

HUNS GAIN NEW LINES BY ASSAULT

pushing on and gradually absorbing all of the Paschendale ridge a continuation of the spur to the northeast. No Danger of General Retirement. This may be an indication that the British retirement is to the line of the spring of 1917 although such a withdrawal would include the abandonment of the entire Paschendale pass as well as the Messines ridge area, from the greater part of which they have been driven in the present battle. It would leave the town of Ypres however still in British hands.

There seems no danger at present of a retirement on any much larger scale than this on the northern end of the Franco-Belgian line as the result of the recent German successes. The line as a whole appears likely to hold as long as the railway communications supporting it are intact. Apparently the security of these communications has been provided for by the massing of large forces in the northwestern sector of the Lys battlefield.

The Germans still are hammering the British line north of Bailleul while to the north they are reported to be close to Mount Kemmel, the towering height which dominated the situation in this sector. The British now seem able to deal with them along the Bailleul-Wytschaete line, however, and the repulse of repeated attacks with terrific losses to the enemy in the Bailleul sector are reported.

British Not Removing Reserves. The present attack in Flanders does not seem to have diverted material British reserves from the Somme battlefield as the Germans apparently expected and such operations as are occurring to the southward from Arras reveal the British in strength on this, the battlefield where the German effort inevitably must be exerted. The British last night counterattacked opposite Boyelles and drove out parties of Germans who had entered the British trenches yesterday, completely restoring the line.

The Somme battle appears likely to break out furiously again in the near future, judging from the reports that come from both the French and British war offices of the marked increase in the artillery fire south of the Somme.

In capturing Wytschaete and the height of Spanbroekmolen to the southwest the Germans drove the British from the high ground at the southern tip of the Messines-Paschendale in a northerly direction, which extends for 14 miles from Wulverghem. From Wulverghem to Wytschaete is two and one-half miles. Ypres lies four miles directly north of Wytschaete and between them are the heights of Klein Zillebeke and Observatory ridge which are equal in height to Wytschaete, sixty meters.

Big Task Before Germans. To wipe out the Ypres salient the Germans must gain more of the long ridge and must cut the railroad from Hazebrouck to Ypres, which is one of the main supply lines to the British lines east and northeast of Ypres. Apparently they are attempting to reach the railroad and are engaging the British heavily at Meteren, west of Bailleul, and four miles east of the railroad and six miles east-northeast of Hazebrouck.

Directly west from Wytschaete and north from Bailleul is the height of Mount Kemmel, 156 meters, which is the highest point in this area. But before the enemy can cut the railroad and gain additional heights, the British may retire or an allied counterattack may be hurled against the German lines.

Other Hun Attacks Fail. On other parts of the front from Wytschaete to Givenchy the British have repulsed German efforts, especially round Merville, the center of the line. German attacks have broken out south of Arras. The British repulsed an attack there near Boyelles.

South around Albert and across the Somme the German artillery fire has increased. The enemy bombardment continues violent in the Montdidier sector. On the American sector around St. Mihiel the weather has been unfavorable for three days but the Germans have not repeated their attacks of last week. Near the Apremont forest, east of St. Mihiel, American patrols have crossed No Man's Land and reached the German barbed wire without molestation. East of the American sector near the Bois Le Pretre, the French have repulsed German efforts.

Bulgarians Defeated in Macedonia. In Macedonia, northeast of Saloniki the Bulgarians have been driven from about ten villages along a front of 15 miles from the left bank of the Struma northwest from Lake Tahnos. Greek and British troops participated in the operation. Prisoners were taken and severe losses inflicted on the enemy.

The government man-power bill with the Irish conscription clause included passed the British House of Commons on third reading by a majority of 198 votes. An Irish home rule bill will be introduced soon by the government and Premier Lloyd George and his colleagues will insist on its passage or lessened. Nationalist opposition continues unbroken. Bolu Fashion. The Nationalist opposition continues unbroken. Bolu Fashion. The Nationalist opposition continues unbroken. Bolu Fashion. The Nationalist opposition continues unbroken.

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STEELTON NEWS ITEMS

SOLICITORS TO MEET TONIGHT

Local Workers Will Be Assigned to Their Work and Given Instructions. Liberty Loan solicitors at a meeting to be held in Frey's Hall this evening at 8 o'clock will be given their assignments of prospective subscribers and to-morrow will find many of the workers canvassing the town, although the campaign does not open officially until Saturday.

