



HUN INFANTRY IS THROWN IN VAIN AGAINST YANKEE LINE; AMERICAN TRANSPORTS BUSY

KAISER PLANS TO WEAR DOWN BRITISH ARMY AT ANY COST

Germans Make Small Gains North of Somme For Lives Spent in Infantry Attacks on Fortified Lines

U-BOATS ARE SEEKING AMERICAN TRANSPORTS

United States Is Rushing Troops to France Three Times as Fast as Original Schedule Called For

London, April 11.—The British have withdrawn from Armentieres, on the northern battle front, the war office announces. Violent fighting continues all along the front from La Bassée canal to the Ypres-Comines canal. On the front north of Armentieres heavy fighting was continuing late last night. There was little change in the British positions.

London, April 11.—The Germans pushed on yesterday from Croix Du Bac, southwest of Armentieres and parties of them are reported in the neighborhood of Stenwerk (about five miles west of Armentieres). Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters announces. Yesterday noon the enemy occupied Lestrem, but in the course of the afternoon the British drove him out and across the river Lawe.

Paris, April 11.—A German attack in the Champagne last night was broken by French fire. On the principal battle front there was heavy artillery fighting between Montdidier and Noyon.

On the northern battlefield American soldiers, the vanguard of a large force, have joined the British army. The first force was only a battalion in strength, but other American contingents are moving forward rapidly. General Pershing's men were greeted enthusiastically by the British.

Desperate fighting continues unintermittently on a twenty-five-mile front between Givenchy and Wytschaete, with the Germans suffering severe losses for small gains against the strong British defense. In two days of heavy engagements the enemy has not yet gained any point of strategic importance and the British still dominate the battlefield from the heights of Messines ridge on the north and Givenchy on the south.

Below Armentieres, where the attack was launched Tuesday, the Germans have made little additional progress, although they have crossed to the left bank of the Iy between Estaires and Bac St. Maur. Repeated attacks against the British line toward Bethune have been checked ungenerally. Berlin claims the capture of 6,000 men and 100 guns on this sector Tuesday.

North of Armentieres the Germans, after driving the British from their

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Prothonotary Pass says saving nickels starts THRIFT CARDS Try It Yourself

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy and continued cool tonight, with lowest temperature about 35 degrees; Friday fair and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and continued cool to-night; Friday fair and somewhat warmer; diminishing northeast wind. Temperature: 8 a. m., 30. Sun: Rises, 6:21 a. m.; sets, 7:02 p. m. Moon: First quarter, April 17, 11:07 a. m. River: Stage, 2.5 feet above low-water mark.



ALL CANDIDATES ARE QUESTIONED ON PROHIBITION

Asked to Say Whether They Are "Wet" or "Dry," Concentrate on Legislature

All nominating petitions for the May primary will have been filed with the close of to-day and the show-down as to those who favor or oppose the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor is now at hand. Some time ago the Dauphin County Ratification Committee, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Markward, chairman, issued a letter to all announced candidates for the Legislature, asking a statement regarding the following matters: "First—What is your attitude toward the prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States? If favorable to ratification of the

High School Pupils Are Dropping German Tongue

Announcement was made to-day regarding the discontinuing of German in the city high schools that no official action is likely to be taken, but that the pupils themselves are solving the problem by swinging over to the French. The two languages are alternatives, selective, and at Tech High in particular, the bulk of students formerly taking German have now quit and taken up French. Dr. Fager to-day said that German books in use had been censored carefully, all texts pretty freely cut out. He also said that Prof. Downes had asked him to take a canvass of how many boys want to take up Spanish next year. If the number warrants it this language will be taught at Tech.

CANADIAN HERO TO SPEAK HERE FOR THIRD LOAN

Working Girls Show Patriotism by Buying War Bonds

Arrangements have been completed for the appearance in industrial plants of Harrisburg of Captain Baker of the first Canadian Expeditionary forces—an officer whose eyesight was destroyed by a Hun bullet, and Ralph Bingham, the humorist. The schedule follows: Arriving at 2:40 this afternoon

Runaway Girls Sent Back to Homes at Hagerstown; One Carried Small Baby

Naomi Bechtel, age 19 years, with a 20-month-old baby girl, and Ethel Smith, 17 years, runaways from Hagerstown, were taken home to-day. They reached the city Tuesday night and stopped at a local hotel. Yesterday they attracted attention at the Pennsylvania railroad station where they applied for information regarding a day nursery. The girl with the child said they had just arrived from Philadelphia where they had worked, and made good money, but that it cost too much to live in that city. They wanted a place provided for the baby so they could work, claiming they had been promised employment. Failing to get any help from local charities they were referred to Dr. John B. Fager, 1224 North Sixth street, who turned them over to the Florence Crittenton Home. An investigation followed. The Smith girl finally confessed that they were runaways and wanted to get rid of the baby so they could leave the city. She said it was her money they were spending, and that she had been provided with a small bank account by her father. The Hagerstown authorities were communicated with and the girls sent back to-day.

