



FRENCH DEFEAT GERMAN IN MOST DESPERATE EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH DEFENSES

TEUTONS DRIVEN BACK IN FIERCE ALL-NIGHT BATTLE

French Lines Hold Below Amiens; Germans Defeated With Awful Losses in Struggle to Cut Off Communications; British Maintain Steadfast Defense; Armies Fight With Constantly Changing Fortunes

Paris, April 5.—German forces continued their attacks during the night says the official statement issued to-day by the war office. Despite the superiority of the German effectives which, the statement says, were spent recklessly, the Teutons were unable to reach their objective which was the railway from Amiens to Clermont.

The French regiments, by their resistance and counterattacks, maintained the line in its entirety, the war office announced.

The French troops conquered the greater part of Epinette wood, north of the town of Orvillers-Sorel. All German efforts to dislodge the Frenchmen were in vain. The French captured St. Aignan farm, south east of Grivesnes, and held it against all assaults. In the north the French withdrew their positions to the west of Castel. They threw back the Germans from Arriere Cour wood west of Maily Rameval.

The French lines have held below Amiens and the Germans have been defeated with great losses in what probably constituted their most desperate effort yet to break in and cut off the communications of this important base from the south.

Similarly, to the east of Amiens, the British have maintained their steadfast defense and prevented the Germans from making any important headway here.

Battle Along Wide Front

This battle which raged yesterday and virtually all last night was fought along a line of approximately thirty miles south of the Somme. To-day, according to unofficial dispatches the Germans switched their attack to the north of the river and engaged the British along a front of some 17 miles but again were unable to make any progress except a slight advance near the river.

In the great battle to the south of the Somme the contending armies fought with fluctuating fortunes, the French giving some ground in the northerly sector of their battle area, but closing the engagement with their line not only standing where it was along its southerly course but even advanced in one or two sectors where the Germans had been violently thrown back.

German Effort Nearly Futile

As a whole the entente line may be considered as the French official statements puts it, maintained its entirety. So far as the German objective south of Amiens, the railway line to Clermont, is concerned the stupendous German effort resulted merely in the projection of the fighting front a distance of probably not more than 2,000 yards nearer to it opposite Castel, where the map shows the enemy still nearly three miles away.

German Advantage Small

The British fought yesterday and last night chiefly on their southern front between the Luce and the Somme where the battlefront was a continuous one, linking up with the operation against the French. Here the British were pressed back out of a small salient that had projected in the neighborhood of Warfusee-Abancourt, just to the north of Marcelcave and almost directly on a line east of Amiens. This was the only advantage the Germans were able to gain in the whole sector after hours of very constant attacking in heavy force.

The British recession was slight and the line they now maintain runs east of Villers-Bretonnaux, some 10-12 miles from the center of Amiens and about nine miles from its outskirts.

French Repel Counterattacks

On that part of the battlefront running eastward from Montdidier the French gave no ground, but on the contrary drove in

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AMERICAN TROOPS AT DISPOSAL OF GEN. FOCH ARE SEASONED VETERANS

London, April 5.—The recent visit of Newton D. Baker, the American Secretary of War, the Daily Mail says, was an historic one and will leave a lasting impression on Anglo-Franco American relations, as it was then decided that American regiments should be brigaded with British and French troops on the western front. Premier Lloyd George, it says, acquainted Secretary Baker with the situation and expressed the lively desire of the British government for the immediate employment of the American fighting forces Secretary Baker was much impressed and went to France the next day and saw

“Outwitting the Hun”

WHY “PAT” O'BRIEN IS IN THE UNIFORM OF ENGLAND Beginning Tomorrow Lieutenant O'Brien Will Tell His Own Story Daily in the Telegraph



Across the broad shoulders there is a bar that reads “England.” On his feet there are good-looking brown shoes that they gave him in Holland when he arrived, unshod, unshorn and pretty much uneverything—as any recent “guest” of the Huns would be! There is a light in his blue-gray eyes that says “Ireland.”

But on the cuff of his right sleeve there is a tiny flag that bears the Stars and Stripes. And though he doesn't wear his heart on his sleeve, it's with that tiny flag!

