



GERMANS PAY HEAVY TOLL AS SEVEN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED

COSTLY HUN DRIVE SLOWING UP BEFORE BRITISH DEFENSE

SEVEN ATTACKS NET ONLY DEATH TO HUN LEGIONS

Strong Attacks Delivered by Germans Find Defense a Stone Wall

London, April 15.—Seven attacks by the Germans in the Merville sector of the northern battle front have been repulsed by the British who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

The British have lost Neuve Eglise. Southwest of Bailleul the Germans temporarily penetrated the British positions but were driven out by a counterattack.

The statement follows: "Severe fighting continued all day yesterday around Neuve Eglise. After beating off numerous attacks, our troops were in the end compelled to withdraw a second time from the village.

Huns Driven Back "Strong attacks were made by the enemy yesterday afternoon at a number of other points on the battle-front. Northwest of Merville fierce fighting took place, as a result of which the attacking German infantry were driven back with great loss.

"In the course of the day no less than seven attacks were delivered by the enemy in the Merville sector, all of which were repulsed with heavy loss to his troops. In one case the enemy advanced to the assault in five waves. Under the weight of this attack our line was restored.

"Successful minor operations were carried out by us during the night east of Robecq. Several machine guns and 150 prisoners were taken by us.

"Fighting also took place early today south of the Somme, in the neighborhood of Hangard. Our position in this sector has been improved and a number of prisoners have been taken.

The hostile artillery was active last night in the neighborhood of Ruquoy."

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; slightly warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 45 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Tuesday; slightly warmer to-night, with light north winds becoming south. General Conditions: Temperatures are 2 to 15 degrees higher than on Saturday morning over nearly all the territory east of the Rocky Mountains, while west of the mountains there has been a general fall of 2 to 20 degrees. Temperature: 8 a. m., 40. Sun: Rises, 6:25 a. m.; sets, 7:35 p. m. Moon: First quarter, April 17. River Stage: 8.2 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 57. Lowest temperature, 37. Mean temperature, 50. Normal temperature, 50.

Americans Do Brilliant Work

With the French Army in France Sunday, April 14.—American soldiers did brilliant work in the stiff fighting Friday at Bruel wood. Lorraine. An account of the engagement shows that at 4.30 o'clock in the morning after a short and severe bombardment 500 Germans attempted to occupy a first line trench. Small bodies of famous French units which formed the advance posts resisted the enemy until their ammunition was exhausted. Then they retired to obtain supplies. The French command immediately organized a counterattack in which American troops joined and after fierce fighting ejected the enemy. The ground was strewn with the German dead and the allies took a number of prisoners. Shortly afterward groups of German sappers were seen creeping into the first line of the American position, which had voluntarily been left unoccupied. The American soldiers dashed forward from the support line, engaged in grenade fighting and hand-to-hand encounters and after a severe engagement repulsed the Germans. The enemy suffered heavy casualties and left behind twenty-four prisoners.

KAISER'S AIM FAILS AGAINST ALLIED HOSTS

Turning Point in West Being Reached; Teutons Seek Weakest Point

Washington, April 15.—The turning point in the battle on the west front is being reached, says the War Department's review of the military situation for the week ending April 13, published to-day. The Germans have failed in their purpose to achieve victory in the field, the statement continues, and will soon be forced to resume their old tactics. "We must bear in mind," the review says, "that the enemy is waging a battle of annihilation to achieve victory. He is fighting to-day with the sole aim of annihilating the British."

Emperor Also wrote Peace Note to Pope

Rome, April 15.—The Italian press, commenting on the controversy that has arisen between the French Premier, M. Clemenceau, and the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Czernin, insists that at the time Emperor Charles wrote to Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, another letter was sent to the Pope. The idea, the press says, is that the second letter was designed to complete a relation to Italy, the first letter as relating to France, and had for its object invoking the intervention of the Holy See in the intervention of the Tribuna says that it was all a part of a vast "pacific offensive on the part of Austria and Germany and that it was a joint movement to deceive both France and the Vatican."

