



HUNS CHECKED IN EFFORT TO OUTFLANK LINES IN PICARDY

ALLIES HOLD FIRM IN BLOODY FIGHT; RHEIMS DESTROYED

BRITISH TROOPS REPULSE ENEMY AS FRENCH GAIN

Switching of Battlefront Gains Nothing For Attacking Germans ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY

Attack Now Directed With View of Turning Fronts... Although the great German thrust launched last week against the British lines from Givenchy to Ypres has bent back the British front badly in this entire area, the offensive here stands checked to-day and in imminent danger of utter failure so far as the larger results aimed at are concerned.

Germans Completely Repulsed in Fresh Attacks on English

THE Germans were completely repulsed in the attack they launched yesterday around Givenchy, on the southern side of the Lys battlefield, the war office announced to-day. When the assaults ceased, after heavy losses, the enemy had only been able to secure a limited footing at one or two points of the more advanced British defenses. Six different German divisions, it has been determined, were engaged in the unsuccessful attack in the Givenchy-St. Venant sector. The enemy launched further attacks last evening south of Kemmel. These were broken up by the British artillery and machine-gun fire. Enemy attacks on the British lines in the northern part of the Lys battlefield area south of Kemmel were successfully repulsed.

CALL TO FIELD OF FRANCE STIRS LATIN PREMIER

Troops to Be Sent to Battle Front, Sealing Union of Allies

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Italian regiments already are in France and form the right wing of the allied armies, the Italian embassy announced to-day. Rome, Thursday, April 18.—Premier Orlando announced in the Chamber of Deputies to-day that Italian troops would be dispatched to the battlefield in France. The announcement received with a storm of applause, was as follows: "Italy, which follows with admiration the heroic efforts of the Anglo-French troops on the western front, could not remain absent from the battle fields of France. She wishes to bring to her allies tangible proof of her solidarity and the very colors of Italian regiments will fly over the fields of Picardy beside those of the French, British, American, Belgian and Portuguese, thus sealing the union which exists between the Allied peoples and governments."

Teuton Foes March Openly Into Death Before Mount Kemmel

OHAWA, April 19.—The British battle line is more secure than it has been for days, justifying the belief the enemy may be held in present positions, says a Reuter dispatch received from London to-day. The French in the region of Castel, where they drove the German further from the line of the Paris-Amiens German machine gun nests on the front of this attack were wiped out by the French during the night. The British troops are standing firm before strong enemy attacks on the front north of Arras, while southeast of Amiens the French have driven the Germans back in the region of Castel. The heaviest fighting on the northern front is on the southern side of the salient from St. Venant, west of Merville, to Givenchy. On this seven-mile front the Germans are

TEUTON SHELLS MAKE OF RHEIMS SMOKING RUINS

Famous Cathedral Falling Stone by Stone With Bombs Bursting Around Building AVIATORS SEE FLAMES Paris Firemen Work Under Fire of Enemy in an Effort to Save

Paris, April 19.—Rheims, which has been on fire for a week, is now nothing but a great pile of smoking ruins. During the past week the Germans have fired more than 100,000 shells into the heart of the city, according to the correspondent of Le Matin, and the flames from burning buildings can be seen by aviators sixty and seventy miles away. There are no traces of streets and thoroughfares which have disappeared from view under the accumulation of debris. Ancient buildings in the Place Royale and the market place and the Musicians House, which dates from the sixteenth century, have been reduced to dust and ashes. The vaulting of the famous Rheims Cathedral, the correspondent says, is falling stone by stone and soon there will be nothing left of the edifice but the west front and the pillars. Shells are still bursting all around the building.

Notwithstanding the terrible bombardment of the city, Paris firemen are still in the city working to save the furniture and portable effects of the inhabitants. Some of them have lost their lives. With the Paris firemen are some local firemen, one of whom, Sergeant Eliot, has been on duty in Rheims since the outbreak of the war and has been wounded fourteen times.

