



BOCHE TIDAL WAVE BROKEN AS GERMANS, AFTER DESPERATE STRUGGLE, FAIL AT PICARDY

TEUTONS TURNED BACK IN EFFORT TO TAKE AMIENS

On Anniversary of Entrance of United States Into the World War the Greatest Battle of Entire Conflict Is Under Way; Their Great Attack Halted, the Germans Make Ineffectual Efforts to Break Through

London, April 6.—The Germans at dawn to-day attacked the little town of Corbie, in the valley of the Somme, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports. The enemy advanced in dense waves. The outcome was not known at the time the dispatch was filed.

The main German thrust, says the correspondent, appears to be west of the Vaire Wood, toward the principal Amiens road.

The British improved their positions east of Fonquevillers, north of the Somme, in their successful attack yesterday morning.

With the British Army in France, April 6.—Another heavy attack by the Germans in the drive for Amiens appeared to be under way at an early hour to-day. At 5.30 o'clock this morning the enemy was reported to be advancing in waves near the Vaire wood, which lies in the Somme valley east of Corbie.

The strong hostile assaults which were made in this region yesterday resulted in the pushing back somewhat of the defending line south of Hangard Wood. Elsewhere the Germans were repulsed with severe losses.

Determined Struggle For Amiens

Another determined German blow in the great battle for Amiens is being struck to-day against the British in the Somme valley, almost directly east of the city, from which the Germans at this point are about ten miles distant.

The attack on the center of the line comes after the check of the German wing Thursday night in its powerful thrust at the French line between Montdidier and the Avre and the failure of the German right yesterday and last night to make more than a feeble impression upon the British positions north of the Somme.

French Have Germans in Peril

The fighting in the southerly area has resolved itself into a violent artillery battle, following which the probabilities are that the Germans will make another effort to advance from the positions in which they have been pinned by the French. No infantry action occurred in this sector last night except on the British front north of the Luce at which river the French and British lines connect. The British took the initiative here and improved their position near Hangard by a counterattack.

Teutons Halt Before British Wall

In the north, the determined attempt of the Germans yesterday to enlarge the upper side of their salient succeeded only to a slight degree along the Ancre near Dernancourt and struck a rock ribbed British defense at Albert. It was continued late into evening, but despite the constant attacks by columns in considerable strength the enemy was unable to make any more important progress than he scored in his day time effort.

Corbie Objective Point of Offensive

The early advances on to-day's fighting made it seem likely that the operation would be an important one. Advancing from Vaire Wood, close to the Somme the Germans pushed in dense waves toward Corbie lying in the narrow strip between the Ancre

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COUNTERATTACK OF BRITISH GIVES FOES OF TEUTON BETTER POSITION

London, April 6.—The British position south of the Somme was improved to some extent by a counter-attack delivered in the neighborhood of Hangard late yesterday, according to to-day's War Office announcement. The statement follows: "North of the Somme heavy fighting continued along the whole front

south of Ayeette until late yesterday evening. The enemy constantly attacked in considerable strength, but despite his efforts during the morning, "Local fighting also took place yesterday afternoon south of the Somme. In the neighborhood of Hangard, we improved our position somewhat by a counterattack."

GERMANS CEASE FIGHT ALONG FRENCH SECTOR AFTER VIOLENT BATTLING

Paris, April 6.—The German attack along the French sector of the battle front has ceased. To-day's official statement says there was violent artillery fighting last night north and south of the Avre, but that no infantry actions occurred. The statement follows: "The night was marked by violent

bombardments north and south of the Avre, particularly in the region of Monchel, without infantry actions. "On the right bank of the Meuse, artillery fighting was rather severe at times. Two German raids, one north of Vaux Les Palameix, one near Seuzey, were without result."

No One Doubts This Branch of the Service



NATION'S IDLERS TO BE TOILERS FOR NECESSITIES

War and Labor Departments Give President Plan For Putting Shirkers to Work

Washington, April 6.—President Wilson had before him to-day a plan, submitted by officials of the War and Labor Departments, designed to use the machinery of the draft to put industrial slackers to work.

The main purpose of the new program as agreed upon by the Provost Marshal-General's office and Labor Department officials is to "purify" the second, third and fourth classes of registrants who are not engaged in productive industry, but the lower section of Class 1 also is given attention. Framers of the plan see in its working a solution of the nation's labor problem and a large increase in the production of the necessities of life.

Every registered man who has been given a deferred classification would be given to understand that his exemption is not a legal right but a privilege and that if unfair advantage is taken of that privilege it will be revoked. The proposal provides for a survey of the lower sections of Class 1 and other classes to identify idlers or those getting their living from undesirable or "harmful" pursuits. Gambling is suggested under the latter head. Notification would be served on these men that unless they found employment in useful industry their status would be changed and they would be inducted into the military service immediately.

FORMER EDITOR OF VORWAERTS A SUICIDE

London, April 6.—The suicide of a former editor of the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, of Berlin, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. Herr Eisner was arrested in Munich last February for having taken a leading part in the strike movement at that time and was charged with high treason.