Body of Unidentified Man Found in River

The body of an unidentified man was found floating down the Susquehanna river this afternoon near West Fairview, by Horace Myers and John Rivher, of West Fairview. The two West Shore men were out on the river, several hundred yards from the shore, when they discovered the body floating along. The body was identified as that of Isaac W. J. Matter, justice of the peace. The body was found in the Dauphin county portion of the river near the west shore low water mark, and Coroner Jacob Eckinger, of Harrisburg, was called. A hasty examination of the body by the two men who found it, disclosed no marks of violence. A more thorough examination will be conducted by the coroner. No marks of identity could be found.

GIVES UP PART OF HER HOUSE TO AID BOND SALE Daniel S. Culp, office secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A., is willing to stake a new hat on the fact that Harrisburg women are not impatient when it comes to buying Liberty Bonds. This morning he was seated at his desk when a woman called, asking that he take her address. "I want to rent two rooms to two nice young men, preferably members of the Y. M. C. A.," the woman said. "I never rented any rooms before, but would like to rent these and use the money to buy a Liberty Bond."

HAIG'S ARMY IS HOLDING FAST IN GREAT BATTLE

Heroic Hand-to-Hand Fighting Marks Desperate Encounter in Flanders

Fighting heroically in hand-to-hand engagements to British troops have checked the German drive in the region west of Armentieres and enemy effort, like the one in Picardy, seems almost definitely stopped. The Germans have spent thousands of lives in reckless and insistent attacks through the British lines or to destroy the British army, but the effort has been without the result desired.

Against the American sector south of Verdun, German storming troops hurled themselves Sunday. American infantrymen beat back the enemy in hot fighting. The enemy withdrew his trenches with the loss of nearly 100. North of Toul, the Germans have not repeated the attacks which cost them 400 casualties.

Fighting Is Desperate All around the sweeping semicircle created by the enemy attacks to the southwest of the Messines ridge yesterday and last night and in some localities the British positions were improved by counterattacks. At only one point did the defense give way. This was at Neuve Eglise, on the extreme edge of the Messines spur, where the British finally withdrew after beating off attack after attack.

The probabilities seem to be that the German tenure of even this small bit of ground will be a short lived one. The idea, the press says, is that the Germans have failed in their purpose to achieve victory in the field, the statement continues, and will soon be forced to resume their old tactics.

Although they have been but a little more than a mile from Bailleul, a valuable position, for two days the Germans have not been able to advance beyond the canal between the two towns. West of the town the Germans have been repulsed in heavy attacks and south round Merris their efforts have gone for naught.

Americans Fight Hard Their effort on the remainder of the battlefront in Artois has brought no change. Near the apex of their salient at Merville the Germans attempted an attack but were dispersed by artillery fire. In Flanders and along the Messines ridge there have been no further actions and the British still hold the heights on the south unchallenged.

On either wing of the sharp salient around St. Mihiel, the American troops in the past few days have been meeting and beating off in fine fashion strong German attacks. The enemy has not followed up his efforts northwest of Toul and east of St. Mihiel where he was strongly repulsed two days hard fighting by the Americans in Arcmont forest. The artillery duel there is heavy, with the American gunners keeping up their end of the exchange.

Sunday's attack on the American sector between Verdun and St. Mihiel came after a violent bombardment and was made by picked enemy troops. Prisoners were captured by the Americans and thirty-four Germans dead and ten wounded were found in the American trenches, while just beyond them were 30 more enemy dead. The Americans with hand grenades and bayonets went out of their positions to meet the oncoming Germans. Two American aviators have brought down two German fighting airplanes, the enemy flyers being captured.

Czernin Resigns There has been no activity on the Picardy battlefront and on the remainder of the western front except for artillery duels. Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister has resigned, and Emperor Charles has accepted the resignation. The steps leading to the count's act are not disclosed as yet but the publication by the French government of the emperor's peace offer to France early in 1917 probably hastened his withdrawal. Semiofficial attempts still are being made to deny the letter, but neither the emperor nor Count Czernin has denied flatly the existence of the letter which was not only a peace move but divulged damaging evidence concerning intrigue against Serbia.



