



# AMERICANS IN BATTLE LINE HELP CHECK NEW HUN ATTACK

## ALLIES HOLD FAST BEFORE DESPERATE GERMAN OFFENSIVE

### ENEMY'S GAINS SMALL IN NEW AMIENS DRIVE

Germans Battle Furiously With Men and Guns to Push Forward

CONSERVING MANPOWER

Massed Attacks Abandoned For Time Being in Latest Attack

American, British and French troops on a twenty-mile front in Picardy are withstanding renewed German efforts to reach Amiens. Battling furiously, and with the help of heavy artillery fire, the enemy infantry has gained but little and on most of the front his attempts are being repulsed by the allies.

Yielding only slightly at the first shock of the German assault in the renewal of the drive in the great battle south of the Somme, the British and Franco-American lines now are standing firmly against the desperate continuing assaults of the enemy.

Haig Regains Ground

On the ten-mile front south of the Somme where the intensive focus of the blow have been concentrated the British have lost Villers-Bretonneux and the French the village of Hangard en Santerre. Already Field Marshal Haig's forces have begun to react strongly in the vicinity of the former place and they have regained ground around it and considerably improved their general position. Hangard has once before been in German possession during the Somme battle, and it changed hands twice in the present fighting before the French drew out of it and established themselves firmly on its western edge. The Germans have made repeated attempts to debouch from the place but they have been repulsed.

The fighting is continuing to-day with the Germans desperately struggling to make the considerable headway they must if they are to gain anything but relatively valueless local headway. The decision in the renewal of the battle here rests not so much yet with either side. The meager gains of the enemy, however, after a pause long enough for him to bring up his heaviest artillery and when he must have been at the vanguard of his strength may well be compared with the sweeping successes achieved in the beginning of the battle last month when he won miles of ground a day and captured tens of thousands of prisoners.

Battle Continues

Meanwhile the Germans have not abandoned even temporarily their efforts on the Flanders battlefield. Apparently they are concentrating their blows on the sector dominated by Mount Kemmel with the object of forcing the defenders from this bulwark. They attacked the French last night in the region northeast of Bailleul and after being repulsed returned to the attack to-day with assault in the same region and on the British front further east.

Having forced the British from Villers-Bretonneux, south of the Somme and eleven miles east of Amiens, the enemy is facing the British on hill positions west and northwest of the village. American and French troops on the line from Hangard en Santerre to south of Castel are holding the Germans well in check. The only progress the enemy has made here has been in

Heavy Fighting During Night

"Heavy fighting took place all night in and around Villers-Bretonneux and still continues. Our troops regained ground by counterattacks and have taken a number of prisoners. The fighting yesterday on the whole of this front was most severe, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by artillery, infantry and tanks.

"North of the Villers-Bretonneux-St. Quentin road the enemy three times attacked our positions and on each occasion was repulsed with loss. During this fighting the enemy made use of a few tanks.

"Late yesterday evening the enemy also attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and was repulsed. Early this morning the enemy renewed his attacks in this sector and on British positions further east, after an intense bombardment. The fighting continues in this sector on a wide front.

Raid Near Bucquoy Repulsed

"A raid attempted by the enemy during the night in the neighborhood of Bucquoy was repulsed.

"The hostile artillery has been active during the night in the Festubert and Robecq sectors."

RESERVES WILL NOT DRILL

Owing to the Liberty Loan drive and holiday to-morrow, the Harrisburg reserves will not drill to-morrow evening, Captain Henry M. Stine, officer in command, announced to-day.

**THE WEATHER**

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cool to-night, with light frost, lowest temperature about 36 degrees; Friday partly cloudy.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 38. Sun: Rises, 6:14 a. m.; sets, 7:46 p. m.

Moon: Full moon, to-morrow, 3:05 a. m.

River Stage: 7.9 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 61. Lowest temperature, 44. Mean temperature, 52. Normal temperature, 54.

### TANKS IN ACTION ON BOTH SIDES FOR FIRST TIME

With the British Army in France, April 25.—Tanks went into action on both sides for the first time in history. In the battle about Villers-Bretonneux the German tanks appeared at the beginning of the attack. The British tanks joined in the fray. The latter did heavy execution when they got among the enemy infantry.

British counterattacks drove the enemy from the wood toward Villers-Bretonneux but the Germans rushed a large number of machine guns into the town and their fire was so intense that the first counterattacks was held up.

### GERMAN DRIVE AIMED TOWARD KEMMEL HILL

British Tanks Cut Down Teutons in Fighting at Villers-Bretonneux

With the British Army in France, April 25.—The German attack against the French and British lines on the northern front in the Dranoutre-Kemmel sector is continuing. The Teuton assault was intended to have the way for the capture of Kemmel Hill.