The campaign will get into full swing after the big mass meeting in the High School auditorium on Friday evening. The mass meeting on Friday evening will be one of the most important held in the borough for a long time. The committee is making efforts to have several prominent out-of-town members of distinction talk on the Liberty Loan drive.

Street Parade. Prior to the meeting, which is called for 8 o'clock, the committee, headed by the Steelton Band, will parade the downtown streets. The route of the procession will be announced in a few days. W. H. Nell, chairman of the committee, said to-day that the band will be ready to march to meet at the band hall on Friday at 7:30 o'clock.

A committee of 250 solicitors has been selected to canvass this district. The committee this evening will be given instructions for canvassing by the major committee, of which H. W. Stubbs is chairman.

Large Committee. The committee of fifty members to canvass Steelton and nearby districts, announced to-day, is as follows: C. F. Beshore, Utley S. Abercrombie, C. A. Alden, M. R. Allen, David P. Baker, Charles H. Beidel, John C. Bishop, J. H. Bolton, J. H. Bond, S. A. Brehm, Claude E. Brinser, Harvey S. Bogar, George Byrod, Charles G. Detweiler, James P. Detweiler, Harry Lamb, Dress, Charles S. Davis, Ralph Eckels, R. H. Fairlamb, Charles F. Feidt, Ross M. Frey, John L. Grove, William F. Hausman, F. E. Howells, S. H. H. Hecker, C. M. Long, John A. McCurdy, L. E. McGinnis, B. F. McNear, Jr., Ira F. Myers, W. F. Maginnis, H. S. Messinger, William Shaffer, Robert Shultz, N. Hecker, Mark Mumma, Harry C. Deik, William H. Nell, R. M. Rutherford, Bartram Shelly, Frank A. Stees, Walter Keister, Hiram Billeit, N. D. Bishop, C. Bishop, P. Park Brehm, Andrew Bressler, the Rev. Mr. Brunner, John P. Croll, W. O. Dalley, Raymond Deimler, A. W. Ellenberger, John Erb, L. L. Hockman, T. N. Hecker, J. T. Herman, the Rev. Mr. Herr, A. C. Hocker, W. H. Horner, E. G. Irvin, Peter Keefer, the Rev. H. S. Keiffer, Wesley Kramer, William Kuhn, Louis Lehman, Reuben Lerch, Grant Miller, Frank Morelli, R. F. Nissley, E. O. Paul, the Rev. E. L. Poe, E. F. Rupp, John Schroll, D. W. Shaffer, Robert Shultz, Faber Stevie, Lester Thompson, the Rev. Mr. Wert and Joseph Wilson.

A committee of 200 steel company employees will wage the campaign in the steel plant.

Small Child Wanders Far From Its Home. Little two-year-old Walter Zuna, whose home is at 766 Mohr street, wandered away from his mother's apron string and walked seventeen squares in the city before he was found by Patrolman Bowermaster. Little Walter, according to the mother, was near her about 9 o'clock when he was walking in a garden near her home. When she called to him a few minutes later he was nowhere to be found. The police were notified and a search was at once started by Patrolman Bowermaster. Shortly before noon the child was found in the vicinity of Front and Lincoln streets.

Steel Company Committee Meets at Engineer's Club. The coal committee of the Bethlehem Steel Company met in the Engineers' Club, Harrisburg, this afternoon. The session was scheduled for 12 o'clock. This evening members of the committee will be making visits to other observatories in the coal washery at the local plant. G. R. Delamater is the local plant representative of the body. Other members are W. L. Cummings, geologist of the Bethlehem Steel Company; D. P. Leeps, coal geologist; T. R. Johns, superintendent of the Penn Mary mines, and Edward Barnhart, of the Maryland plant.

Three Steelton Boys Land in France This Week. With three Steelton boys arriving in France this week, the thorough honor roll of men in service in foreign countries is near the twenty mark. The men who arrived this week are: Earl Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Suddam; Harold Mumma, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Mumma, both members of the Steelton community, and Earl Bush, of Swatara street.

ENROLL 200 MEMBERS IN OWL DRIVE IN BOROUGHS. Since the opening of temporary organization headquarters of the Steelton Nest 1626 Street of Owls at 24 North Front street, many new members have been enrolled. The National Organizer R. P. Webster, of Harrisburg, is in attendance every evening. Already about 200 men have joined the local drive. The goal has been set at 500 and the way new members are enrolling daily it is safe to predict that the 500 mark will be passed before the end of the year. "Booze" is winning many friends for the local nest. A big class of candidates will be taken in to-morrow evening at a special meeting of the nest, Red Men's hall, 144 North Front street.

