



GROUND RECLAIMED BY ALLIES BETWEEN SOMME AND DEMUIN; GERMAN ATTACKS ARE BEATEN

ARMIES OF ALLIES ARE PREPARED TO COUNTER HUN BLOW

Infantry Operations Have Died Down; Teuton Artillery Fire Becomes Weak; General Foch Prepares to Receive Another Enemy Blow; Preparations Are Probably Under Way For a Counter Offensive

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 2.—British stormed strongly-held German positions in a wood along the Luce river yesterday. When the enemy withdrew after sharp fighting he left the ground strewn with his dead. The Germans shelled the wood heavily after it was occupied by the British and organized two counterattacks for the purpose of retaking it. Both were caught in the British artillery barrage and broken.

Infantry operations on a large scale on the Picardy battlefield have died down while both sides prepare for the next move in the great conflict. Vicious local fighting has occurred between Albert and Montdidier, but the Germans have been checked in all attempts to advance toward Amiens, while the Franco-British troops have made small gains between the Somme and Demuin.

Large Artillery Preparations Necessary

In the days of desperate and sanguinary fighting since they launched their attack on the line before Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere, the German command apparently has learned that massed infantry attacks without great artillery preparations are fruitless and most costly. The German artillery fire is reported to be weak, indicating that the enemy has not yet been able to move the big guns across the barren region between St. Quentin and Albert.

Seventy-seven German divisions are on the battle line waiting for the guns before attempting another gigantic effort to reach Amiens. North of the Somme there are 40 divisions and 37 are on the line between the Somme and Chancy. And it is known that the Germans guns have not all been moved forward.

Counter Offensive Probable

Meanwhile the allied armies under General Foch are making ready not only to counter another German blow, which the enemy must make or concede defeat, but probably also for a counter offensive. American troops not unlikely will participate in the approaching renewal of heavy fighting along most of the line as more than 100,000 are moving toward the battle lines. Some unseasoned American units will be placed side by side with hardened British and French veterans, according to a decision announced in London.

The Germans are reported to be massing troops before Albert where their attacks were beaten back by the British Monday. The British command looks for heavy German efforts north of the Somme where it is believed the enemy has most of his fighting force, but where there has been no marked activity since the repulse at Arras Thursday.

Allies Reclaim Ground

Except for the activity at Albert the fighting has been confined to the line between the Somme and Montdidier. The allied troops

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ARTILLERY FIGHTING ALONG SOMME HEAVY, SAYS FRENCH STATEMENT

Paris, April 2.—French and British troops advanced last night between the Somme and Demuin, it is announced officially. Over most of the front between the Somme and the Oise the night was relatively calm. Heavy artillery fighting occurred at some points. The statement says: "The night was relatively calm on the front between the Oise and the

Somme. The artillery fighting became rather heavy along some parts of the battlefield. "Franco-British troops made some progress during the night between the Somme and Demuin. "In the region of the Colonne trench and at Ban-de-Sapt the French made two successful raids and took prisoners; at Chambrettes a German attack on small French posts was repulsed."

GERMAN ATTACK IS REPULSED AS BRITONS CAPTURE GUNS AND MEN

London, April 2.—In the sector between the Avre and Luce rivers yesterday the British took fifty prisoners, the War Office announces. Thirteen machine guns were captured. Near Hebuterne the British made a successful attack, capturing machine guns and prisoners. A German counterattack was repulsed. The statement follows: "In the course of the fighting yesterday in the area between the Avre and the Luce rivers we captured fifty prisoners and thirteen machine guns. A large number of German dead were found on the ground in this locality by us, and two counterattacks

attempted by the enemy later in the day were broken up with heavy loss by our artillery. A German battery in action in this area was successfully engaged at short range and silenced by our machine guns. "A successful local enterprise carried out by us in the neighborhood of Hebuterne resulted in the capture of seventy-three prisoners and three machine guns. Many Germans were killed in this operation also and a hostile counterattack during the afternoon was completely repulsed. "On the remainder of the front successful raids, in which we secured several prisoners and killed a number of the enemy, were carried out."

A Little Problem in Mental Arithmetic



MORE POLES TO COME DOWN AS WIRES ARE LAID

City Electrician Has Force of Men at Work on Cable System

With the laying of a cable from police headquarters to Court and Liberty streets the entire police and fire alarm telegraph systems running north in Court street will be placed underground and more than twenty poles removed, among them several at the corner of Walnut and Court streets.

