



ALLIED LINES HOLDING FIRM UNDER THE TEUTON ATTACKS

HUNS NIBBLE AT ALLIED LINE IN EFFORT TO FIND A WEAK SPOT

New Threat May Develop Into Big Engagement or May Be a Feint to Attract Attention

AMERICANS ENGAGE IN MINOR TRENCH RAIDS

French and British Lines Hold Firm When Germans Launch Heavy Assaults; Poilus' Great Defense

Checked at most points along the front from Arras to Courcy north of Soissons, the Germans are nibbling at the allied line in an effort to find a weak spot. So far the enemy has been repulsed along the western leg of the "elbow" salient. In the Chauny-Courcy-La Fere triangle along the Oise, on the extreme eastern end of the southern front of the battleline the French have retired to higher ground.

Correspondents at the British front in France say signs are not wanting that the Germans are getting ready to launch another heavy attack on a long front in an endeavor to reach Amiens. Enemy efforts north of the Somme recently have been solely in an endeavor to capture artillery positions but Germans have not gained their objectives. Aerial fighting continues heavy. French and British aviators have brought down thirty-one enemy machines while Berlin reports the destruction of eighteen enemy airplanes.

Petain Men Stand Firm From Arras to the Somme the British line still stands as it did ten days ago. The latest enemy attempt to attack was made in the region of Buequoy, 20 miles north of the Somme, but both efforts were broken up by the British artillery fire. Immediately south of the French there has been only local fighting with no change in the position of the battlefront.

General Petain's men still maintain their splendid defense east of the Amiens-Paris railway. The Germans have tried to advance north of the Amiens-Roye road in the region of Hangard, but the French artillery fire was sufficient to break up the attack.

Berlin claims further advances in the region north of Courcy and around the lower forest of Courcy. No mention of fighting here is made in Paris south of Chauny the ground is low and marshy, especially along the Oise river and the Oise canal. Folembray, 65 miles northeast of Paris and Pierremont, reported captured by Berlin, are on the low land between the forest of Courcy and the heights north of the Aisne.

Await Developments Whether the German attacks on the front between the Oise and Courcy are designed as a feint to draw fresh attention from a more vital point or are the beginning of a strong effort to force the French back to the Aisne, remains for developments to show. Up to the present the Germans have only gained the marshy ground along the Oise and the low lying ground between Chauny and Courcy as well as the lower forest of Courcy which was virtually denuded of trees in the German retreat last March, 1917. Facing them now are the heights on the line running south of Noyon, through Courcy to Anizy and thence across the Ailette to the famous Chemin des Dames sector.

American troops on the front northwest of Toul have successfully countered German attempts to raid their positions. Two raids were made at two different points on Sunday, but each was dealt with efficiently with machine gun and automatic rifle fire, the enemy advancing no further than the outposts.

On Friday the Americans also checked two raids. The first was taken care of easily, while the second time the Americans left the trenches and pursued the Germans back to the fire enemy trenches and drove the Germans to their support positions. The artillery silenced two German batteries.

SECOND CITY CLEANUP STARTS The second round of the city's ash clean-up started to-day, the Bureau of Ash and Garbage Inspection reported. Despite the inclement weather teams and men were started in the districts but the force was smaller than had been planned.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night and probably Tuesday; cooler; lowest temperature to-night about 35 degrees. Temperature 8 a. m. 42. Sun rises, 6:34 a. m.; sets, 7:26 p. m. New moon, April 10, 11:34 p. m. River stage: 4.9 feet above low-water mark.

A Game Every American Can Play With Liberty Bonds



ENEMY MOVE IN SIBERIA CAUSES GRAVE CONCERN

State Department Hopes Military Invasion by Japan Will Be Denied

Washington, April 8.—The landing of Japanese and British forces at Vladivostok and the Bolshevik objection to the move promise to cause the State Department some concern. When Japanese occupation of Siberia was proposed recently, the Government withheld approval, and the Russian National Council of Soviets has announced its purpose to protest to the United States against the present step.