GERMAN TONGUE DYING NATURAL DEATH IN CITY

Even the Old Singing Societies Are Passing by For True Americanism

"In less than ten years no German will be spoken in the city of Harrisburg." This from one of the German pioneers, a son of the Fatherland who fought over the very ground where gigantic battles are now being staged, in the campaigns of the Franco-German War, fifty years ago.

It was indeed significant that M. E. Moeslein, for forty years leading spirit in the Harrisburg Maennerchor Society, and a staunch American, should have been very busy at Lib-

erty Editorial By Rabbi Louis J. Haas, Ohev Shalom Temple

TIME FOR ACTION THE Third Liberty Loan drive is now on and every American citizen, regardless of race or creed, is afforded an opportunity to express his patriotism. We must act patriotically. We must manifest our patriotism by our deeds. Our actions must express our patriotism. And during the next few weeks the supreme patriotic duty of each and every American is to subscribe to the

CENTRAL BOOK STORE JOINS 100 PER CENTERS. Each of the nineteen employees of the Central Printing and Publishing House and the Central Book Store, 329 Market street, has subscribed to bonds of the Third Liberty Loan, adding another firm to the 100 per cent class.

POLICE MATRON IS AGAIN URGED BY CIVIC CLUB

Many Activities Reviewed in Report Read at Annual Meeting

A summary of the work undertaken and accomplished by the Civic Club of Harrisburg, endorsement of the municipal collection of ashes and garbage, a recommendation for a police matron, and endorsement of community singing, were included in the report of Mrs. William Henderson, president of the club, which was read at the annual meeting for the election of officers and reading of the report at the clubhouse this afternoon.

Mrs. Henderson, president of the club during the past year, will be re-elected president for the coming year. The election of officers is to take place late this afternoon. The report gives a very comprehensive idea of what the club stands for, and has been able to do for the

Soldiers Victims of Wreck; Three Killed, 45 Injured

New York, April 15.—Three soldiers were killed, ten seriously injured and thirty-five slightly injured early to-day in a wreck on the Long Island railroad near Central Islip, N. Y. All of the dead and injured are said to be stationed at Camp Upton, at Yaphank, L. I. A car near the middle of the thirteen-car train jumped the track taking four others with it.

BIG PROPERTY LOSS FOLLOWS GREAT SLIDES

Dwellings Badly Damaged When Tons of Rock Are Loosed by Rain

The protracted rainfall of last week caused the collapse of three stone retaining walls at widely separated parts of the city, entailing considerable property damage and narrowly averting serious injury to residents of the three neighborhoods.

Shortly after 7 o'clock Saturday evening a fifteen-foot retaining wall separating the backyards of the properties facing Atlas street between Woodbine and Emerald streets and the backyards of the properties facing North Fifth street between these two streets collapsed with a report like a dynamite blast, carrying tons of concrete, stone and earth into the backyards of the properties at 221, 13, 15, 17 and 19 Atlas street.

Another slide was in the Johnson town road where it passes under Walnut street near North Twelfth street. This slide occurred shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. It

Draft Headquarters Wants More Men Now

State draft headquarters has sent out hurry calls for thirty-three men who must be either meteorologists, physicists, civil or mechanical engineers. These men are to be sent this week to the science and research division of the aviation section of the Army at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, and if there are not enough volunteers the men will be drafted. The men are to be entrained between April 15 and 20. This call is believed to be the first of a series which will be made for specially qualified men in the next few weeks.