City Electrician Clark E. Diehl put a force of men to work yesterday stretching the cable through conduits. The materials for the work were ordered several months ago, but Government priority orders for cable for the cantonment camps necessitated a delay in filling the order for Harrisburg. The underground system will be complete in a few days and connections made from it to the various alarm boxes attached to the Court street circuits. As soon as this is done the overhead wires will be removed and the poles taken down. "Another big improvement which is expected to be completed this summer is the removal of the tall poles of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Walnut street. These are used for scores of long-distance lines, which are to be placed underground. Materials for the change will reach the city in a few months, it was said to-day."

Paris Again Raided by German Airmen

Paris, April 2.—An air raid warned was sounded at 3:35 o'clock this morning. Anti-aircraft guns began to fire immediately and a continuous curtain of fire was placed around the capital. At 4:25 it was announced all danger was over. The night was calm and the moon gleamed fitfully through the light and fleecy clouds, amid which glided the twinkling lights of the French airplanes defending Paris.

Amiens Won't Fall, Says General Foch

London, April 2.—General Foch, the new allied commander-in-chief, has stated that Amiens is covered and that he is prepared to guarantee it. This has come as a strong tonic, because the British public appreciated fully the serious consequences which would follow its loss. The appointment of Foch as generalissimo is now accepted in quarters formerly violently opposed to any step toward placing the British Army under a French commander-in-chief.

COMMUNITY SONG TO BE FEATURE OF FREUND MEETINGS

Revised Programs For Meetings to Which Public Is Urgently Invited

No tickets. No admission. Everybody invited. That's the way the committee in charge of the big meetings to be held in Harrisburg in connection with the visit of Dr. Freund, the noted musical writer and speaker, who comes to Harrisburg to-morrow for three days' stay, announced the programs for the gatherings in the hall of the House of Representatives on Capitol Hill and in Chestnut street auditorium. Dr. Freund, president of the

Premier Clemenceau Has Narrow Escape When Huns Shell Automobile

Paris, April 2.—Premier Clemenceau, while making his daily visit to the front yesterday, ventured so near the first line that his automobile was shelled vigorously by the German artillery. All the windows were broken, but M. Clemenceau was not hurt. The Premier returned to Paris enthusiastic and full of confidence in the favorable issue of the present battle.

VOTERS MAY PASS ON LOAN FOR NEW CITY HOSPITAL

Council Sees Need of a General Contagious Disease Hospital

Commissioner Samuel F. Hassler reported to the other members of City Council to-day that the statements of ill-treatment of patients at the sanitary hospital where small-pox victims are kept, were exaggerated. He said one of the boilers used in connection with the sanitary plant is out of order but that repairs would be made as soon as possible.

Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert's Sister in Paris Hotel Wrecked by Bombs

Word has been received here that Miss Helen Cameron, of Petersburg, Va., a sister of Mrs. Lyman D. Gilbert, 203 North Front street, was in a hotel in Paris recently when a German bomb destroyed the front pillars of the building. Miss Cameron was not injured. Colonel M. C. Kennedy, president of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, who is in an official position in France now in the railroad service, rushed from his office to the hotel to inquire about Miss Cameron when he heard of the air raid. Miss Cameron is widely known in Harrisburg, being a frequent visitor at the home of her sister. She is engaged in war work in France.

Carlisle Castle Is Sunk by Submarine

Boston, April 2.—Sinking of the British steamer Carlisle Castle, presumably by a German submarine while on a voyage from this country for a foreign port was reported in shipping circles here to-day. Boston exporters notified marine underwriters they had been advised of the loss of the vessel, but had no information regarding the fate of the crew. The ship was under charter to the Cunard line and carried war supplies.

CITY SENDS ITS FIRST QUOTA TO NATIONAL ARMY

Mothers, Sweethearts and Friends Cheer Contingent on Way to Camp Meade

GIVEN QUIET FAREWELL Local Men Have Special Train and Kitchen Car For Comfort

A calm determination to acquit themselves honorably and return with well-earned laurels, marked the attitude of the first draft quota to be sent by Harrisburg into the National Army. The departure of the men was witnessed by hundreds of friends and relatives at the station, who furnished numerous scenes of the hardship of departure, and the trials which must be borne by those who "remain and wait." Forty-eight youths from Dauphin county entrained for Camp Meade at noon to-day. The men were taken on a special train to the camp, where they will be sworn into federal service. Harrisburg will then have its first official draft quota in the great National Army. Twenty-two of the men were fur-

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5,000,000 Bottles of 'Pop' to Be Sent to France

New York, April 2.—Five million bottles of "pop" will be sent overseas this month to the American soldiers in France, it was announced here to-day by the Young Men's Christian Association. The soda water will be part of a shipment which will include ten million sheets of note paper and five million envelopes, two million pounds each of sugar and flour purchased through Federal Food Administrator Hoover, two million five hundred thousand packages of chewing gum, two hundred moving picture machines, one hundred talking machines, two thousand five hundred records and coffee, crackers, condensed milk, shaving sticks and tooth paste.