MRS. MARY M. DAUM. Mrs. Mary M. Daum, aged 50, wife of Henry Daum, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 605 North Second street. No funeral arrangements have been made.

Austria Torn by Scenes of Violence and Pathos. Washington, April 17.—The economic situation of Austria is more critical than at any time since the war began, according to an official dispatch to-day from France. The Vienna Keutwo Freie Press, in its dispatch, announced that lamentable scenes alternate each day with tumultuous ones in the different markets of Vienna, where meat is unobtainable. The Viennese are not able to buy even the ration of 200 grammes a week, which has been the standard since the burgomaster of Vienna declared to the municipal council that the sanitary service estimated at 65 per cent. the food deficit of the capital. At the moment the situation is still worse. This week the bread supply is 274,000 kilos short.

MIDDLETOWN Mrs. Huss, 60, Injured When Thrown From Team. Mrs. John Huss, aged about 60, who was driving a team of horses, was thrown from a team to her home in Londonderry township, yesterday afternoon. She was going up the hill, near the Schlegel brick plant, on the Royalton side. The horse she was driving became frightened and started to run. She ran to the side of the road into a ditch, throwing Mrs. Huss out on her head and she must have struck a stone. When Dr. H. H. Rhodes was summoned, he found Mrs. Huss lying on her back. He said, and took her to her home, where she received fifteen stitches to close the contusion in her head.

The new piece of state road that runs from the Matheson property to the new overhead bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has been opened to the public. H. V. B. Garver, who had charge of the commissaries, at Royalton, Landisville and Dillerville, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has resigned his position and has been succeeded by Ross Seltzer, who had been employed in the supervisory office of the company. Mr. Garver has accepted a position at the aviation grounds.

The James G. Hatz oratorical contest, which was held last evening was largely attended. The first prize of \$10 was won by Truman Bolton, subject, "The Flag on the Piling Line," Theodore Roosevelt. The second prize of \$5.00 was won by M. F. Lane L. E. Long, subject: "America a Beacon Light of Peace." The judges were Professor R. M. McNeal, Professor C. S. Davis, Dr. C. E. Fager, Jr. After the decision had been made, Mr. Hatz presented the winners with their prizes. He was a former Middletown boy, being a member of class 1899.

At a meeting of the school board held last evening, it was decided to discontinue its study of German. The pupils who objected to studying German will take up the study of French and English history.

The Liberty Loan clock, which was made by the Middletown car plant was erected in front of the Silk room, corner Union and Emma streets, on Thursday evening. The clock was held in the council chamber last evening to make final arrangements for the Liberty Loan drive on Thursday.

Mrs. Benjamin Mellman, of Philadelphia, is spending some time in town as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Abram Klawansky, Ann street.

Letters From the Front

SERGEANT STACKPOLE WRITES OF THRILLING EXPERIENCES IN FRANCE UNDER SHELL FIRE

Sergeant Albert H. Stackpole, serving with the United States Field Artillery in France, has recently had some interesting experiences at the front. Writing to the home folks in Harrisburg before the present big drive, he tells of his work near the firing line. The following are extracts from the letters:

"My old regiment is here now and we are having some fine little reunion parties. * * * A few weeks ago we were told that (a few of us at brigade headquarters) were to be sent forward to have a little instruction in one of the French sectors. Well, here we are. I'm writing this on the mess table, which is in an abri and directly connected with the room where we do our studying. We were due to make a visit to a forward observation post situated between the French first and second lines this afternoon, but it's such rotten rainy weather and so dog-gone much mud that the trip has been postponed until to-morrow. Yesterday and the day before we made visits to other observatories and it was surely great stuff. The one we visited yesterday was just about a mile behind the Boche lines, overlooking much country from the

top of a hill. Through powerful glasses which the French use we were able to easily see the front lines and farther back we could distinguish German working parties and a Boche sausage, or observation balloon, the big black cross on its side plainly visible and the observer himself almost so. While we were there a big shell came whistling near us and all ducked. It exploded about eighty yards away. I think the objective was a communicating trench."

