to bring up reinforcements from all parts of the western front. The war office has established the fact that more than 70 German divisions (in the neighborhood of 840,000 men) have been engaged.

The Official Statement

The statement follows: "The fighting died down during the night. Our troops established themselves on new positions east of Roye and Albert.

"North of the Somme continuance of the fighting is expected, but it has not yet developed. Attacks are reported to be developing this morning south of the Somme against our troops and those of the French in the neighborhood of Roye and Chaulnes.

"The enemy's losses continue to be severe. He has been obliged to reinforce his battle front from all parts of the western theater. Over 70 hostile divisions are known to have been engaged in the battle."

Although still giving ground at points before the desperate German drive, the British and French armies engaged in the great battle in Northern France are preserving their united front intact and apparently awaiting the opportune moment for a counter blow to dispel the German dream of world domination.

Big Events Impending

Big events are impending in the immediate future, at any rate, and the advices from the front indicate that these are expected to develop favorably to the allies, probably within the next few hours.

All accounts agree Germany is paying heavily for every foot of ground she has wrested from the allied armies. Her casualties are shown by the British official statement to have mounted so high that every part of the western front has had to be drawn upon to provide badly-needed reinforcements for the battle area.

Field Marshal Haig's report reveals that more than seventy divisions, or between 800,000 and 900,000 men already have been engaged in the battle on the German side, and the widespread call for fresh troops makes it plain that fighting forces are being rapidly used up in the terrific and costly onslaught.

Forty divisions of the German reserve are reported to have been thrown into the line as early as the second day of the battle.

The rearward movement in the face of the Teutonic attack now has brought the allied armies well to-

Important Events Are Forecast For Next Few Hours

British Army Headquarters in France, March 26.—There is reason to believe important events will be recorded within the next few hours, which may lead to a betterment of the position of the armies which are stemming the German onslaught.

The enemy is fighting desperately hard against it. On the first day his reserves were reduced to fifty-two divisions. At the end of the second day some forty divisions from the reserves had been put in.

A heavy German attack yesterday about Ervillers was completely smashed by the British artillery fire.

ward the edge of their former battle lines in the Somme area and in the devastated region to the south-east.

French Extend Lines Southward

Field Marshal Haig reports the new British line drawn somewhat to the east of Albert and Roye, Paris indicates the French fighting front is extending southward from Chaulnes, past Noyon, which has been evacuated by the French, and southern bank of the river Oise.

The German troops have been reported as rapidly tiring from their breathless plunge into the entente lines, and they evidently were forced to take a breathing spell last night opposite the British front as the London noonday statement reports the fighting to have died down.

This morning, however, fresh forces probably had been brought up and the attack was being resumed south of the Somme in the Roye and Chaulnes areas.

Counter Blow Expected

It is in this sector and in the Noyon region that the German wedge is being driven in hardest, and it is here, or on the line to the east, should the Germans further expose their left wing, that the weight of the expected counter blow may fall.

The French on their front are holding the line of the Oise strong-

ly. Their artillery is cutting huge swaths in the German columns and the French infantry is making frequent counterattacks, inflicting heavy losses upon the Germans and retarding their advance.

British Maintain Superiority

The British evidently are maintaining their marked superiority in the air on the battle front and are throwing the German supply stations and lines of communication in the rear into confusion by air attacks at close range.

On the extreme north and in the center the German progress has been appreciably slower, while around Bapaume, on the old battle field of the Somme and east and north of Noyon the enemy has made gains, but only at the cost of desert and the British inflicted enormous losses on the enemy, who sacrificed thousands of lives in an effort to break through the British lines.

As always, the attackers possessed the advantage of knowing exactly where they would launch their onslaught, while the defenders were

entirely unprepared.

