



BRITISH ORDERED TO DIE IN THEIR TRACKS TO STOP HUNS FROM TAKING BIG WAR BASES

WORLD FATE NOW SWINGS IN BALANCE

Great Railway Centers Supplying England's Lines Are Threatened by German Advance; French Rushing to Aid of Hard-Pressed Haig Commands; Heavy Naval Engagement Expected With Huns Preparing For Dash

THE LINE HOLDS

By Associated Press

Paris, April 13.—The city of Rheims is in flames. The French are attempting to limit the burning area, working under a heavy bombardment.

With the British Army in France, April 13.—Further attacks on the British right wing between Givency and Robecq, on La Bassée canal yesterday wholly failed. Two attempts made late in the afternoon to capture Locon were repulsed. The British also counterattacked around Givency and took an important German post.

Paris, April 12.—The Germans last night renewed their attacks upon the French positions in Brule wood, in the forest of Apremont. American troops in this sector in conjunction with the French, says to-day's official statement have combatted with vigor and broken the majority of the enemy attacks. At one point where the enemy obtained a footing he was thrown out by a counterattack. On the Somme battlefield the entire village of Hangard and the adjoining cemetery have been regained from the Germans.

Field Marshal Haig, like Marshal Joffre at the battle of the Marne, has called to his soldiers to stand firm and die rather than give up a position to the enemy. Military observers and Major General Maurice, director of military operations of the British War Office, agree that a crisis has been reached. "There must be no retirement," Field Marshal Haig says in his appeal. French forces are rapidly coming to the aid of the British and a gigantic and most sanguinary struggle probably will be enacted on the low lands between Lille and St. Omer.

Great Britain at Bay

Great Britain's armies stand at bay in France and Flanders. After three weeks of a combat which has eclipsed anything that has raged during the entire four years of warfare, Field Marshal Haig has issued a communique to his men to hold their ground at whatever cost, and fight with the knowledge that their blows are struck "for the safety of their homes and the freedom of mankind."

The end of the first phase of the giant struggle now may be considered as passed. "There must be no retirement," is Haig's admonition, which adds that the British now are fighting "with their backs to the wall." The withdrawal in Picardy was officially reported to have been a part of the Allied strategy, but the period for such tactics seemingly has gone into history.

Hope in French Drive

The order issued by the field marshal contains another sentence which may be pregnant with significance. "The French army is moving rapidly and in great force to our support," he said, and this is the first official intimation that the Allies are ready to strike back at the German invaders. This blow may not necessarily fall in Flanders, nor yet in Picardy, but may be aimed at some part of the line where Generissimo Foch may believe he can cut through the German front and compel the Teutons to relax their pressure against the British.

Pressing their attack against the British west-southwest of Armentieres the Germans also have extended their efforts to other fronts and have clashed with French and American troops. In

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HUNS THROW FRESH MASSES INTO BATTLE

Sanguinary Fighting Increases Steadily in Intensity With British Resisting Advancing Germans Doggedly

With the British Army in France, Friday, April 12.—With the exception of Merville the Germans thus far have not reached their objectives in part for the present drive north and south of Armentieres. A captured German document reveals that there were to be three smashes on the front north and south of Armentieres. One had Baillieu as its main objective, the other Merville and Aire, and the third Bethune. Not less than twenty-eight divisions had been employed by the enemy in this pretentious program which has meant that at some places

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AN OUNCE OF PEPPER IS WORTH A POUND OF PEACE TALK

BRITISH AGAIN STAND FIRMLY BEFORE GERMANS

Advance Their Line Slightly at One Point and Take Few Prisoners

By Associated Press

London, April 13.—The Germans made an attack last night west of Merville, on the northern battle front, and were repulsed, the war office announces. The British advanced their line slightly in the neighborhood of Fesbert and took a few prisoners.

There was heavy fighting last evening near Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem, and the battle here still was in progress at a late hour last night.

Assaults Beaten Off—Strong enemy forces launched an attack early last night east of Locon

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Draft Board Chairmen Told to Pick 33 For Duty; Await April 26 Quotas

Chairmen of the local draft boards have received orders to induct thirty-three registrants, physically fit for active or limited military service, for duty as meteorologists, physicists, mechanical and civil engineers. The men must qualify for the service they are to perform. The induction is to take place only between April 15 and April 20.

Before entraining the inducted registrants, chairmen of the local boards must receive permission from state headquarters for each case, as the quota is not to be over-inducted. The local draft boards are awaiting orders from the state draft headquarters to make up their quotas for the contingent of drafted men that is to move April 26. As soon as the orders are received, the quotas will be announced.

RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS AT 62 IS ADVOCATED

Senator Beidleman Favors Increase in School Taxes to Better Conditions

That schoolteachers of Pennsylvania who have reached the age of 62 should be retired on an annuity contributed partly by the state and partly by the teachers themselves was the vital topic discussed to-day at the ninth annual convention of the State Teachers' League of Pennsylvania, held to-day in the Technical High School auditorium. The convention had invited Senator E. E. Beidleman, candidate for lieutenant governor, to make the chief address.

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Little Fuel in City to Meet Cold Weather Demands; Dealers Fear Shortage

Near freezing temperature for a week has caused a repetition of the mid-winter coal conditions in the city. Dealers have been unable to fill a flood of orders for tons and half tons, and deliveries have been held up by the lack of labor everywhere. Many homes to-day were found to be without a sufficient supply of fuel for the weekend, partly because of the manner in which deliveries have been held up by the weather. The fact that householders allowed themselves to run out of coal during the recent mild spell has laid the foundation for the last week's worry of the dealers. In addition, Harrisburg dealers report that hardly a dozen cars of coal arrive daily over the Pennsylvania lines, while the Reading Coal and Iron Company is said to be sending the coal even more slowly. Dealers are watching the ever-increasing pile of orders for next winter's coal with growing doubt. The largest coal dealers in the city already announce they have booked 1,000 orders, which they have been unable to touch. When coal begins to come into the city, these orders will have to be filled on the installment plan, they say.

DRAFT SLACKERS TO BE ROUNDED UP BY BOARDS

Deserters and Delinquents to Feel Hand of the Law at Once

Telegrams indicating that energetic action is to be taken by the government through not only federal, but state, county, local and volunteer organizations to round up "slackers, delinquents and deserters" under the draft law have been received at State Draft headquarters and all local boards will be urged to speed up the completion of records showing delinquents and at the same time to see that men actually in service either as officers or enlisted men are given proper credit.

The local boards will be asked to see that "records are properly prepared for expeditious treatment" of slackers and deserters so that when the word is given steps can be taken under the law. Word has also been received that applications approved by naval officers for men in the Emergency Fleet are to be accepted so that there will be no complications in that line of activity.

Preparation of the train schedules for the movement of the 11,000 men called up for the three camps to which Pennsylvania contributes is under way and the trains will begin to move on April 26. All boards have been urged to have their men ready.

NEARLY ALL ROADS FREED OF TOLL BY STATE PURCHASE

The State Highway Department to-day announced that with the purchase of seventeen miles of the Lancaster Elizabethtown and Middletown turnpike and twelve miles of the Lancaster and Williamstown turnpike in Lancaster county for \$158,000, the state had freed 138 miles of toll roads in six months. In most of these local authorities were half the cost. The counties where roads were freed were Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, Fayette, Westmoreland, Blair, Delaware, Fulton, Montgomery, Franklin and Bucks.

CRISIS OF WAR IS REACHED IN GREAT BATTLE

Enemy Within Shooting Distance of Important Railway Centers

OPPORTUNITY OF DANGER

Great Drives Open Way to Hun For Further Advances

London, April 12.—Friday.—A definite crisis again has been reached, Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office declared to-day.

"The situation is undoubtedly unpleasant," he added. "The enemy is within a short distance of Baillieu, which is an important railway center for feeding our Messines-Wyschaete front. He also is advancing in the direction of Hazebrouck, which is a very important railway center."

General Maurice said that on the other hand the Germans are advancing on a very flat and intricate country and have not yet gained any dominating positions. Seventeen enemy divisions have been engaged up to the present and the enemy has lost very heavily.

"The enemy," said General Maurice, "attacked on a front from Hellebeke to La Bassée, engaged at least seventeen divisions."

A Definite Crisis—"Beginning at the north his attacks on Wyschaete-Messines ridge have not met with very appreciable success, the enemy having lost very heavily."

"South of Armentieres the situation has developed. The enemy, having forced a crossing of the Lawe and Lys rivers, have seen an opportunity of developing an attack which may be dangerous to us."

"Summing up the situation to-day, I would say we again have reached a definite crisis. The situation is undoubtedly unpleasant. His objective has been the destruction of the British army. Towns are mere stepping stones on the way to that end, having found the French coming to assist us in the South and no progress possible except at very great cost, he now has turned his attention to developing a probably unexpected success in the north."

