



BRITISH HOLD UP WELL UNDER CONTINUED GERMAN POUNDING

GERMANS SEEK TO WEAR DOWN MANPOWER OF BRITISH ARMY

Battle Plan Proceeds on the Theory That Continuous Fighting Will Annihilate Anglo-Saxon Army

DETERMINED ENEMY ATTACKS CONTINUE

War Settles Down to Grim Fact to See Which Side Can Kill Most Men Impossible to Replace

With the British Army in France, Thursday, April 11.—Determined enemy attacks continued to-day against points of strategic value along the new battle front north and south of Armentieres, from which the British have withdrawn, the Germans having placed it in a pocket by driving a wedge on either side of it.

On the extreme right the Germans to-day were pounding away against the British defense at Givenchy which has changed hands numerous times since the initial enemy onslaught Tuesday. North of Armentieres the Germans were showing an equal desire to possess Messines ridge and Wytchate which are dominating positions and which changed hands several times yesterday and last night. The Germans got a footing in Messines village and they were still there this morning, but the British were clinging to the west ridge and were keeping the enemy from Wytchate.

Again Surge Forward

In the neighborhood of Ploegstert the enemy again surged forward and hard fighting was proceeding in this section late to-day. South of Armentieres the enemy also delivered violent assaults.

The British this morning made a successful counterattack and forced the enemy from Paradis, southwest of Lestrem. This is on the front between Estaires and Givenchy. Armentieres was evacuated yesterday afternoon but was still receding to-day with clouds of poisonous gas and was a most inhospitable place for the enemy. The British withdrawal became necessary when the Germans on the north drove forward to the vicinity of Steenwerk, bottling up the city. By their operations the Germans had gradually thrust forward lines on either side of the city toward the west until at noon yesterday Armentieres lay at the bottom of a sack-shaped salient whose sides were 12,000 yards long and whose mouth near Steenwerk was only 7,000 yards across.

Plan of Battle The withdrawal does not mean as much from a military standpoint as might appear from a first glance, but the Germans undoubtedly will make much of the capture for the

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One of our busiest business men buys A THRIFT STAMP every time he gets a check. WHY DON'T YOU?

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably snow or rain this afternoon and tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Saturday, probably snow or rain; not much change in temperature, moderate north to northwest winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 32. Sun: Rise, 6:20 a. m.; sets, 7:31 p. m. Moon: First quarter, April 17, 11:07 p. m. River Stage: 6.8 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 34. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 32. Normal temperature, 43.



BRITISH ARE PUSHED BACK IN NEW FIGHT

Heavy Battling Continues, With English Regaining Some Ground by Counterattacks; Enemy Makes Progress

London, April 12.—Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegstert, the Germans pressed back the British to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, it is announced officially. Last night the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting is continuing in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuf Berquin. On the remainder of the northern battlefield there is little change. North of Festubert the British regained ground by a counterattack. On the front between Loise and the Lawe river German attacks were repulsed. Enemy Presses Hard The announcement follows: "Severe and continued fighting took place last night in the neighborhood of Merville and Neuf Berquin, in both of which localities the

enemy is continuing his pressure and has made progress. Merville was captured by the enemy during the night. "Attacks made by the enemy yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegstert succeeded after heavy fighting, in pressing our troops back to the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise, to new positions. "On the remainder of the northern battlefield the situation is substantially unchanged. A part of our positions into which the enemy forced his way north of Festubert was regained by a counterattack. On the front between Loise and the Lawe river and to the north hostile attacks have been repulsed. Fighting is continuing on the whole front north of La Bassée canal as far as Holbeke."

GROUND STREWN WITH CORPSES OF HUNS WHO DIE IN VAIN

Great Waves of Boche Infantry Go Down Before British Guns; Further Attacks Are Expected

London, April 12.—German troops made a determined attack along the Messines ridge and succeeded in gaining some ground, says a Reuter dispatch from British army headquarters in France and Belgium, but the British once again drove them out by a counterattack early this morning. The Germans are developing great artillery activity in the southern area, the dispatch says. The Bray-Corbic road is being fiercely shelled, heralding, it is believed, further infantry attack. Three attacks which the enemy launched yesterday in great waves near Villa Chapelle were repulsed with immense losses to the Germans. The ground was strewn with their corpses.

FOCH PRONOUNCED "FOSCH" Washington, April 12.—Since the appointment of General Foch as the Allies' generalissimo, the question of the pronunciation of his name has been raised times innumerable. The correct answer is this: The "o" is long, as in "roll," and the "c" is soft, as though it were "Fosch."