LOSES HIS ARM IN FIRST BATTLE BUT IS GLAD HE WENT

Marine Glad to Have Given His Hand For Uncle Sam's Cause

NOT A MAN FRIGHTENED Boy Who Served His Best Visits Relatives Here and Tells Experiences

"The German soldiers are beasts; they've been living so long in the trenches that they're not human any more." Thus spoke an unassuming but stalwart American soldier to-day as he recounted something of his first and only battle on No Man's Land where his left arm was shot away by a fragment of 14-inch Hun shell. Real heroes are modest and Walter F. Little, of McKeesport, who is visiting for the day his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Lego, 1526 Penn street, told in few words a soul-stirring experience of actual combat in that ghastly tract called No Man's Land where so many thousands have perished. No lurid descriptions, no midnight fustian; just the simple narrative of an American lad of 24 who enlisted in the United States

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Pro-German Physician Is Ducked in Canal and Others Receive Warning

Im Salle, Ill., April 2.—Pro-Germanism was silenced here last night when a crew of 400 citizens ducked Dr. J. C. Biemann, a physician, in a canal, and ordered him out of town. Biemann, after his involuntary cleansing, was made the center of a battery of automobile headlights in the downtown section and forced to kneel and kiss the flag. The crowd then searched the stores of Regan Brothers and Henry Mueller with yellow paint. The proprietors of the former, a confectionery store, agreed to close up. Mueller, who is a watchmaker, was warned "to watch his tongue."

MYSTERIOUS EPIDEMIC AFFECTS EMPLOYEES

Detroit—Officials of the Ford Motor Company, this afternoon confirmed a report that more than 200 men have been affected daily by a mysterious epidemic resembling grippe, which has been prevalent in the plant. It was estimated that about 2,000 employees have been ill thus far.

BALTIMORE CITY LABORER STRIKE

Baltimore—Rejecting the plea and proposals of Mayor James H. Preston that they return to work, the city laborers union to-day formally voted to strike at once to enforce a demand for \$3 a day for laborers in all departments. The city offered \$2.76. Two thousand of the men quite yesterday and 2500 are now out.

BRITAIN'S CREDIT TO U. S. \$2,720,000,000

Washington—Credits to the allies in the last year were raised to-day to more than \$5,000,000,000 by a loan of \$200,000,000 to Great Britain. That nation's total credits from the United States now are \$2,720,000,000 and all the allies \$5,160,000,000.

EIGHT BADLY BURNED

Buffalo, N. Y.—Eight men were badly burned, one of them probably fatally, in an explosion of chemicals at the plant of the National Aniline and Chemical Company here to-day.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES SECTION ORGANIZED

Washington—Organization of an industrial service section of the Signal Corps in charge of Charles P. Neill United States Commissioner of Labor, was announced to-day by the War Department.

SENATE FIRM FOR \$2.50 WHEAT

Washington—The Senate to-day prepared to stand by its action in fixing a price of \$2.50 a bushel on the 1918 wheat crop. On motion of Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, a conference committee was named to meet House conferees to work out differences on the agriculture appropriation bill the chief point at issue being the provision increasing the wheat price.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry A. Shoop, Progress, and Alice F. Ditzel, Harrisburg; Lorenzo D. Bucher, Harrisburg, and Corrie F. Tittel, Elliffsburg; George J. Ulrich and Katie L. Knutson, Baltimore; Benjamin F. Housley and Blanche C. Epp, New Cumberland; Walter G. Ganss and Tessal Bajnes, Harrisburg; Richard B. Vincent, Akron, and Hannah West, Chicago.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Wednesday; much cooler Wednesday; lowest temperature tonight, about 45 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair to-night and Wednesday; much cooler Wednesday; moderate, west to northwest winds. General Conditions: There has been a general fall of 2 to 15 degrees in temperature over the western half of the country in the last twenty-four hours. A general rise of 2 to 10 degrees has occurred, except in Western New York, where it is somewhat cooler. Temperature: 8 a. m., 52. Sun: Rises, 5:42 a. m.; sets, 6:18 p. m. Moon: New moon, April 10, 11:34 p. m. River Stage: 4.9 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 49. Lowest temperature, 40. Mean temperature, 46. Normal temperature, 44.