Rose Window Gorgeous Art

The cathedral was one of the most magnificent examples of early Gothic architecture and was begun in 1212. The west facade has three portals which contain about 530 statues. Above the portals was the gorgeous rose window, forty feet in diameter and one of the finest specimens of the art of stained glass construction. Up to November 1, 1916, the Germans had fired one thousand shells into the city, one thousand of which had struck the cathedral. Since then, whenever the German troops met with reverses, the enemy guns took up the bombardment anew. Until the latest bombardment the cathedral had suffered greatly. The leaden roofs had been destroyed and the rose window utterly so.

Pope Request Denied

In January, 1917, Emperor William, in response to a request from Pope Benedict, said he would permit repairs to be made to the cathedral in his endeavor "to preserve from the terrors of war venerable places of religious worship and monuments of art which I consider as the common property of humanity. The German military authorities have attempted to excuse the bombardment of the cathedral on the ground that it was being used for military purposes by the French. This claim has been denied repeatedly by Archbishop Lucon, who up until a few weeks ago, made his home in his residence beside the cathedral, unmindful of German hatred.

TO HAVE SING-SONG SATURDAY

York, Pa., April 19.—Beginning Saturday evening the lobby of the York Y. M. C. A. building is to be a community singing center, for the male chorus of the institution has created what is termed "Sing-Song Saturday" and every Saturday evening the big chorus will assemble in the lobby and sing patriotic and other war songs.

At Last They've Called in a Specialist



CROWDER PLANS TO REGISTER ALL MEN UP TO 50

New Draft Program Would Give Army Control of Labor Situation

Shriners to Give Patriotic Pageant and Dance For Benefit of Red Cross Fund

Through the courtesy of Charles E. Cover, illustrious potentate of Zumbo Temple, the Shrine will furnish a patriotic pageant, band concert and a dance at Chestnut Street next Thursday evening for the benefit of Harrisburg chapter American Red Cross. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Charles W. Burnett, chairman; Mrs. W. P. Starkey, Mrs. A. H. Bailey, Mrs. S. F. Dunkle, F. H. Hoy Jr. and Mercer B. Tate.

CLERGY JOIN IN LIBERTY PARADE FOR DEMOCRACY

Coal Miners and Steelworkers Buy Bonds to Aid in War

Workers in Dry Campaign Plan For Victory at a Big Noonday Luncheon

Members of the Dauphin County Ratification Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of this district held a noon luncheon to-day at the Y. M. C. A. to make plans for the campaign to elect candidates to the Legislature from this county who have pledged themselves to support prohibition. Eighty members were present at the meeting. J. Horace McFarland making the principal address. He declared prohibition was decided the best way to win the war, and said that it would also promote industry, good citizenship and save food and fuel if the sale and manufacture of alcoholic liquor were stopped.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH IS TO BE SET APART

Bishop McDevitt Will Have Help of Clergy at Consecration Services

Harrisburg's First Wounded Soldier at Home Port

The first Harrisburg soldier to arrive from France with experience in the recent furious battles will be Arthur M. Eckert, 36 Balm street, whose father received word to-day that the wounded hero will arrive this evening at Newport News, where Mr. Eckert will hasten to take care of his patriotic son. Young Eckert entered the engineer service and as the cable stories tell, this unit of America saw some of the severest fighting in the present gigantic operations. The report of Eckert being wounded came in about one week ago and the speedy journey back to "God's country" was very gratifying to the soldier's parents and friends. He will most likely reach Harrisburg on Monday.

Boy Burns to Death When Country Home Is Destroyed

Chambersburg, Pa., April 19.—Gerald Patterson, aged 6, son of Mrs. Ira Patterson, of Harrisburg, was burned to death this morning when the double stone house of Mrs. Mary Patterson in Roxbury, the old Pomery mansion, was totally destroyed by fire.