Machine Guns Reap a Terrible Harvest

London, April 12.—You could have shot them down with your eyes shut," said a wounded machine gunner, in describing how the Germans attacked on the western front, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail. "We fired straight into them and they went down in heaps, yet we could not stop them. It was one down and another come on. The correspondent quotes other remarks from wounded soldiers which are indicative of the unconquerable spirit of the British defenders and which bear further testimony of the terrible toll the Germans are paying for every foot they advance. The correspondent says the wounded soldiers remarked that the Germans outnumbered the defender, at least two to one.

U. S. TAKES THREE RUSS SHIPS A Pacific Port, April 12.—Three Russian ships have been taken over here by the United States shipping board. They have a dead weight cargo capacity of 12,000 tons.

Liberty Editorial

BY F. W. SMITH, JR. Superintendent, Eastern Pennsylvania Division, Pennsylvania Railroad

PAUSE AND THINK

PAUSE; think. Well, what are you thinking about? Are you thinking of how you can spend your wages or salary next Saturday? About the new suit, dress, hat or silk shirt which you wish to acquire? About some good time you expect to have over the weekend, even if it does entail railroad fare and other expenses? Or, on the other hand, are you giving thought to the present conditions prevailing in your country, and how much your future depends on what you are willing to do for your government now when it needs your help?

Are you thinking of that brother, cousin or friend who is offering his life in order that he and you may live happily as you have been doing? Do you think he does not count on your backing? Are you going to fool him? You are not. You are going to cut out some, if not all, extravagant and useless waste of the money you work for and when you think about it, it is surprising how much you spend for useless, extravagant things you don't need and can just as well do without. When you think of it, you are going to invest your money in the only safe thing in the world to-day, the Liberty Bonds. And some day you are going to get it back, and think what a satisfaction it will be to feel and know that you have done your duty, and with that consciousness look squarely and bravely in the eyes of all the men and women you meet. If you are still thinking, just think how it will be if you don't get a bond or two, as many as you can, and you are using the side streets and avoiding your friends and business acquaintances? Will you be thinking of some excuse to offer when you must know there is no excuse? The Third Liberty Loan provides you with an opportunity you can't afford to miss, and the President of these United States and all the people of Harrisburg expect you to do your part. Wake up and get into the game, and do it now.

Doutrich's One Hundred Per Cent. in Bond Sales

Doutrich's registered to-day as a "100 per cent." store on Liberty Bond sales. The store itself has invested heavily in Liberty Bonds and from general management to messenger boy everybody in the big clothing establishment is an owner of bonds.

HAIG'S DEFENSE SLOWING DOWN HUN ATTACKS ON LONG FRONT

Battle Rages With Continued Intensity Although German Progress Is Notably Less in North

LINE STRENGTHENED BY A SHORT WITHDRAWAL

British Pushed Back Two Miles on 25-Mile Front Where Assaults Are Most Desperate

By Associated Press With the British hanging grimly on to the great bulk of Messines ridge, their bulwark in Flanders, the Germans to the south are pushing their wedge deeper into the British lines northeast and north of Bethune, one of the British advance bases. The point of this wedge was driven last night further along the Lys canal to Melville, two miles west of Lestrem, which the British held up to yesterday. The advent was extended also slightly to the north near its tip to the vicinity of Neuf Berquin, two miles northwest of Estaires, another point where the British had been making a stand. Continue Heavy Pressure The Germans to-day were continuing what appeared to be their heaviest pressure in this region and had made some progress when the noon official report was issued in London.

The southerly side of the salient, as it runs southeast toward Givenchy, is being strongly held by the British. They were standing firm to-day at Loise, three miles northeast of Bethune, and along the line northward to the Merville region. Further southeast, they repelled a German attempt to advance northwest of Givenchy, on the high ground about which protects the British right flank before Bethune. Line Is Strengthened The British task here patently is to prevent the sides of this salient from being materially widened as the tip cannot be pushed in much further without grave danger to the line as a whole. The Germans, unless they succeed in broadening their advanced front. Northwest of Armentieres, abandoned yesterday by the British, the line was reinforced out by their withdrawal from Ploegstert, whence they fell back, fighting to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, close to the southerly end of Messines ridge, which protects their new positions. Hold Messines Ridge The British lines apparently are being firmly maintained along the Givenchy the high ground in the Messines and Wytchate regions and to the north toward Ypres. No material change in the situation is