Two Regiments of U. S. Engineers in Path of Big Battle Unheard From

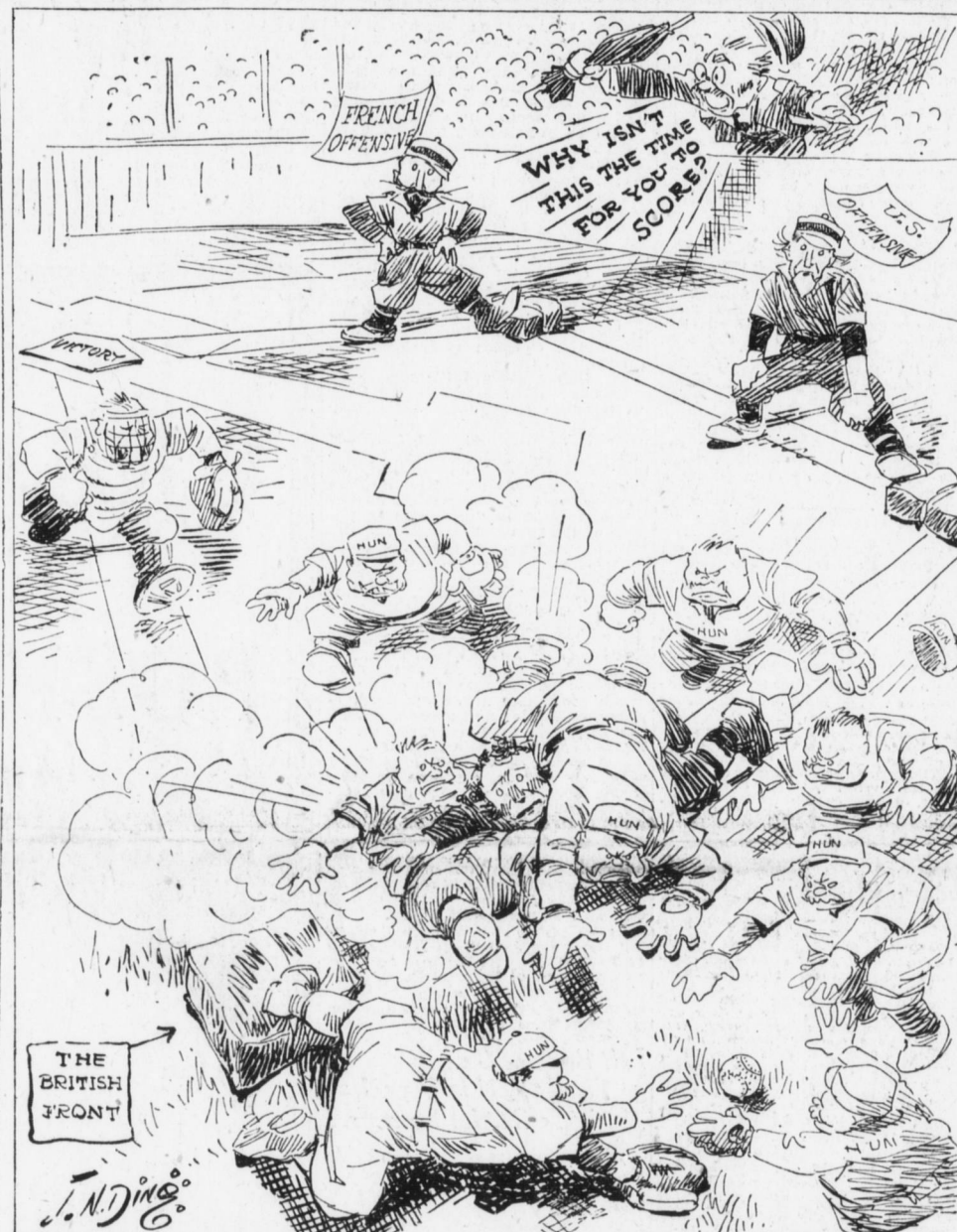
Washington, March 26.—Two regiments of American railroad engineers are attached to the British armies in the path of the German onslaught on the western front and three companies, as yet unheard from, were employed near the Crozat canal where German official statements mentioned engagements with American troops.

This information cabled the War Department last night by General Pershing while definitely disposing of reports that Americans had been sent into battle, caused no little anxiety here regarding the fate of the engineers who have not reported.

Based on official statements from London, Paris and Berlin, allied and American army officers here to-day advance the opinion that the German offensive appeared to be slowing up under the British system of defense. They regarded the battle as having entered its second stage with the Germans facing increased resistance.