LIBERTY LOAN HAS BIG START ON EVE OF ANNIVERSARY

Signs of Millions Ready to Further Finance U. S. in War

Washington, April 6.—One year from the day the United States entered the world war, the nation started to-day collecting \$3,000,000,000 from its citizens as the Third Liberty Loan to finance the fighting. It was a day of patriotic celebrations, of parades of soldiers, sailors and civilians marching together to symbolize the important part each must play in winning the war. Indications were that many millions would be pledged before night, notwithstanding that in many cities the

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America to Surprise Teuton Junta, Lloyd George Tells Guests

London, April 6.—Premier Lloyd George telegraphing to the lord mayor of London on the occasion of a luncheon given to celebrate America's entry into the war said: "During the next few weeks America will give the Prussian military junta the surprise of their lives."

Premier Lloyd George's telegram which was read to the assembled guests by the lord mayor said: "The decision of the American people that it was their duty to join in the great struggle of free people, against the attempt of overweening despotism to establish its own universal dominion by military power was one of the most momentous events in history. During the past year they have been bending all their energies to the work of preparation. During the next few weeks America will give the Prussian military junta the surprise of their lives."

Foreign Secretary Balfour said the meaning of America's action had not thus far been appreciated in this country. To realize what it meant, Englishmen must ask themselves whether Great Britain would have taken the same course in the same circumstances.

AIRCRAFT BAG TEN GERMAN SUBMARINES

Admiralty Reports Tell of Successes Scored by Seaplanes

London, April 6.—Details concerning the destruction recently of ten German submarines by naval aircraft, eight by seaplanes and the others by dirigibles, have been obtained by the Associated Press from Admiralty reports. The first case is described as follows: "While on patrol in the English channel a seaplane sighted a submarine eight miles away, directly in the path of an oncoming convoy

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Second Cleanup of Ashes and Garbage to Begin in City Monday

The second tour to make a complete cleanup of the city will be started on Monday morning, H. F. Sheesley, chief inspector of the bureau of ash and garbage inspection announced to-day. On the first trip over the city the gangs of men were kept busy hauling out accumulations of ashes and refuse from the yards and streets. The cleanup will begin at Tenth and Market streets, going out Market to Thirteenth, and north and south to State and to Mulberry streets.

Co-operation of every resident of the city is asked by Mr. Sheesley, who urges the householders to have all the refuse at the most accessible place. The length of time required for this cleanup will determine largely how soon the regular collections by two-week periods, will be started.

TELLS WHY COAL PRICES VARY IN NEW RATE LIST

Administrator Hickok Declares Dealers Make Narrow Margin of Profit

Misunderstanding arising from the fixing of flat coal prices for each of the larger communities in the county to-day was explained by Ross A. Hickok, fuel administrator. Conditions in each community were taken into consideration, it was explained, and the prices arranged accordingly. Thus the differences in labor costs and freight charges is taken into account.

Mr. Hickok contended that the Harrisburg dealers are not operating on an excessive gross margin, and likewise affirmed that the margin of profit made by Harrisburg dealers is but twenty-five cents a ton according to the present price arrangements.

The cost of coal to the consumer, the fuel administrator explained, is the cost of the coal, plus the freight charges from the mines to the railroad sidings of the dealers, plus the gross margin of \$2.65, which is allowed the dealer to cover expenses of handling and delivering his coal.

The cost of handling a ton of coal is \$2.40 thereby leaving the dealer twenty-five cents for his profit. The \$2.65 gross margin allowed Harrisburg dealers includes the cost of unloading and delivering expenses, shrinkage and rescreening the coal, sales office force and office expenses, insurance, compensation, light, heat and power, depreciation on plants and wagons and repairs. Carefully figured by his committee and the dealers, Mr. Hickok said, this brings the cost of handling the coal to \$2.40, leaving 25 cents of the gross margin for profit. This does not include sundry miscellaneous expenses, such as bad debts.

Charges Are Different The cost of coal to the consumers was agreed on after a conference with the mayor, city officials, business men, coal dealers and the fuel committee.

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John M. Mumma, Widely Known Mason and Mail Clerk, Dies of Stroke

John Martin Mumma, 1526 Derry street, prominent in lodge circles throughout the city, and widely known as a mail carrier, died at 12.2 this afternoon. He had been ill only since the morning of 7.30, when he sustained a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Mumma was aged 59 years and four months. He was prominent in the Masonic organization in this city. He was secretary of the Fountain Lodge of the former organization, and worshipful master of the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 441, of the Masons. He had been in the mail service twenty-two years.

He was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mr. Mumma leaves his mother, one brother, one sister, four daughters and one son, all residents of this city.

MUCH DISEASE CONTAGION

During March 223 contagious disease cases were reported, a big increase over the total for March, 1917, which was 109. Last month the following cases were recorded: Scarlet fever, 20; smallpox, 11; chicken pox, 9; diphtheria, 8; measles, 42; German 32; pneumonia, 4; erysipelas, 3; mumps, 35; impetigo, 1.

