

### ENGLISH HOPEFUL ABOUT CHECKING FOE AT AMIENS

#### German Advance Has Been Greatly Retarded Is Belief of Allies

By Associated Press  
London, March 30.—The heavy continued pressure of the enemy's converging movement has brought the Germans to within about twelve miles of Amiens. The British line now is west of Marcleave and Demun, but despite this the situation is still regarded as hopeful. While the enemy advance has not yet been arrested, it certainly has been greatly retarded.

The explanation for the movement on Arras, according to French critics, is that the Germans felt that the shape of the salient driven into the British line exposed them to flank counterattacks and they extended their offensive toward Arras. However, although the enemy achieved some local success, including the capture of a British battalion which fought courageously until surrounded, the attempt to capture Arras failed.

### Lobert Holds Record For Sensational Slides; Dives Into Tape in Race

John Lobert, better known as Hans, erstwhile utility infielder for the Giants and now a baseball coach at West Point, holds the record for circling the bases, 14 4-5 seconds, made in 1910.

The race was most exciting, said McGraw. "Forty yards from the tape Lobert looked rather winded, but the motorcyclist was away up at the head of the stretch and he seemed safe. Fast as he came they simply ate up the track, and he only won by making a baseball slide across the tape. The judges gave him the race by two feet. He won about \$400 for his stunt."

### CHARLES BRETZ

Funeral services for Charles Bretz, aged 42, will be held Monday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Harry Kipple, 1127 Wallace street, and burial will be made in the East Harrisburg Cemetery. Mr. Bretz was a janitor. He died Thursday.

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## DESPERATE BATTLE IS LAUNCHED BY GERMANS

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in the direction of the latter place and occupying the village of Mezieres and the hamlet of Maison Blanche, just to the north.

Heavy Attacks Beaten Off  
The front was indicated by yesterday's official reports as running near these places. The recession, being but a short one, still leaves the enemy advance here approximately twelve miles short of Amiens. Heavy attacks on Demuin were beaten off.

The report that the Germans are digging themselves in between Thiepval and La Boisselle, in the region north of Albert, may be significant in view of the general lull in the intensity of the fighting along the northern part of the front.

The possibility suggests itself that, being foiled in their attempt to break the Allied line, the Germans making an attempt to re-establish their trench lines on the basis of their present advance, either for defensive purposes or as the jumping-off point for another plunge into Entente territory.

Entrenchment Is Local  
The line of reported entrenchment, however, is only a little more than three miles in length and at present the move is much likely to be judged as a local measure for protection of the town of Albert.

Fighting on the battle front between the Scarpe and the Oise having diminished greatly, except between Albert and Montdidier, Allied forces are being made ready for a counterblow against the Germans, whose strength has given numerous indications of waning. General Foch, who played a memorable role in stopping the first German rush toward Paris and the channel points, has been given command of the British, French and American armies in the present operation.

Repulsed in attempts to widen their salient by pressing back the northern and southern wings, the Germans have driven forward in the apex of their wedge toward Amiens and are now astride the Somme about twelve miles east of that important point. Between the Somme and the Ancre the British have retired to a line through Hamel, Marcleave and Neuville. Just south of Albert, however, the British hold to the line of the Ancre, which makes a salient into the German line that may prove dangerous to a further enemy advance.

French Check Advance  
The French have completely checked the Germans west of Montdidier and the enemy has not tried to repeat his unsuccessful attempts to force a passage over the Oise east of Lassigny. Between Montdidier and Lassigny the French counter offensive, which took them into the outskirts of Noyon Thursday, continues.

General Foch's appointment to the chief command not only brings all Allied resources under one head, but indicates that the moment for a strong counter movement probably has arrived. With the Allied reserves and American divisions for a mobile force and the British and French holding the enemy on their flank, General Foch will have full scope for his strategical powers.

Plan For Counter Blow  
The wings of the German salient are its weak points and the Germans failed in their first attempts to strengthen them by capturing Arras and crossing the Oise. As the Germans press forward between Albert and Montdidier, without widening their wings simultaneously, their position becomes more hazardous. The region about Arras and the line of the Oise offer two positions from which a counter blow intended to roll up one side of the German wedge can be launched.