Major General Marsh, chief of staff, summed up the view of the American military observers when he declared the War Department saw no cause for alarm.

What the Man in the Bleachers Can't Understand



WHILE THE WHOLE TEAN IS OVER TRYING TO CATCH GREAT BRITAIN OFF FIRST BASE

FRANCE REPORTS A SLOWING UP OF THE GREAT DRIVE

Entire Confidence Is Placed in Ability of British to Stop Advance

By Associated Press

French Front in France, Monday, March 25.—Entire confidence reigns that the Germans' last trump in the world battle will be overtrumped when the proper moment comes. The Allied military authorities were fully cognizant that the enemy's supreme effort would cause a retreat until measures could be taken to check the irruption into the Allied positions.

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entirely unprepared.

American Position on Toul Sector Is Again BombarDED With Gas

With the American Army in France, Monday, March 25.—The American positions on a certain part of the Toul front were bombarded with mustard gas shells at the rate of six a minute last night, but ineffectively. The Americans replied with a heavy fire and demolished segments of the German front lines and other points.

A German airplane flew over the American lines during the night and dropped a shell, which did not explode but dug a deep hole. At noon to-day a French airplane brought down a German machine opposite the American trenches.

American observers find increased activity behind the enemy lines. Many horses, vehicles and bicycles are moving along the roads. The usual patrols were active during the night and an American party found a camouflage suit abandoned by a German sniper.

American gunners have bombarded the mouth of a tunnel inside the German lines and an observation post recently discovered

HUNS USE TANKS TO SMASH LINES HELD BY HAIG

Berlin Admits British Defense Is Brave and Tenacious

By Associated Press

Berlin, Monday, March 25, via London.—German tanks reinforced by captured British tanks, says a semi-official statement to-day on Sunday's fighting in the west, "took a leading part in breaking the enemy's brave resistance."

Tanks attached to the German divisions fighting below St. Quentin stood the test brilliantly, the statement says and their mobility was praised universally. All the tanks which took part in the fighting are said to have returned undamaged.

It was mainly due to their intervention, the statement continues, that the tenacious resistance of the British, especially the machine gun nests was broken quickly. Troops manning a concrete redoubt near Ervillers are reported to have been overpowered immediately by the tanks.

Another Smallpox Victim

John Spahr, 50 Balm street, an employe at the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending works, who has been under quarantine since last Friday, is the latest victim of smallpox, located by city health authorities. He is related to the family in York county suffering from the disease, and discovered by state health authorities. City officials believe he contracted it while visiting there.

Harrisburg Likely to Be Asked to Subscribe Four Million to Liberty Loan

No word has been received in the city regarding the quota assigned to Harrisburg and the Harrisburg district for the Third Liberty Loan drive. Local chairmen are at Philadelphia attending the conference of state chairmen, and it is likely they will announce the quotas upon their return to the city this evening.

Local authorities have estimated that the Harrisburg quota will be \$4,000,000, the same as the second quota. The quotas for the district, composed of Dauphin, Perry, Cumberland and Juniata counties, would then be \$7,500,000. Local chairmen are ready to begin the drive for bonds, it has been announced.

Don't Spend All you planned For That Easter Hat Put Aside \$4.14 and Get \$5.00 Ask John A. Affleck

"MYSTERY GUN" MADE IN AUSTRIA; ONLY THREE BUILT

Long-Range Gun Built at Skoda Factory, Is Report From Vienna

By Associated Press

Vienna, Monday, March 25.—The long-range guns bombarding Paris, says a Vienna dispatch received here, are Austrian manufacture, having been built at the Skoda factory. The gun itself is not new, but its novelty comes from a new type of shell and the explosive gases used in the gun. There are said to be only two or three of the guns.

London, March 26.—In the "mystery gun," the name generally given to the weapon with which the Germans are bombarding Paris from a distance estimated at seventy-five miles, it is frankly conceded by experts the enemy has sprung one of the greatest surprises of the war.

Powerful Propellant

General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, formerly president of the army ordnance committee, says of the German gun: "The projectiles must have been

constructed with great care and precision."