EVERY EFFORT IS BEING TURNED TO AID BOND SALES

Look With Suspicion on Men and Women Who Refuse to Do Anything

EMPLOYERS ARE HELPING

First Report of Totals to Be Given at Session This Evening

Harrisburg employers of men and women are 100 per cent in their attitude toward the Third Liberty Loan. Headquarters in the Dauphin building this morning declared that business establishments of the city are giving them every help. The employers are going over their lists very carefully, and in very numerous instances where they have found men and women unable to buy Bonds they have given them an increase which permits them to buy a Bond "on time." The "on time" method enables ninety-nine out of every 100 of the 35,000 wage and salary-getters in Harrisburg to buy Bonds. During the remainder of this week George S. Reinebold's industrial committee will complete its canvass of

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Foch Gets the Title of Commander-in-Chief of Allied Armies in France

Paris, April 15.—An official note issued last night says: "The British and French governments have agreed to confer the title of commander-in-chief of the Allied armies in France on General Foch."

Since General Foch's elevation to chief command of the Allied armies "for the period of the present operations" there has been some doubt as to his exact standing, and the question has been raised as to whether his powers were executive or advisory to Pétain or Haig. The above statement disposes of the matter. General Foch is to be Generalissimo with all that the command implies.

CZERNIN QUILTS CABINET UNDER PEACE STRAIN

Publication of Appeal by the French Press Potent in Causing Resignation

SPEECH TONE MODERATE

Clemenceau's Denial of Austrian Minister's Assertion Heightened Situation

Amsterdam, April 15.—Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister has resigned according to a dispatch from Vienna. Emperor Charles accepted the resignation and entrusted Count Czernin with his successor is appointed.

The recent publication by the French government of the futile peace appeal sent out by Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary, in March 1917, and the efforts of the emperor and the Austro-Hungarian foreign office to explain his letter to

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Hopes of Victory Wane in Germany

Berne, April 15.—"If you talk about democracy in Germany to-day, they put you in jail. Public opinion in Germany is beginning to change as a result of the offensive. While at the beginning every one believed in success, the feeling is now divided. Only officials hold the victory theory, while the masses are skeptical."

Joseph Denz, of Philadelphia, the American inventor of a hydraulic press, who before the war had big business interests in Lyons, France, and has just escaped from Germany, made this statement to-day.

Long Range Gun Kills Paris Woman

Paris, April 15.—The bombardment of the Paris district by the German long range gun continued to-day. One woman was killed.

CANADIAN OFFICER TO SPEAK

Harrisburg—It was announced this afternoon that in addition to the speakers already announced for the patriotic meeting at Camp Hill to-morrow evening an address will be made by Sergeant Major Dickson, of the Canadian Seaforth Highlanders.

BUYS \$85,000 WORTH OF LIBERTY BONDS

New York—A message from the Virgin Islands, America's most recent colonial acquisition, said the people there had thus far purchased \$85,000 worth of Liberty Bonds.

WRECK VICTIMS NUMBER FIVE

New York.—It is reported two of the soldiers in the wreck on the Long Island Railroad died later, making the total of fatalities five. Three of the derailed cars toppled over an embankment.

KNOCKS OUT LANGFORD

Panama—Harry Mills, a negro heavyweight pugilist, knocked out Sam Langford in the sixth round of their fight here yesterday. Mills was the aggressor throughout.

VALLEY RAILWAYS GIVES WAGE INCREASE

Lemoyne—An increase of two cents was granted to trolley-men in the employ of the Valley Railway Company it was announced to-day. The adjustment gives the lowest paid employe twenty-seven and one-half cents an hour and the highest, thirty-one and one-half cents.

I. W. W. TRIAL RESUMED

Chicago—After a week's postponement granted to enable the government to investigate charges to jury tampering the trial of more than 100 I. W. W. members charged with interfering with the war activities of the government was resumed to-day before Federal Judge Landis.

CUBS BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Chicago—The Chicago National League Club has subscribed for \$100,000 of Third Liberty Loan bonds, being the unexpended part of the \$250,000 which the stockholders appropriated last year for the purpose of purchasing news players and otherwise strengthening the team.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Esther L. Jones and Ruth B. Omer, Harrisburg; William L. Fitzgerald and Grace E. Weaver, Steelton.