COAL DEMANDS EXCEED SUPPLY NOW IN CITY

Cold Weather and Delayed Shipments Work Against Fuel Situation

A freezing temperature during the present week has sent hundreds of Harrisburg householders scurrying to the office of the coal dealer for a supply of anthracite to keep away the cold and dampness. And the late spring rush on the coal yards finds Harrisburg woefully short of coal. Shipments of coal into the city, dealers say, have been negligible

Last of Four Great Liners Is Sunk by Hun U-Boats

New York, April 11.—The big British steamship Minnetonka, 12,528 tons register gross, and formerly in the New York-London passenger trade for the Atlantic Transport line, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean during February, the Maritime Register reports to-day. The ship was launched in 1902. The Minnetonka was one of four passenger ships of the line aggregating 55,099 gross tons, all of which have been sunk since the war began. The others were the Minneapolis, sunk March 22, 1916; Minnetaha, sunk September 7, 1917; and Minnewaska, sunk November 29, 1917.

U. S. ARMY MOWS DOWN BOCHES IN FUTILE ASSAULT

Heaviest Attack Yet Made Against American Sector Blasted as American Gunners and Infantrymen Pour Withering Fire Into Advancing Ranks of Huns; Yankees Not Frightened by 72-Hour Bombardment

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10.—The Germans attempted an attack against the American positions northwest of Toul just before sunrise this morning and were completely repulsed. Two German prisoners said the enemy planned the attack in a force of 800 men but that it was stopped in its full strength by the effective fire of the American artillery.

The Americans lost no prisoners. One of the German prisoners died later of wounds. Brilliant work by American gunners dispersed the German infantry before they reached the wire entanglements and those of the enemy who got into the wire were accounted for with machine gun and rifle fire.

Many Boches Killed The German attack came after a violent artillery bombardment of three days. A large number of the enemy are believed to have been killed or wounded during the attack which continued for nearly two hours.

For seventy-two hours before their effort the Germans had been firing an increasing number of shells at the American positions and making extensive use of gas shells. At noon yesterday the enemy began a harassing fire against one of our strong points and kept it up throughout the night, dropping hundreds of shells of all calibers on both front and rear positions. The American artillery replied vigorously, the men in some batteries working with their gas masks on for two or three hours at a stretch.

Advance in Force About five o'clock this morning German infantrymen in the front line signaled their batteries for barrage and started for the American front line. The American gunners laid a counter barrage almost immediately. The attackers who were especially trained for this operation, were selected from among the best men in three regiments. They were preceded by shock platoons but the American barrage caught them before they were able to reach our wire entanglements.

Fire Is Terrific A terrific fire against the advancing enemy was kept up by the American batteries. The Germans probably suffered severe casualties as several bodies were seen hanging across the barbed wire after the enemy retired. The attack was made in a heavy morning mist but the American gunners did wonderful work considering the poor visibility. As soon as the American barrage lifted, American infantrymen climbed from their shelters and attacked the enemy with heavy machine gun and rifle fire, driving back those who had not been dispersed by the artillery fire.

The attack was followed by a violent artillery duel which was still going on at a late hour to-night.

HUNS NOW PLAN TO EXTEND BATTLE LINE

Germans Outnumber British on Northern Field, but First Rush Is Stemmed

Portuguese front upon which the G. mans delivered their main attack. The assault had been anticipated and the present line was anticipated and fell back was prepared as a counter move to check the rush.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY ADMITS ATTEMPT TO MAKE PEACE

Emperor Confers With Men of International Connection Concerning War's End

London, April 11.—Negotiations regarding the possibility of peace between the United States and Austria-Hungary have been carried on between Prof. Anderson, of Washington, and Count Stephen Tisza and Count Julius Andrássy, former Hungarian premiers, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Tageblatt, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph message from Copenhagen.

The dispatch also says the Austro-Hungarian foreign office admits various attempts have been made to obtain a general peace and that Emperor Charles has had negotiations with several persons who have international connections.

Return Causes Sensation The Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czernin, has returned unexpectedly to Vienna from a

GROCCERS TO TAKE OVER POTATOES AT NINETY CENTS

Will Retail Them Without Profit to Conserve Wheat

FARMERS FACE BIG LOSS Potato Week to Be Observed Beginning Next Monday

Wheat conservation, so vital to the welfare of the American troops and to our Allies, is to be effected throughout Pennsylvania by observance of Potato Week, when citizens are asked to use potatoes instead of bread. It is to begin next Monday.