He's proud he is Irish, is Pat O'Brien. I wonder myself who, but a happy-go-lucky Irishman could have gone tumbling out of the clouds, tobogganing eight thousand feet—(from Seventy-Second Street to Times Square; Manhattan measurement)—wake up in a German prison hospital with a few “friendly” souls probing his throat for a neat little made-in-Holland bullet, and be here to tell about it! But when they called him Irish-American on the posters advertising his lecture, what did Pat do but make them erase Erin's title to him. Why?

“I'm American, there can't be any hyphens now,” says Pat simply. Yet when his leave is up he is going back to fly for England. Again we chorus exclamation points and question marks. And here is Pat's why and wherefore:

A Bit Shaken Up “You know a tumble like mine shakes you up a bit. The doctors said that when I get back my lost fifty pounds, the straying organs will roam back where they belong. But in the meantime we have a pretty rigid physical examination for flying folks to pass here in America. So I'll stay where I'm ‘in’ already and don't have to prove my rights to get ‘in.’

“After my second ‘dive,’ this one through the window of a train carrying me into Germany's heart (?) and my ‘hick-go-look’ escape through Holland, I finally got back to England, through the King and incidentally the news that I was a ‘hero’ and had a few months’ leave proffered to me. And I had to face the fact that I'd never have leave to fly again in France.

“You see to send an escaped prisoner back to fight the Germans is just to give Germany a little target. She knows them when she sees them—and she shoots them when she gets them. When my leave is over they'll send me to Egypt

to buzz around over a few Turkish heads. There's a place for me yet in the old Squadron.” “You want to fly again?” I asked, thinking that one such tumble from the clouds as Pat had had would satisfy most people to leave further aviation to swallows and eagles.

The grey-blue eyes looked at me searchingly—almost reproachfully. “Why not? The world needs men. The men who don't feel it their duty to go don't seem real to me—they just glide by like a panorama picture, not a part of life at all! I must go back to help. I know it's the right thing for me to do—and I have to do what I think is right no matter how anyone else feels about it. It is right for me to fly again.”

How Pat Looks I can visualize Pat O'Brien strapped into the aeroplane bird-body that matches the ardent young soul of him. His hair blazes up with an almost audible crackle. A black crest upweeping from a tan forehead; below it, gray-blue eyes, wide apart, under sturdy brows that someone will sooner or later waste a lot of time on trying to brush smooth. A purposeful, inquiring nose, whose general outline carries a bit of justification for his bird-like propensities. But it is a very good nose and I'm not calling it a beak! A sensitive, thin-lipped mouth under a little red-brown moustache that camouflages the scar of the bullet that felled him. And then six feet two of slim boy-man-bird extending down to earth!

That's how Pat looks—super-dreadnaught in the upper part of his face and pleasure yacht from the lips down! Man and fighter; friend and lover.

And this is how Pat is—English as to uniform, Irish as to smile, but so honestly American as to hear that our Allies will know they have a bit of the spirit of “All-America” when they welcome him back.

I have heard rumors—of course I can't believe them—that some of our boys are seeking exemption to physical grounds. But this is the first time I've discovered a lad seeking exemption from his “physical grounds!” Pat O'Brien might not get by the medical board and into the American Aviation Service—and that's why he wears the uniform of a hero.

Tommy Atkins His Pal He was dreaming himself back into the days of his old Squadron of the R. F. C. on the day I met him and looking forward to the eight o'clock train to Toronto which he gallantly assured me was the only thing that need punctuate

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BIG STOCK OF WHEAT LOST AS OLD MILL BURNS

Arson Suspected in Blaze at Historic Point Along the Yellow Breeches

Fire which started at 5 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the historic Olmsted mill situated along the Yellow Breeches creek, near Eberly's Mill. Only the stone walls of the building were standing at 10 o'clock this morning when the fire was finally under control. Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of grain was destroyed by the fire. That which the fire did not reach was

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Governors Soon to Get Orders For Mobilizing of Second Draft Men