MEN CALLED FOR NATIONAL ARMY GET SUMMONSES

Scores Who Leave For Camp This Month Officially Notified by Boards SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

Draftees to Entrain in City and Elizabethville For Meade and Lee

Reading Has Fire in Business Heart

Reading, Pa., April 19.—Twelve families, comprising over forty people, were driven into the street in nightclothes from their homes in the Saylor apartments, in the business heart of the city at 3 o'clock this morning, by a fire which gutted three stores, damaged another and threatened the entire apartment building, which is six stories high. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

ALL DISORDERLY HOUSES CLOSE IN ANTI-VICE DRIVE

Mayor Keister Acts at Suggestion of U. S. Department of Justice

SUSPECTS MUST LEAVE Proprietors of Alleged Resorts Told That Law Must Be Observed

Harrisburg is being "cleaned up," so far as vice and disorderly resorts are concerned. Mayor Keister this week received an urgent communication from the United States Department of Justice, informing him that the city must be made safe for the men in uniform who come into the city for furloughs or in passing through to their camps. In addition, the Mayor was told that the city should not be a harbor for disorderly houses, for the patronage of the military camp at Middletown, and the great influx of laborers who are carrying on the building projects near the city. Complying with the instructions of the Department of Justice, Mayor Keister at once called Chief of Police

Reserves Enlarge Work to Suppress Disloyal and Enforce the Laws

The Harrisburg Reserves will meet in the Courthouse at 7:30 o'clock this evening to discuss plans for widening the activities and enlarging the scope of the work of the organization. It is the purpose of the organization, aside from its military efforts as a home guard, to constitute itself a local civic body for the promotion of patriotic service, the enforcement of food and fuel laws and the suppression of disloyalty. The Reserves will see to it that all cases of disloyalty or laxity are reported to the proper authorities and will endeavor in every way to stimulate war work in Harrisburg. Jesse E. B. Cunningham, former deputy attorney general, will deliver a patriotic address.

LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS \$1,161,510,050

Washington—Subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan were raised to \$1,161,510,050 by additional reports received to-day at the Treasury.

ROBS TRAIN CONDUCTOR

Chicago—An armed robber wearing a soldier's trench cap boarded a Michigan Central passenger train last night at a suburban station and robbed the dining car conductor of \$236.

EARTH SHAKES MARTINIQUE

Fort de France Martinique—Slight earth shocks have been felt for several days. The tremors began soon after noon Sunday and continued until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

U. S. TAKES MAGNETO PLANTS

Washington—The government has taken over the big enemy-owned plants of the Bosch Magneto Company at Springfield, Mass., and Plainfield, N. J., and directors will be named by Alien Property Custodian Palmer.

SENATE WILL AGREE TO \$2.20 WHEAT

Washington—It is believed the Senate will agree to the price of \$2.20 per bushel for wheat, fixed by President Wilson, when the bill is sent from conference. The Senate had amended the bill so as to make the price \$2.50, believing the President's figures too low. The House rejected the higher price.

TEUTONS BOMBARD COAST

Amsterdam—German torpedo craft bombarded the coast between Dunkirk and Nieuport behind the allied lines in Flanders yesterday morning, says an official statement from Berlin to-day.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE INDICTED

Philadelphia—Judge William T. Wheeler, municipal court, was indicted by the grand jury to-day on the charge of embezzlement. So far as known, Judge Wheeler has not resigned. His resignation would be sent direct to Governor Brumbaugh. The jurist is accused of having misappropriated \$50,000 from an estate.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph J. Welty and Daly M. Morris, Harrisburg; Claude W. Baskin and Alice E. N. Steele, Steelton; Walker C. Ramsey, Pottsville; and Mary E. Nisley, Royallton; John J. Groupe and Edna T. Kuris, Middletown.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Saturday; colder to-night, with frost in exposed places; lower temperature about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Saturday; cooler to-night in south portion; light frost in exposed places; light northwest winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 56; Sun: Rises, 6:21 a. m.; sets, 7:30 p. m.; Moon: Full moon, April 26, 4:05 a. m.; River Stage: 11.6 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 71; lowest temperature, 56; mean temperature, 64; normal temperature, 62.