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WILD RUMORS ARE PART OF A GERMAN PLOT

Mask Evil Plans Behind Willingness of Many to Pass Misinformation

TO PLACARD THE COUNTY Public Safety Committee Plans Prosecution of Those Who Lie Deliberately

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50 Germans Arrested in Chicago Following Noisy Celebration

Chicago, March 26.—Celebration of the German offensive resulted in the arrest here last night of more than fifty persons. Police first were attracted to one house by strains of "Die Wacht Am Rhein," and as a result of arrests made there Federal and civil authorities combined in a drive throughout the German settlement where it was found that a general celebration was being held. German flags were displayed in many places and in many houses groups were found raising their voices in German songs. Bonfires also were lit in some parts of the city.

One prisoner, when asked the cause of the celebration, declared he had "held himself back as long as possible, but the great German victory was a great event not to be celebrated."

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DONATO GROUP IS TO BE PLACED IN RESERVOIR PARK

Council Picks Site For Placing of Famous "Dance of Eternal Spring"

ACTION IS NOT APPROVED

Commissioner Gross Willing to Take Over Fountain if Funds Are Provided

Commissioner Gross was directed in a resolution passed by Council to-day to select a site in Reservoir Park to be used for the Donato fountain, "The Dance of Eternal Spring," given to the city by M. S. Hershey, and kept in a storage warehouse for more than two years.

The resolution was introduced by Commissioner Lynch, seconded by Mayor Keister and passed unanimously. Commissioner Lynch and the other members of Council said funds would be provided to erect the fountain, which is of bronze and was designed and made by the famous sculptor Giuseppe Donato.

The interest of the creator of the work of art was evidenced by his offer to pay half of the expense of erecting the fountain in River Front Park in a setting designed by him and estimated to cost about \$4,500.

Site Not Approved

The proposed plan to place the bronze group in Reservoir Park is believed will meet with disapproval

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Insurance Rates Increased 25 Per Cent. on Most Three and Five-Year Contracts

Because of an increase in the fire insurance rates on all policies for more than one-year terms, effective next week, the County Commissioners have canceled the present contracts, which were to run for several months yet, and have made new agreements under the present rates insuring the Courthouse, furniture and outbuildings. Insurancemen explained that the charge will be increased about twenty-five per cent. on all three and five-year periods.

RESUME FIGHTING IN UKRAINE

London—Resumption of fighting in Ukraine between the Germans and the Bolsheviks is reported in a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd. The Bolsheviks are said to have recaptured the city of Kherson.

MAY ACCEPT FOREIGN DECORATIONS

Washington—Upon the recommendation of the War Department, Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate Military Committee to-day introduced a resolution to permit American military and naval forces to accept decorations from the allied governments.

SIX HOSTILE PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Rome—"Along the whole front there have been the usual artillery actions and moderate activity by our reconnoitering parties," says to-day's war office report. "Six hostile airplanes were brought down."

KILLED IN SEAPLANE ACCIDENT

Washington—A seaplane accident at Pensacola, Fla., resulting in death of Ensign Michael Joseph Delahanty, naval reserves, of Boston, was reported to-day.

AIRPLANE PROGRAM GREATLY REDUCED

Washington—Senator New, Republican of Indiana, speaking in the Senate to-day declared that instead of 12,000 combat airplanes being delivered in France by July 1, as provided in the original airplane program, the number will amount to only 37.

ACTION WILL TRANSFER THOUSANDS

Washington—Discontinuance of all freight and passenger traffic solicitations by individual lines has been ordered by each of the three regional railroad directors, it became known here to-day. This action will eliminate millions of dollars expense and transfer thousands of men to other railroad service.

N. Y. ALARMED BY EXPLOSIONS

New York—This city was shaken and alarmed by three or four violent explosions at 3.06 o'clock this afternoon. The sounds came from the direction of New Jersey. The explosion continued, rapidly, a column of smoke was observable rising in Jersey City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Alvin S. Eckenrode, Steelton, and Ethel N. Beener, Harrisburg.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 30 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Wednesday. Little change in temperature; moderate northwest to north winds.

Temperature 8 a. m., 34. Sun's Hlts, 5:53 a. m.; sets, 6:07 p. m.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 54. Lowest temperature, 35. Mean temperature, 44. Normal temperature, 41.