Clergymen of every denomination advocate the WAR SAVINGS PLAN

If in doubt ask any one.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, with clouds, to-night, with lowest temperature about 35 degrees; Sunday increasing cloudiness, followed by showers in the afternoon or by night, with rising temperature; light south wind. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and continued cool to-morrow; Sunday showers in the afternoon or by night, with rising temperature; light south wind. Temperature: 8 a. m., 32. Sun: Rises, 5:38 a. m.; sets, 7:22 p. m. River Stage: 4.9 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 51. Lowest temperature, 34. Mean temperature, 42. Normal temperature, 46.

A NEW CALL FOR TROOPS IS MADE ON PENNSYLVANIA

State to Furnish Quota of Eleven Thousand Men. April 26

CALL ON OTHER STATES

Another Big Movement Is Scheduled by Provost Marshal-General

Associated Press dispatches late to-day indicated that the government is calling thousands of men from other states for the same time.

Approximately 11,000 more Pennsylvanians registered under the draft act, will be sent to Camps Lee, Meade and Sherman, commencing April 26, according to a telegram received at state draft headquarters to-day. These men have been called in addition to the 7,700 men sent to Camps Lee and Meade this week and Major W. G. Murdock, the officer in charge, has commenced working out the quotas, which will probably be completed late Monday or early Tuesday.

The new call includes both white and colored men and makes some changes in destinations of men in what has hitherto been Camp Meade territory.

To Camp Lee there are to be sent

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Harrisburg Children Pelt Kaiser's Posters

Two Harrisburg children hit the Kaiser with mud balls this morning and raised an awful row with some of his subjects.

It all happened right here in Harrisburg. Two children, celebrating Liberty day, erected posters of the Kaiser on telephone poles in front of their home at 428 South Fourteenth street, and pelted them with mud balls. Two alleged pro-German families living near are said to have protested strongly against the defacement of the All-Highest.

CLEMENCEAU CONFIDENT

Paris, April 6.—Premier Clemenceau told the Committee on Foreign and Military Affairs in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that he had no anxiety as to the outcome of the German offensive.

PRESIDENT REVIEWS 12,000 TROOPS

Baltimore—President Wilson arrived here shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon and began a review of 12,000 Camp Meade troops. To-night he will formally open the Third Liberty Loan campaign with a speech in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

U-BOAT SINKS OIL SHIP

An Atlantic Port—The American oil steamship Atlantic Sun, of 2,333 tons gross was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone a few weeks ago and the first officer was taken prisoner by the crew of the U-boat, according to members of the oil vessel's crew who arrived here to-day. The Atlantic Sun hailed from Philadelphia. She was built at New Castle, Del., in 1893.

FRENCH PRESS APPLAUDS PERSHING

Paris—The anniversary of America's entrance into the war is receiving great attention from the French press. One point brought into relief is the spirited manner in which General Pershing offered the American Army now in France.

PITCHER TONY INDICTED

Nashville, Tenn.—The Federal grand jury to-day returned an indictment against Fred Tony a pitcher for the Cincinnati National League Baseball Club, for the alleged violation of the selective service law. The charges grew out of Tony's claim for exemption on the ground of dependent relatives.

BOLSHEVIKI PLAN OVERTHROW

Harbin—Disorder is increasing in Siberia, and the Bolsheviki are using every effort to overthrow General Pleshkoff, chief of the Russian forces in Siberia and Manchuria. In Harbin there has been wholesale looting. Many Bolsheviki agents are arriving here. Houses and business buildings are under heavy guard.

SIGNS WAR INDUSTRIES BILL

Washington—President Wilson to-day signed the bill creating a government corporation with capital of \$500,000,000 and authority to issue \$3,000,000,000 in bonds for the assistance of essential war industries.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Myron F. Nutt, Camp Gordon, Ga., and Caroline S. Harner, Lykens; Joseph Munster and Rose Boss, Harrisburg; Ebner W. Sutton, Camp Hill, and Ruth G. Zimmerman, Lemoyne.

CITY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF ENTRY INTO WAR

Last Touch Is Put to Plan For Third Liberty Loan Drive

MANY FLAGS ARE FLYING

Big Campaign For \$3,500,000 War Fund Begins Next Week

This is Liberty Day, the anniversary of America's entrance into the war. Harrisburg is continuing its observance of the day to two things—the display of flags and preparation for the purchase of Liberty bonds.

The drive to place \$3,500,000 worth of bonds in Harrisburg, and a similar amount in the districts outside of this city, will begin Tuesday morning. That it will be successful is the declaration of the committee in charge of the work. On Tuesday morning hundreds of team workers will begin the canvass

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Damage Suit Is Brought Against Hotel Contractor

A trespass action against Nelson & Lewin and W. H. Murphy & Sons, contractors, was filed to-day at the office of Prothonotary Charles E. Pass by counsel for the Underwood Typewriter Company. While no statement of claim was filed it is understood the action is to recover damages because of the collapse of the building occupied by the typewriter company at 25 North Third street at the time the foundations for the Penn-Harris Hotel were being laid last summer. C. F. Rogers, the attorney who filed the suit, said he had been asked to enter the action on record by Philadelphia attorneys.

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