Washington, April 5.—Orders for the mobilization of the first large number of men of the second draft will go out to the Governors of the states very soon. Fifteen thousand men of the second draft are now mobilizing and the April call about to go out will represent probably more than the month's proportion of the 800,000 men who it previously has been announced will be called into the service, remaining nine months of the year. To call the 800,000 in equal monthly increments would mobilize them at about a rate of 90,000 a month. However, there is no assurance this will be a fixed figure. The flow of men will be determined by the needs of the Army in France. As General Pershing may call for specially qualified troops, an average of 90,000 a month may be much exceeded on many decreased occasions. It has been announced the men will be drawn as gradually and in as small numbers as possible so as not to dislocate industry and, particularly, agriculture. So far as possible this plan will be followed.

The immediate need of increasing the American forces in France, however, is likely to result in calling the men faster than first supposed. For that reason the April quota undoubtedly will exceed its normal average. In fact, if the need is pressing, the entire 800,000 might be called in much less than the nine months originally planned.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE IS NOW UNDER WAY

Preliminaries to a Thorough Canvass of City Are Completed

First \$10,000 Gained in Liberty Loan Drive

When the New York Life Insurance Company to-day notified Mayor Daniel L. Keister that it had allotted \$10,000 toward the Harrisburg Liberty Bond sales, the first large subscription for this city was recorded.

Harrisburg representatives of foreign firms doing business in this city are urged to call to the attention of their houses the action of New York Life.

School Teacher Flags Train With Coat; Averts Wreck of Troop Train

By Associated Press Toledo, Ohio, April 5.—Discovering a tie spiked across the Baltimore and Ohio track, ten miles south of Toledo, near Perryville, last evening, Grace Doyle, 20, a country schoolteacher at Roachtown, ran down the track, removed her coat and with it flagged a train, approaching rapidly. It was a freight, followed closely by a heavy troop train. It took the freight crew twenty-five minutes to remove the obstruction. Federal authorities have been notified.

RUSSIANS SINK SHIPS TO AVOID CAPTURE BY HUNS

Slav Fleet Unable to Keep Germans From Hango Harbor

Petrograd, Thursday, April 4.—The German warships and several torpedo boats have landed troops in Finland and occupied the town of Eknes, southwest of Helsingfors. Several Russian warships, including four submarines, were powerless to prevent the entry of the Germans into the harbor of Hango and the sailors sunk three of the ships in the harbor to prevent their capture. The commander of the Baltic fleet has sent a communication to the German commander concerning the German aims and protesting against the entry of German warships as a violation of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty which guaranteed the security of the Russian fleet. The arrival of the German fleet off the Finnish coast threatens safety of the Russian fleet at Helsingfors which, for lack of an icebreaker,

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City Completes Repairs at Water Pumping Station

Repairs to the two old pumping engines at the city pumping station which were used continually from November until late in February because of a break in the 12,000,000 gallon main have been started, Commissioner Samuel F. Hasler said to-day. The work on the pumps will be completed in about three weeks.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to night, with lowest temperature about freezing; Saturday fair and slightly warmer.

ANGRY MINERS LYNCH GERMAN IN ILLINOIS

Following Address on Socialism Alien Is Taken From Police

MADE SLIGHTING REMARK

Compelled to Walk Streets in Bare Feet, Waving an American Flag

By Associated Press Collinsville, Ill., April 5.—Kneeling with his arms crossed, Robert P. Prager, who was lynched by a mob last night at midnight for alleged disloyal utterances, prayed in German for three minutes before he was strung up, according to statements to-day by members of the lynching party.

Prager was a coal miner and yesterday at Maryville, Ill., in an address to the miners on Socialism, is said to have made remarks derogatory to President Wilson. Miners were angry and when they attended to him he bodily harm

escaped to Collinsville, his home. Some of the miners, however, followed him, collected a crowd, took Prager from his home and led him barefoot through the street waving an American flag.

The police, fearing violence, took Prager from the crowd and placed him in the city jail. Later a large mob gathered in front of the City Hall and demanded the man. Mayor J. H. Siegel counseled calmness, but the police force of four was overpowered and Prager was found hiding in the basement of the hall.