The situation is unchanged on the other sectors in France and Italy. Rather heavy artillery firing continues on the American front northwest of Toul. The activity of the Germans behind their lines there continues, but there have been no indications of impending infantry actions on a large scale.

War on Women and Children  
Germany's newest war novelty, the long-range gun, which has been bombarding Paris for a week, has surpassed the bombing airplane in frightfulness. One shell struck a church in the Paris region as the congregation was gathered for a Good Friday observance and seventy-five persons were killed and ninety injured. Most of the victims were women and children.

Rebel troops in Finland have suffered a serious setback at the hands of the government forces and are reported to have lost 10,000 prisoners after their defeat at Tammerfors. The rebels also gave up twenty-one guns. German troops have been aiding the government against the rebels, who are being pushed steadily toward the southeast.

### Fifty-four Women Among Victims of German Long Range Gun in Paris

Paris, March 30.—Rescue parties at the scene of the attack on Paris yesterday by a German long-range gun have found more bodies. It is now known fifty-four women were killed. The shells struck the north side of the city, bringing down part of the roof and shattering windows. The shells were twenty feet high and twenty feet wide. Nearly all the debris fell inward upon the heads of the worshippers, sixty feet below.

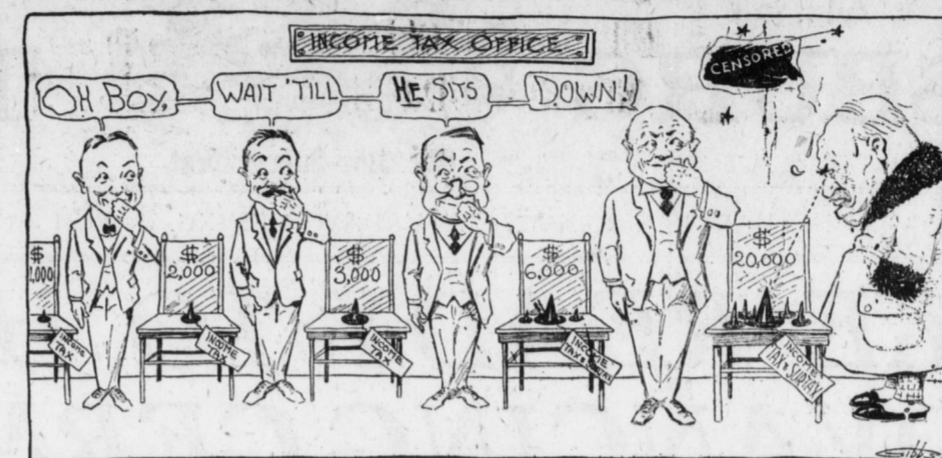
### Sixteen German Planes Destroyed by British

London, Friday, March 29.—Sixteen German airplanes were put out of action yesterday by the British, it is announced officially. The statement follows: "A number of our attacks were made on enemy groups on the battle front Thursday south of the Somme, where large concentrations of the enemy were constantly reported. The work continued until dark in spite of rainstorms and low clouds. Twenty-six tons of bombs were dropped and nearly a quarter of a million rounds were fired upon definite targets. Nine German machines were brought down, five others were disabled, and two others shot down by fire from the ground."

### Situation Is Improved, But Still Very Serious

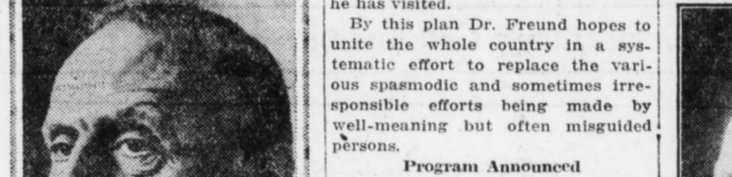
London, March 30.—Although the London newspapers regard the situation on the western front as still serious, there is noticeable a tone of greater confidence in their discussion of the battle now in its tenth day. The Daily Mail says: "The situation is recovered and the Germans are beaten back from recent positions east of Amiens the situation must remain serious. French reserves continually arriving and entering the battle but as yet the German advance cannot be said to have been stopped." The Daily Graphic believes today's news is distinctly encouraging, while the Daily Telegraph says: "The week ends fairly well. It has been the most breathless and anxious time for the allies since the opening days of the war, but the enemy has been slowed up and every day that passes strengthens our confidence the more."