Grocers have arranged to purchase potatoes direct from local farmers, paying 90 cents a bushel for No. 1 potatoes. They will sell them, in bushel lots, for \$1, which means that their margin of profit is practically nothing, when the handling and time consumed is considered. They will make no profit out of the transaction, but many have agreed to render this patriotic service to the community and nation in an effort to conserve the wheat.

To Save Wheat In addition to saving wheat, the Potato Week will make certain an adequate crop of potatoes for next winter. The recent severe winter, which set in early in December, prevented farmers from hauling their potatoes to market. The result is that many of them have large stocks on hand. Unless these are sold without serious loss to the farmers, they will not plant heavily this spring. That means that an insufficient supply will be on hand next fall and that will bring high prices for potatoes.

It is imperative that citizens aid the movement. Notify your grocer that you will take part in Potato Week, so he may know how many potatoes to contract for through the Dauphin County Farm Bureau.

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DEMOCRATS TO HAVE LIQUOR FIGHT IN PARTY

Judge Bonniwell and Howard O. Holstein to Oppose the State Slate

BELIEVED TO BE "WET" Last Day Marked by Tremendous Rush to File Papers at the Capitol

Rival candidates for the Democratic nominations for Governor and Lieutenant Governor to-day filed nominating petitions, at the capitol. Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, nominee Democratic state chairman, and Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, of the Philadelphia municipal court and president of the State Firemen's association, are the two who filed for Governor, while Ex-congressman J. Washington Logue, of Philadelphia, and Howard O. Holstein, former chief of Harrisburg and for years identified with the liquor business in Dauphin county, filed for Lieutenant Governor.

Asster J. Johnson, Bradford, filed for Democratic nomination for secretary of internal affairs, and S. R. Turner, Pittsburgh; Joseph F. Gorman, Allentown; Fred Ikerer, Bloomsburg, and J. Calvin Strayer, York, filed for congress-at-large. For

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Man Who Slashed Throats of Brothers Gets Hearing

Ben, alias "Preacher" Johnson, colored, charged with the murder of Tucker Copeland and Odell Copeland, also colored, in a fight at Lyons on Easter morning, was given a preliminary hearing this afternoon before Justice Walter S. Young, of Lyons. Johnson was taken to Lyons this morning and immediately after the hearing was brought back to the county jail. District Attorney Michael E. Stroup conducted the prosecution at the hearing, and County Detective James T. Walters appeared as a witness, as Johnson made a confession to him.

O'NEIL'S PETITIONS FILED

Harrisburg—Nominating petitions from twenty counties were filed for Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil for the Republican nomination for Governor by Joseph Mackrell, secretary of the O'Neil committee, who stated that they had been selected from hundreds which had been sent in. He also filed petitions for the Republican nomination for Congress-at-Large for W. S. Aaron, Altoona; Thomas H. Atherton, Wilkes-Barre and W. J. Burke, Pittsburgh. Fred E. Lewis, Allentown, filed a petition to be candidate for Republican nomination for Secretary of Internal Affairs and Guy B. Flyte, Wilkes-Barre, to run for Republican nomination for Congress-at-Large.

SNYDER HOLDS CONFERENCE

Harrisburg—Auditor General Snyder is holding a conference to-day with representatives of the Legislative Appropriations Committee, State College and the Department of Agriculture in an effort to overcome duplication in field work, especially in economic zoology.

BRITISH TAKE TWO VILLAGES

London—British troops on April 9 advanced their line north of Jerusalem to a depth of one and one-half miles along a front of five miles. The British war office announces to-day. The British captured the villages of Hafat and El Kebr in spite of the stubborn resistance of the Turks.

TEUTON TROOPS MUTINOUS

Amsterdam—A mutiny occurred among German troops at Beverloo camp in Lindenburg, Prussia, before they were to start for the fighting line in France, according to the Telegraaf. Three officers were shot and several others wounded. Most of those responsible for the disturbance were placed under arrest.

DESERTERS DEFLY AUTHORITIES

Ottawa—Two deserters from the Canadian army, with several draft evaders and eight enemy aliens, said to be Germans, have taken refuge on an island in the Ottawa river and are defying the authorities.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles J. Grotz, Columbus and Catharine Slesser, Middletown; Erich P. Lau and Florence B. Vorty, Harrisburg; Hilda and Rosa Fore, Steepleton; Abraham Harshberger, Mattawana, and Laura A. Longacre, Harrisburg; Raymond H. Kyer, Williamsport, and Sarah C. Meale, Edinboro.