Another Harrisburg Boy Among Wounded in France

The name of L. E. Stouffer appeared on a recent casualty list of the American Army as being wounded. Stouffer is the son of A. G. Stouffer, of 2113 Green street. The parents have received no official notification from the War Department but it is believed that the Harrisburg boy is the one named in the casualty list.

Young Stouffer was graduated from the Bordentown Military Institute. He enlisted last May in the Engineers Corps. He was sent to Columbus, Ohio, from thence to Washington, and was sent abroad several months ago.

PUT YOUR PENNIES IN A VEST POCKET When you get 25 BUY W. S. S. Try It For a Week.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 35 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and continued cool to-night; Sunday fair; not much change in temperature; moderate north-west to north winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 6.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning. Temperature: 8 a. m., 36. Sun: Rises, 6:20 a. m.; sets, 7:31 p. m. River Stage: 6.5 feet above low-water mark. Moon: First quarter, April 17. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 36. Lowest temperature, 22. Mean temperature, 34. Normal temperature, 50.

'BOTTLE TRADE' IS STOPPED BY NATIONAL ORDER

City's Hotelmen Must Obey Drastic New Rules as War Measure

TO PROTECT SOLDIERS

Bootlegging Hit Hard Blow When Supply Is Cut Off

Stringent measures to prevent the sale of liquor to soldiers and sailors have been taken by the United States Department of Justice, and local hotelmen have received their instructions accordingly.

In the vicinity of the railroad station the prevalence of bootleggers to furnish soldiers passing through the city with liquor has been so widespread that vigorous measures were becoming necessary to curb the practice. The orders to hotelmen, drawn up by United States District Attorney Kane, have been received here, and will be enforced stringently. The rules follow: "These rules must not be violated."

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American Flyers Win Service Cross For Battle Against Teuton Planes

By Associated Press

Paris, April 13.—James Norman Hall, captain of an aviation section, and Paul Frank Blair, a lieutenant, are the first American aviators to win the Distinguished Service Cross of the American Army.

Captain Hall, leading a patrol, attacked a group of five German machines, destroyed one and forced down two others.

Lieutenant Blair attacked single-handed a group of seven planes and destroyed one near Rheims. On another occasion he attacked two two-seaters, one of which fell in flames. Captain Hall's home is in Colfax, Iowa, and Lieutenant Blair's in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Wm. B. Schleisner Store Registers 100 Per Cent.

The William B. Schleisner store has registered 100 per cent. in the Liberty Loan drive. The whole store force to the number of thirty-six have subscribed for the large total of \$12,000 in bonds. The subscriptions were all taken after a few minutes' address at the store by a member of the Liberty Loan Committee.

DAUPHIN DEPOSIT IN RESERVE SYSTEM

Washington—State banks admitted to-day in the Federal Reserve system include Dauphin Deposit Trust Company, Harrisburg, Pa., resources \$3,938,000, or slightly more than one-sixth of the minimum asked.

TRADE DIRECTOR A SUICIDE

Chicago—W. H. Stead, one of the most prominent Republicans in Illinois, committed suicide at a hotel here to-day. He was former attorney general and at the time of death trade director in Illinois for Governor Lowden's administration.

FOUR SOLDIERS LOCKED UP

Jamaica, N. Y.—Four soldiers from Camp Mills were locked up at police headquarters here to-day after a hotel party had been held up and robbed and a woman and four men had been shot at Hollis, Long Island.

LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS \$539,426,100

Washington—Subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan reported to Federal Reserve Banks to-day as the first quarter of the drive was passed, totalled \$539,426,100.

EXPRESS WRECK NEAR TYRONE

Tyrone, Pa.—The Lehigh Valley express on the Pennsylvania Railroad was wrecked at Dix station eight miles north of here this afternoon when a chair car and a day coach left the track.

STATUE OF FREDERICK THE GREAT GOES

Washington—The bronze statue of Frederick the Great, which has ornamented the western facade of the War College Building on the banks of the Potomac here, was removed in sections to-day and packed away for safe keeping.

PLAN NEW WAR ON RUSS

London—In the event that Germany wins on the western front, according to Swedish reports, she will begin a new war against Russia. Japan, it is understood, will receive Siberia if she joins in a German-Finnish Alliance.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clarence E. Spang and Grace R. Miller, Camp Hill, H. F. D., No. 1; William M. Wood, Sparrows Point, Md., and Katharine Etter, Harrisburg; Robert Rossen, Harrisburg, and Mary H. Lemmer, Cleveland.