## NOT SO BAD FOR THE LITTLE FELLOW



### Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in France

London, March 30.—The French and British government, says the Morning Post, has decided to appoint General Foch commander of the allied armies on the western front during the present operations.



GENERAL FOCH

Field Marshal Haig, it says, concurs fully in the appointment of General Foch. The step was taken, the paper says, in order to obviate the difficulties due to the mixing up of British and French troops on various parts of the line.

Intervention. They soon will have opportunity to judge its growing importance. They shall see these new soldiers, pressing on in aeried ranks, impatient to try their virgin weapons during the eastward. They will see behind them the Japanese, trembling with eagerness, ready to spring.

### South America Next in German Plan of Conquest

London, March 30.—Latin America's vital interest in Germany's plan of aggression and attempt to crush all world democracies is pointed out in messages addressed to the people of all the South American republics by Viscount Northcliffe. "This war," says Lord Bryce, is unlike any other the world has seen, not only in the vastness of its scale but in the tremendous issues involved. It is a war of principle; a war waged for liberty against military tyranny; a war to save mankind from being enslaved by one ambitious and aggressive power whose military chiefs have proclaimed that they mean to dominate Europe first and then the Western Hemisphere. That is what brought the United States to fight beside the allies in Europe.

### French Press High in Its Praise of Pershing

Paris, March 30.—General Pershing's sincere and many words in placing at the disposal of General Foch the entire resources of the American Army have gone straight to the heart of the French people. Echoes de Paris says France as a whole does grateful homage to the United States, adding "to use the language of surgeons we may say there has been and there is more than ever to-day a transfusion of blood between the two countries."

### MRS. FIETTA BROWN

Mrs. Fietta Brown, widow of the late George K. Brown, died yesterday afternoon at her late residence, 27 South Court street, after a long illness. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William Peters, and a son, William M. Brown. She was a lifelong resident of Harrisburg.

### Washing For Family These Kiddies' Part in World War



WASH-DAY IN ALSACE. ©COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION, SUPREMACY DIVISION. In wartime every little bit helps. These little French girls, with their fathers either dead, wounded or fighting at the front, and their mothers doing the work of both man and beast in the fields, have forgotten there ever were such things as dolls and toys. They are seen washing clothes in the street of a little town in Alsace. Immediately behind them is a military guard, standing in front of his sentry box.

## CITY CANVASSED FROM END TO END BY BOYS AND GIRLS SELLING UNCLE SAM'S STAMPS

More than a hundred sturdy Boy Scouts marched through the principal streets of Harrisburg at noon today, jubilant because they had sold War Savings and Thrift stamps to scores of men and women. The boys in khaki met with success everywhere through the business and home districts. Almost every troop was represented in the campaign for the sale of the stamps.

The canvass started early this morning when the Scouts and Girl Scouts accosted pedestrians, people in offices and folks in the residential district, with the query, "Will you buy a Thrift Stamp or a War Savings Stamp?" Nearly every person answered the inquiry with a quarter. At noon to-day, prior to the parade and which is anticipated that at least \$500 will be the day's total of sales.

Girl Scouts, as well as Boy Scouts, reported that people were willing purchasers and that they sold their stamps in a short time, often returning to Boy Scout headquarters, 200 Calder building, for an additional supply.

The largest sale reported up to noon to-day, was that of James O. Erb, Jr., of Troop 1, Lemoine. Scout Erb sold a hundred dollars' worth of Baby Bonds to J. Lloyd Hess. The transaction cost Mr. Hess \$2.80, but in 1923 he will receive \$100 for his purchase.