America's attitude drew expressions of satisfaction from the Russian official press, but developments in Vladivostok have changed the situation. In the past the United States often has asserted its right to prevent the Japanese from occupying the territory of anarchy existing in some foreign port where American lives and property were involved. In Vera Cruz large military forces were used for this purpose without violating the general principle of international law.

Assuming that the American consent that Japanese citizens were killed and wounded at Vladivostok by unrestrained Russians is

Arriving here yesterday to visit her mother, who was Mrs. Annie Hohl, 227 Jefferson street, and learning that she has been dead since Christmas, was the experience of Mrs. Caroline Shoudy of Ridge-wood, N. J. Mrs. Shoudy was accompanied on her trip here by her 15 months' old daughter.

Mrs. Shoudy had never heard a word from relatives and friends here regarding the death of her mother. When she arrived in the city yesterday morning and called at the former home of Mrs. Hohl, she received her first intimation that her mother had died. She was without a friend with whom to stay after her long journey to the city with her little daughter.

Mrs. Shoudy called upon the police department to secure news concerning the whereabouts of two sisters, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Fralick, who were also thought by Mrs. Shoudy to reside in this city. The police could not locate either woman.

O'Brien Is Late; All Meetings Off Except Tonight's

LEUTENANT PAT O'BRIEN, R. F. C., to-day wired Henderson Gilbert, of the Liberty Loan Committee, that he had missed the train on which he hoped to reach Harrisburg at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Consequently the committee called off the five outside meetings arranged for the lieutenant, and he will speak only at Chestnut Street Auditorium, at 8:15 to-night.

An overflow meeting will be held if it is necessary. Admission to the auditorium is by ticket until 8 o'clock. After that hour the doors will be thrown upon to the general public.

Indiana Makes Best Showing, Reports Nation's Department of Agriculture

Washington, April 8.—Winter wheat production this year will be about 55,000,000 bushels, the Department of Agriculture estimated to-day in its report showing the condition of the crop on April 1 to be 78.6 per cent. of a normal. Rye production will be about 86,000,000 bushels, its condition April 1 being 85.8 per cent. of a normal.

Condition of winter wheat in the important growing states follows: Ohio, 80; Indiana, 91; Illinois, 88; Missouri, 92; Nebraska, 75; Kansas, 67; Oklahoma, 63. Winter wheat production last year was 418,070,000 bushels and the condition of the crop April 1 was 62.4 per cent. of a normal; 1916 production was 480,553,000 bushels and the April condition 70.3, while the ten year average April condition is 92.6 per cent. The crop's condition on December 1 was 79.3 per cent. of a normal. Last year's rye production was 60,145,000 bushels and the condition on April 1 was 85.9 per cent. of a normal; the 1916 crop was 48,862,000 bushels and the April condition 87.86 per cent. while the ten year average April condition is 90.9 per cent.

BRONZE NYMPHS TO GET SUITABLE SETTING IN PARK

Reservoir Said to Have Several Good Spots for the Fountain Statuary

City officials and others interested in public improvements in Harrisburg to-day expressed opinions regarding the site in the selection of a site in Reservoir Park for the Donato fountain, "Dance of Eternal Spring," presented to the city by M. S. Hershey, the "chocolate king."

Among those to give their views

Superintendent of County Schools to Be Elected at Directors' Convention

School directors of the county districts will meet to-morrow morning in the courthouse for the election of a county school superintendent and an assistant. It is understood both Professor F. E. Shambaugh and W. R. Zimmerman, the present officials, will be re-elected for four-year terms. The question of a salary increase for both of the superintendents will be brought up by a number of directors it was reported to-day. Several directors have said they favor granting each a \$500 increase annually because of the traveling expenses which must be paid in order that Professors Shambaugh and Zimmerman can visit schools. The city school board will meet in special session to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when Dr. F. B. Downes will be nominated for reelection.

Wild Mexican Is Shot to Death on Penny Train

Pittsburgh, April 8.—Carmino Carizo, a Mexican, was shot and killed in the Pennsylvania station here to-day by a railroad policeman, after he had terrorized passengers on the Chicago and Pittsburgh express train over the Pan Handle railroad. Carizo was a passenger in a day coach out of Chicago. At Steubenville, Ohio, he brandished a long knife and ran through the train driving half-dressed persons from their berths. As the train entered the Pittsburgh yards a policeman entered an end door and in the struggle which followed the Mexican was shot dead.