He was dragged at the end of a rope beyond the city limits. As the mob prepared to hang him to the limb of a tree he was asked if he had anything to say. His answer was to drop to his knees and, with arms crossed, to pray in German for three minutes, which another word he was pulled into the air. The mob then dispersed.

The police said Prager, while in the custody, had stated he was a registered enemy alien, that he was born in Germany but that he had taken out his first naturalization papers and had hoped to become an American citizen.

Collinsville is twelve miles east of St. Louis.

Wrote to Parents

Before the rope was placed about his neck Prager wrote the following note to his parents in German: “Dear Parents — Carl Henry

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SONG FESTIVAL TO CLOSE WITH GREAT CLIMAX

City's Musicians to Take Part in Rousing Mass Meeting This Evening

DR. FREUND TO SPEAK

Singing of Heart Melodies to Mark Closing of Big Event

The climax of three days' song festival is coming this evening with the great mass meet in Chestnut Street Auditorium and the Rev. Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge, of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, an enthusiast for community singing, will preside.

Bishop McDevitt, of the Roman Catholic diocese, will make the prayer and the singing will be led by Paul E. Beck, state supervisor of music.

On the program will be special selections by the P. R. R. Glee Club, directed by Ira Belamy; the solo choir, Frank A. McCarrell leading, and Alfred C. Kuskiwa at the piano; the Wednesday Club chorus, Mrs. Wilbur F. Harris, director. Dr. John C. Freund, president of the Musical Alliance of America, will speak on “The Musical Independence of the United States.” Church choirs will occupy seats reserved for them and

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IMMENSE THROG GREET'S STARS OF FILMDOM HERE

Thousands Wait Patiently in Streets When Train Is Late

WORK FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks Win by Old-Time Smiles

Thousands of enthusiastic moving picture fans almost swamped Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks when those two favorites arrived here this afternoon.

As the movie stars came out of the station, hundreds pushed over the around the three motors that took the party to the square. Railroad and city police were powerless to hold back the crowds which poured over the station steps, and even on to the fenders and steps of the motors. A cheering broke out when the crowd first caught sight of Doug—not a photo-Doug, but the real fellow.

He spread his face genially and gave the folks a view of his teeth. Poor Charlie, instead of wearing his funny little moustache, the funny fellow turned out to be a real nice looking man, who didn't even walk differently from other people. Mary Pickford was unable to brave the crowd and stayed on the train.

Market Square Packed As the cars were pushed and maneuvered through the cheering throngs at the station plaza by perching chauffeurs, the word went down Market street that the great folks at last arrived, and the

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HOME RULE CONVENTION ENDS London—The Irish convention which has been discussing the question of home rule for several months concluded its deliberations to-day says the Central News Agency.

MADE TO KISS FLAG AND BEATEN Newark, Conn.—Because he is declared to have said “dam the Liberty Bonds, they won't be worth thirty cents after the war. To sell with them” Ernest Boessen, an employe of the Newark Tire and Rubber Company here, was pursued two miles by about 200 of his fellow-workers, made to kiss the American flag and then severely beaten.

RAID I. W. W. HEADQUARTERS Spokane, Wash.—Police to-day raided the headquarters and seized all books and literature in the rooms

INVESTIGATE RATE ON PETROLEUM Washington.—A general investigation of freight rates on petroleum products was ordered to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

CALL FOR 400 PHOTOGRAPHERS Washington.—A call for 400 photographers registered in the draft to mobilize at Madison barracks; Sacketta Harbor, N. Y., April 15, was sent out to 15 states to-day by Provost Marshal General Crowder. They will be put in the air service.

KAISER SENDS APOLOGY London.—The Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam reports the German newspapers as announcing that Emperor William has sent a personal letter to the president of the Swiss confederation apologizing for the killing of the councillor of the Swiss legation in Paris during the bombardment of Good Friday.

VALERIA SUNK IN IRISH SEA New York.—The Cunard Line steamship Valeria, a vessel of 5,865 tons gross register has been sunk in the Irish sea, according to word received here to-day by insurance interests. The Valeria left here March 4 with cargo for a British port.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Warren E. McCurdy and Tillie M. Tobias, Harrisburg.