Girl Scouts worked energetically to sell the stamps. The Girl Scouts were under the leadership of Miss Julia Stinson, captain, and Miss Alameda Herman, lieutenant. Boy Scouts were under the direction of J. H. Stine, scout executive for the Harrisburg Council, Boy Scouts of America.

### CONVICT SLAYER OF WM. DUNBAR OF MURDERER OF FORMER HARRISBURGER SENTENCED TO THE CHAIR AT SINGING

Little Valley, N. Y., March 30.—Giovannibattista Ferrara, alias Veltro Rosso, has been found guilty of murdering William Dunbar, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., whom he killed during an altercation along the Pennsylvania Railroad at Franklinville, N. Y., July 12, 1917, on which Ferrara was employed as a foreman and Mr. Dunbar as a supervisor.

Ferrara was sentenced to hang to die at Sing Sing prison during the week of May 13. The testimony was to the effect that Ferrara had been dismissed by Dunbar for inefficiency and falsifying, that the two had started down the railroad tracks together, the forger a few steps to the rear of Dunbar. Ferrara denied making a case of self-defense, saying that Dunbar had knocked him down when he asked for his pay and had threatened him with stones, whereupon he shot Dunbar and ran away. Other workmen, some distance away, swore that they were first attracted by the firing of shot, saw Dunbar turn and flee, and then returned to the scene to find Dunbar shot again and Dunbar falling.

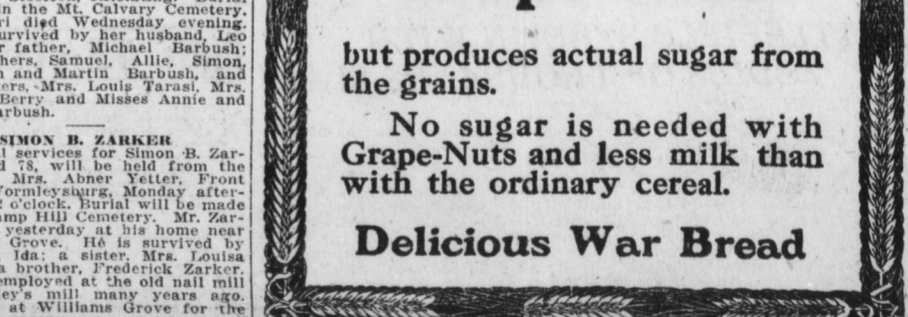
Well Known Here  
Mr. Dunbar came from a well-known Harrisburg family. He was a graduate of the Harrisburg High school, class of 1909, and afterward took a course in engineering, later becoming a supervisor on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Will Relieve Congestion at Cameron and Market  
In an effort to relieve the traffic congestion at Cameron and Market streets, eastbound cars on the Steelton and Middleburg lines of the Harrisburg Railway Company, beginning Monday, will stop on the Cameron street side of the corner, instead of the Market street side, as at present. The plan was taken up by railway officials with Captain Thomas, head of the traffic squad, and was announced after it had been approved by him.

### Reserves Soon Start Open-air Drills

Members of the Harrisburg Reserves were given a complete change in training last night by Major Henry M. Stine, the new commandant, who assumed direction of the military work at the City Grays' Armory, an unusually good attendance marked the new major's assumption of the work and after a statement of the plans for the spring, which included drills on the streets and on the island as soon as weather permits, Major Stine drilled the men.

### Barley



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MRS. MINNIE BARBUSH ACRI  
Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Barbush Acri, 714 S. Second street, will be held next Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Solemn requiem mass will be celebrated, the Rev. E. B. McDevitt, officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Calvary cemetery.

SEMON B. ZARKER  
Funeral services for Simon B. Zarker, aged 78, will be held from the home of Mrs. Abner Yetter, Front street, Wormleysburg, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Camp Cemetery. Mr. Zarker died yesterday at his home near Williams Grove. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zarker, Mrs. Louise Snyder; a brother, Frederick Zarker; five brothers, Samuel, Alie, Simon, Benjamin and Martin; and four sisters, Mrs. Louisa Snyder, Mrs. Charles Berry and Misses Annie and Helen Barbush.