TERRIBLE TOLL OF BOCHES TAKEN BY FRENCH ARTILLERY

Petain's 75's and Machine Guns Cut Lanes Into Deep Masses of Men; Commanders Are Unconcerned as to Losses; Poilus Not Worried at Task of Facing Odds of Three to One on Plains of Picardy

Germany apparently is preparing for another big effort on the wide battlefield in northern France. Heavy drumfire, such as usually preceded an attack, is reported along extensive sectors held by the British, while the Paris war office also announces violent artillery actions along the French front. The most intensive German fire seems to be in progress south of the Somme, where the direct dive toward Amiens is on, and north of the Scarpe river towards the British left flank. In the Somme sector the British have evidently been trying to better their position in anticipation of the next German push, and field Marshal Haig reports to-day a slight advance of his line on the south bank of the Somme, east of Vaire Sous Corbie.

With the French Army in France, Sunday, April 7.—Twenty-five divisions have been used by the Germans in the last four days in efforts to break through the French line and reach the railroad running south from Amiens. All attacks have been checked by the wonderful resistance of the French.

The Germans are obtaining only insignificant results in their attempts to advance compared with the number of troops engaged, which is at least three times the number of the French defenders. The execution of the French troops which the French troops are making light of the German superiority in numbers. The French command continues to work on the principle of using the smallest possible number of troops to stay the German rush, thus retaining the reserves for possible attacks some place else.

The Germans are resuming massed attacks, in which their men come under the direct fire of French machine guns, rifle grenades and 75's, which inflict terrible losses. The French do terrific execution, cutting wide lanes through the enemy ranks. The enemy commanders appeared to pay little attention to this slaughter, their aim being to reach the objective, whatever the cost. Late last night the enemy again attacked in the region of Grivesnes, but were repulsed sanguinarily and forced back to their own lines with greatly diminished numbers. Further south, in the vicinity of Noyon, they at first succeeded in entering the French positions. Later, after the most severe fighting, they were compelled to retreat.

Mont Renaud, near Noyon, saw repeated attacks from the Germans throughout Saturday, but all were equally futile. This hill was the first point where the French barred the German advance through the Oise valley towards Compiègne and Paris. When the Germans first swept down from Noyon the hill changed hands repeatedly. The ground thereabouts shows striking evidence of the fearful nature of the battle in the number of German bodies that can be seen.

Since March 20 the French have not budged. In fact, they have gained some ground on the northern slopes of the hill. The Germans occupied two hills overlooking Mont Renaud. Further eastward along the Oise the French fell back Saturday from the dangerous salient north of Amigny. Fighting all the way they retired to better positions, which had been prepared along the course of the Ailette river.

BRITISH POUR WITHERING FIRE INTO HUN MASSES AND LINE HOLDS UNDER ATTACK

With the British Army in France, Sunday, April 7.—At a time when the attacks continue to spring up at various points along the British battlefield. While none of them has seemed large as compared with the barrage the German infantry surged forward against the British line, but was met with such a withering rifle and machine gun fire that it was compelled to retire.

The other onslaught was attempted near Serre, south of Hebuterne. Two short but intense periods of barrage fire were put down on the front.

Contributions to the big rummage sale collections for which are being made to-day will continue throughout the week. A great assortment of odds and ends are expected to be gathered together and sold for the benefit of the Harrisburg Hospital. Mrs. Herman Astrich to-day contributed a big show case for the display of the goods at the sale. The case is worth several hundred dollars and will be sold on the last day of the sale, Harry and Leon Lowengard, of the Courier Publishing Company, contributed a printing press. Another man gave three bushels of onion sets.

CITY'S PURSE TO OPEN WIDE AT NATION'S CALL

Harrisburg Determined to Do Its Share and More For Liberty Bonds

READY! SET! GO! Harrisburg's Liberty Loan campaign begins to-morrow morning. This city is called upon to subscribe for \$2,500,000 Liberty Bonds.