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COMMISSIONERS MAY DECIDE TO BUILD HOSPITAL

County Officials Considering Plans For Contagious Disease Institution

Because of the conditions reported at the Municipal Hospital, where smallpox patients are isolated, and the statements by city health authorities that the building is inadequate for such a purpose, the county commissioners to-day discussed the advisability of erecting a county contagious-disease hospital. It is likely that a number of sites will be inspected during the next few weeks and a more definite action taken on the plan. By authority given in an Act of Legislature passed in 1917, the commissioners in any county are directed to secure a site and erect a suitable contagious-disease hospital. Shortly after the passage of this act City Health Officer J. M. J. Fawcett, with other health officials of the county and some of the boroughs, conferred with the county commissioners. No further action was taken at the time. While the suggestion was only discussed, it is likely if carried out that more than one building will be used, so that children can be isolated when taken there for treatment. At present there is no institution in the city or county which can be used for any communicable disease except smallpox cases. It is likely a new hospital would be built near the city, probably on the site of the present frame structure, as it is situated more than one hundred feet from the roadway and hundreds of yards from any other building. The hospital would be under the supervision of the directors of the poor, according to the provisions of the Act of 1917.

ALDERMEN COST TAXPAYERS MUCH USELESS EXPENSE

Fees Mount High When They Sit in Chair Mayor Should Occupy

MAGISTRATE TOO COSTLY Budget Is Mounting Steadily Without Added Expense to the City

With police court hearings conducted by aldermen called to the office by Mayor Daniel L. Keister, both the city and county lose fees totalling hundreds of dollars which would revert to the treasuries in case the mayor presided himself, city and county officials said to-day. Investigation of figures in the annual report of the city treasurer and county controller reveal in part much was paid out to aldermen sitting as committing magistrates at police court hearings during 1917. While these figures do not show the present expense as totals have not been made they furnish an approximate estimate of what the total for 1918 will be if Mayor Keister continues his present office system and retains a ward alderman to conduct police court in the face of the criticism that has been leveled at him. Fees Are Heavy Fees paid by the county to the aldermen who served as police court magistrates last year follow: John B. Nicholas, \$89.20 court cases; \$51.95 discharged cases; A. M. Landis, \$153.60 court cases; \$131.15 discharged cases; James B. DeShong, \$132.20 court cases; \$222.55 discharged cases. City and county officials state that while some of these fees would have been paid to the aldermen for cases heard in their respective offices, a large part of them would have remained in the treasuries if the old system of

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Faces Courtmartial For Shipping Wrong Body

Lexington, Ky., April 12.—Because he was negligent in giving instructions regarding the sending of a Pennsylvania soldier's body home from Camp Taylor, Ky., Captain Cement Frey, of the quartermaster's department at the Kentucky cantonment, is facing a general court martial. Private Ferdinand Alvey, of Harrisburg, Pa., member of the 33rd Infantry, died at Camp Taylor and the body was ordered sent home. A sergeant appealed to Capt. Frey for instructions and through error the body of a negro was sent, it is alleged, to Harrisburg in place of Alvey's, as it was said to have been the only body in the morgue at the time and no name was given. Frey, who pleaded not guilty, is charged with negligence and violating the ninety-sixth article of war.

The city directory does not give the name of Ferdinand Alvey, nor does any of the rosters of soldiers who have left the city give any information concerning him. TEN PER CENT. BONUS GRANTED AT SILK MILL

Officials of the Harrisburg Silk Mill Company, second and North streets, announced late this afternoon that a bonus of ten per cent. had been granted employees. The increase will become effective at once. More than 200 employees, the large number of which are females, are benefited by the increase.

SNOW AND RAIN TO CONTINUE FOR 24 HOURS MORE

Farm Experts Hopeful That Little Damage Will Result to Crops

Old Jupiter Pluvius grinned at the weather predictions yesterday which promised fair weather, and sent a few more bucketsful on the city last night and to-day. The storm of rain, snow and sleet which began early Monday morning has continued almost six days, and this morning the weatherman forecasts that the snow, rain and sleet will continue twenty-four hours longer.

In spite of the sleet and snow, H. G. Niesley, county farm agent, came forward this morning with an encouraging report on the state of the crops being able to survive the rigors of the cold spell. With the exception of early garden plants, which cannot survive, the farm agent

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Senator Sproul's County Put Up "Dry" Candidates

The Chester Times, Senator W. C. Sproul's paper, says many Republicans favoring the prohibition amendment attended the meeting of the Republican Campaign Committee of the Delaware County Ratification Committee. Harmony prevailed, and there was much enthusiasm. Charles F. Eggleston, the chairman of the general committee, eulogized Senator Sproul's stand on the national prohibition amendment, and said that Senator Sproul favored a dry delegation to go from Delaware county to the legislature with him as the next Governor.