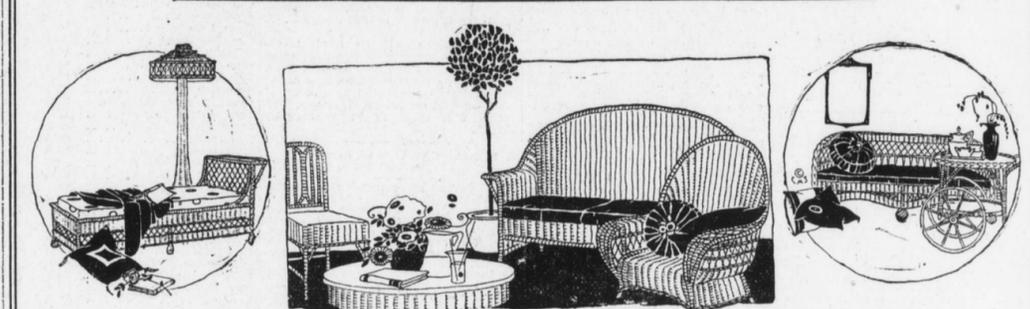
"The first few days we were out here the Boches didn't drop any shells at all, but yesterday afternoon they started to shell a battery whose position is a few hundred yards to the rear. (That battery, by the way, is firing now, and it sounds as though it were just outside the door.) The first shell they dropped yesterday was short of its range and fell about fifty yards to our right. I was in the trench nearby and made back-tracks for my billet. The next ones, however, were corrected for range, and we stood in the trench and listened to the shells whistling nearer and nearer—louder each second—until they would pass over our heads with the sound of an express train and burst with a huge crash back somewhere in the batteries. The one we visited yesterday was just about a mile behind the Boche lines. When we were at the observatory

we could plainly hear the passing of both French and Boche shells over our heads. "To get to this station we had to traverse ground which was the scene of a great struggle last year, and it certainly bore evidence of the fact. "Huge shell holes, demolished trenches, abris and battery positions were everywhere. I saw some aeroplane pictures of the same ground—all pitted with shell holes, everywhere, and the French here have some vivid tales to tell of the fighting. From the station also one could see for many miles on all sides, and many balloons of both armies were visible. It was really most interesting. Many planes constantly circled around above the lines while the anti-aircraft guns barked at them but seemed to disturb them not at all."

"At night it is quite interesting, also. Several nights ago the lieutenant took my pal and myself to see a battery position. We were walking along quietly while the guns behind us boomed at regular intervals, when suddenly just at our feet a battery let go a two-round salvo. You should have seen us drop! We thought the flash of the pieces were Boche shells bursting near us. It was a bad moment, but then we saw a slick gun position, well concealed, and after we had watched a few more rounds on their way we visited the guns themselves. The French gun crews go about it just as though it were a business, singing and laughing between shots as at a picnic. The B. C. told us that their position had evidently not yet been discovered."

"The little excursion which we are just finishing up has been a most interesting one. We were right up against the firing line and shells were flying through the air with most disturbing frequency and accuracy. I only wish we might have stayed longer. We made a very uncomfortable exit from the place a few days ago. We had just come back from the observation station of a battery where a most obliging battery commander, who spoke excellent English, had staged a bit of firing on an observation post of the Boches expressly for us—but more of him anon; as I said, we were about to make our adieu to our hosts and I stood with a well-laden suitcase in the other, when friend Boche decided to send a few high explosives over on a battery which was located about 150 or 200 yards to our rear and just about 200 yards to the left, where our camion was awaiting us. Well, all went fine—the shells were passing over regularly and with fair enough range, so we started towards the camion—I with the barracks bag on my back and the other in one hand—when suddenly we had an exhibition of what we call in the Artillery "dispersion," namely, the premature bursting of a shell which landed some fifty yards away! It had rained hard all day and the mud was thick—had on my short flops and my outfit of gas masks, etc., was hung around my neck, my hat on my head. You should have seen us all toiling through the mud—sliding, slipping, sweating—oh boy! All else human seemed to have some sort of a cover, but we toiled on, praying that there would be no more premature bursts. It seemed hours before we reached the place where our camion was to have been, and, lo, it had disappeared. Well, I dropped everything in the mud and started to look for it, finally finding it at a much greater distance than necessary, and without a driver! So I hauled back to the others and we made for the camion, my barrack bag dragging and bumping in the mud by this time—sliding, slipping, sweating—oh boy!—and after an interminable distance, it seemed, we reached the truck. I hope never to have a like experience—it was too hot!"

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