Workers to-morrow morning begin canvassing that portion of the 25,000 wage and salary workers of Harrisburg which is employed in the industrial plants and the stores of the city, and when returns are reported at headquarters to-morrow night it is believed the first day's showing will be a remarkable one.

Members of the executive committee held a meeting at headquarters in the Dauphin building this morning and were much enthused over the outlook.

Headquarters, incidentally, was a [Continued on Page 10.]

RED CROSS HOLDS CONFERENCE HERE

Harrisburg—A state conference of the American Red Cross of Pennsylvania began with a session at the Civic Club to-day afternoon. Principal speakers are Mr. Wagoner and Dr. Ashton.

GERMAN LOSSES 300,000 IN OFFENSIVE

With the American Army in France—An American officer, just returned from the battlefield of Northern France, estimates that thus far the Germans have lost 300,000 men in killed, wounded and missing. This officer formerly was in the British army and is familiar with all the conditions.

EXPLOSION SHAKES BALTIMORE

Baltimore—Hot slag being dumped into the river at the Sparrows Point works of the Bethlehem Steel Company early to-day caused a terrible explosion which shook the lower part of this city and brought many persons living in the southern and eastern sections from their beds. The dumping of slag into the river is a nightly occurrence and is generally accompanied by an explosion.

FRENCH BRING IN PRISONERS

Paris—On the left bank of the Oise river the night was marked by violent artillery action. French patrols were very active, bringing in prisoners. On the left bank of the Meuse and in the Argonne German raids were repulsed, the official report declares.

GERMANS GUNS POUND HEAVILY

With the British Army in France—Intense hostile artillery work has been proceeding at various points along the British battlefield throughout the night and this morning. North of the river Scarpe and south of the Somme river German guns are conducting an unusually heavy bombardment such as heretofore has indicated an impending attack. No infantry action however has been reported.

RIVER COAL IN GREAT DEMAND THIS SUMMER

Shortage of Anthracite Makes Manufacturers Eager For Susquehanna Supply

MANY DREDGES AT WORK Price Soars as More and More and More Calls Are Received For Fuel

One effect of the shortage of anthracite coal will be to increase shipments of river coal dredged in Harrisburg to outlying points. This is certain to come unless there is a material increase in the supply of anthracite during the coming months.

Between 125,000 and 150,000 tons of coal is dredged from the river every year, according to C. M. Kallwasser, manager of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company, whose company conducts extensive dredging operations on the river to supply its own fuel. Hitherto all this coal has been used by four or five large industries in the city and vicinity. River coal is used by the Central Iron and Steel Company, Bethlehem Steel Company, the Capitol, the Pipe and Pipe Bending Works, and the City Water Power Company.

Hitherto the river coal mined here has been largely diverted to these industries and a few others. Since the shortage of anthracite, firms outside the city have been ordering large amounts of the coal and it has been shipped out of the city in large quantities. It is thought that the amount of coal shipped to outside points will increase as activities on the river increase.

One effect of the coal shortage and the outside demand for river coal, has been to increase dredging activities on the river. The great demand of river coal last winter, which caused it to double in price within a few months, caused a large number of new boats to be put on the river this spring and it is likely that the amount of coal dredged this year will be far greater than ever.

OLD ESTABLISHED MERCHANT DIES

Mahanoy City, Pa.—John M. Adam, seventy-six year old, Mahanoy City's oldest merchant, died to-day. He was a native of Berks county. Mr. Adam's widow and ten children survive him.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Olinto Buccellati, Swatara, and Ida Sovani, Hershey; James East, Steelton, and Jennie Muzaro, Harrisburg.

Local Draft Boards Are Ready to Fill New Quota

The three city and three county draft boards to-day were busy with their lists preparing for the call that is to come for men to fill the contingent of 11,000 men to go to National Army Camps by April 26.

When You Hear the Court House Bell Ring for Noon

COUNT WHAT YOU HAVE SAVED FOR THRIFT STAMPS Quarters make dollars rapidly.