ALL BANKS JOIN TO MAKE IT EASY TO BUY BONDS

Weekly Payment Plan Accepted to Aid Men Who Want to Save

LAST EXCUSE IS REMOVED

Liberty Loan headquarters announced this morning that every bank in Harrisburg has agreed to take care of possible Liberty Bond purchasers so that they may buy bonds on terms which will enable them to carry the obligation with the least possible effort. The last excuse has thus been removed—the last obstacle is out of the way—and the 35,000 wage-earners of Harrisburg are at liberty to buy Liberty Bonds.

It was announced this morning at Liberty Loan headquarters that the following have been added to the list of "Hundred Percenters"—those institutions every member of which is a Liberty Bond owner: Commonwealth Trust Company. [Continued on Page 15.]

Don't Eat Too Much at Picnics, Warns Heinz

If there is anything that Howard Heinz, state food administrator, overlooks it has not yet been discovered. Picnic waste is his latest warning. He believes in taking time by the forelock, and the result is that when picnic parties penetrate Reservoir Park or any of the other woodland retreats they will find plenty of reminders in the shape of signs, that no one is to waste one scrap of sandwich, bread, butter, sugar or even lemonade. Nothing for the birds, as in the days of yore, Heinz says this is a serious matter and it is a fact that after picnics at Reservoir Park last summer many baskets full of provender were gathered up by the park employees. The county is to be thoroughly posted with these signs.

Deserters Are Returned to Camp in Handcuffs

Jesse C. and Earl R. Stevens, Company M, 10th Infantry, were taken to their station, Camp Merritt, in handcuffs to-day. The men escaped from the camp two weeks ago, after they had stolen civilian clothes. They were arrested by railroad police near the city, and turned over to the local recruiting officers. While in the Dauphin county jail they tried to escape by climbing over the walls.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR ARRESTED

Chicago—Agents of the department of justice last night took into custody Dr. William Isaac Thomas of the faculty of the University of Chicago and a woman said to be the wife of a Texas man now in France with General Pershing. They had registered at a hotel as husband and wife from Gary, Ind.

AUTOMOBILE BANDIT KILLED

Toledo, O.—In a gun battle between Patrolman Christopher C. Dersch, who is believed to be dying, and Kenneth E. Young and Wesley Worden, automobile bandits, Young is dead and Worden wounded. The police say Worden confessed he and Young stole an automobile which they were attempting to replenish with gasoline when discovered by the officer.

RUSSIAN FLEET AT KRONSTADT

Petrograd—The Russian fleet at Helsingfors, aggregating two hundred vessels, apparently has escaped menace of capture by the Germans and has arrived safely at Kronstadt, the naval base of Petrograd.

BRITISH PLANES MISSING

London—British aviators yesterday dropped more than a ton of bombs on the railway station at Luxemburg. In reporting on aviation activities on the battlefield Wednesday the official statement on aerial operations says eight enemy airplanes were accounted for and that seven British machines are missing.

TRANSPORT NOT IN DANGER

An Atlantic Port—The transport Meade, which broke away from a tug yesterday while being towed here for use as a training ship, remained at anchor off the New England coast to-day. No attempt will be made to bring her in until the weather moderates. Reports indicate the vessel is in no danger.

EDWARD J. WILKS DIES

Carlisle, Pa.—Edward J. Wilks, for many years superintendent for the Carlisle Shoe Company, died to-day, of pneumonia. He was fifty-five years old.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William H. Lutz and Mary C. Shoop, Harrisburg; Captains Edmund W. McFarren, Camp Lee, and Leah D. Haller, Washington; Roy W. Myers and Goldie R. Jamison, West View; James W. Monahan and Catherine M. Leahy, Harrisburg; John E. Bryan and Florence B. Oberholzer, Middletown.

O'NEIL PLATFORM IS OUTLINED AT OPENING RALLY

Governor and Pinchot Endorse State Highway Commissioner For Governor

STANDS FOR PROHIBITION

Would Have State-wide Anti-Liquor Law Also as War Measure

McKeesport, Pa., April 12.—J. Denny O'Neil, State Highway Commissioner opened his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor here last night. The meeting was in the form of a reception and short speeches were made by Governor Brumbaugh and Gifford Pinchot.

Governor Brumbaugh attacked Senator Sproul and made an appeal for national loyalty in this war and in the war afterward, when the whole economic and social procedure of America will require reorganization. He said that in that day social justice and not selfish greed must reign, and that O'Neil is the man to whom the people may confidently turn to serve them wisely, ably and impartially.

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