Vigorous British counterattacks toward Villers-Bretonneux apparently resulted in the recovery of a considerable part of the territory lost to the Germans yesterday. The battle still is raging however, and it is too early to make claims.

Both British and German tanks participated in the fighting at Villers-Bretonneux. Two British tanks, it is reported, got among a mass of Germans and did great execution.

The Germans made a determined attempt to rush toward Kemmel Hill yesterday without appreciable effect. The French counterattacks and restored the position.

At 2 o'clock this morning the Germans set off an intense gas bombardment on the Anglo-French front in Flanders and two hours later deep waves of infantry delivered an assault. Fighting still is in progress.

Drive For Amiens Held in Check by the Allies; Heavy Fighting in Night

London, April 25.—Three attacks made by the Germans on British positions east of Amiens have been repulsed, it is announced officially.

On the Flanders front late yesterday the Germans attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and against British positions further east.

The British regained ground around Villers-Bretonneux by counterattacks and took prisoners. Severe fighting was in progress all night in and around Villers-Bretonneux and still continues. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy there.

On the Bailleul sector the battle is continuing over a wide front. The statement follows:

Heavy Fighting During Night

"Heavy fighting took place all night in and around Villers-Bretonneux and still continues. Our troops regained ground by counterattacks and have taken a number of prisoners. The fighting yesterday on the whole of this front was most severe, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by artillery, infantry and tanks.

"North of the Villers-Bretonneux-St. Quentin road the enemy three times attacked our positions and on each occasion was repulsed with loss. During this fighting the enemy made use of a few tanks.

"Late yesterday evening the enemy also attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and was repulsed. Early this morning the enemy renewed his attacks in this sector and on British positions further east, after an intense bombardment. The fighting continues in this sector on a wide front.

War Minister Sought Details

The London to newspaper reports several railway trains were blown up by revolutionists during the troubles in Mexico. In order to form an opinion whether in the event of a European war, explosions of this kind would have to be reckoned with, it is requested that if possible, information should be obtained as to how

Husband Kills Wife at Toilet; Turns Weapon on Police, Then a Suicide

York, Pa., April 25.—Crazed by jealousy because he believed his wife had been unfaithful to him, Norman Sylvester Spangler, 23 years old, to-day shot and killed his bride of a few months and then fired four bullets through his chest. He was shot in the back by a police officer who had attempted to arrest him. He ended his own life by sending a bullet through his heart. Before shooting himself he fired four shots at the Chief of Police and Patrolman Slayman as they rushed into the C. H. Platt cigar factory, where the double tragedy occurred to-day.

Mrs. Spangler was shot as she sat at her bench, four bullets entering her back. Fifty other employees of the factory became panic-stricken as Spangler stood over his wife with the smoking revolver in his hand. He calmly reloaded the empty chambers and waited for the police he had been told were notified.

Samuel A. LaRue, of Draft Appeal Fame, Discharged

Samuel A. LaRue, of New Freedom, York county farmer, whose efforts to keep out of the National Army brought him wide notoriety, is not wanted in the Army. Announcement came from Camp Meade to-day that he is to be discharged.

LaRue, it appears, would not fight because of his "conscientious scruples" and was placed in a working brigade. Aid now it appears that the commanding officer would rather have him go home. Draft officials kept tabs of the first ten appeals made by LaRue to keep out of the Army. He appealed the last time to President Wilson.

Brigadier General Donnelly Faces Military Court

Washington, April 25.—Brigadier General Arthur B. Donnelly, a former Missouri National Guard officer, is under arrest at Camp Mills, New York, facing trial by court-martial. War Department officials last night refused to discuss the nature of the charges against the officer or to say when he would be brought to trial.

An official report made by an inspecting officer charges that General Donnelly participated in games of cards with junior officers in which money was passed, that the games were held in the general's tent and that liquor was served to the players. Strong influence has been brought to bear on the War Department to have the charges dropped, but Secretary Baker refused to interfere.

Liberty Day!

THE warmth of the sun on the still, brown earth; The lift of a passing breeze; The flight of a bird on the opened wing; The rustling murmur of leaves; The breath of a rose on the summer air; The glint of moon on the snow; Living and loving and serving God; As our children around us grow.

These are the things, but the price,—the PRICE— While a mad beast prowls at will, Whose hands drip blood, whose lustful eye Appraises to ruin, or kill? The price? American manhood knows, As our fathers before us knew, And the flag of them both shall not return Till this fearful thing is through!

[Written for the Telegraph.]

—ANNA HAMILTON WOOD.

### TEUTONS SOUGHT WAR SINEWS ON MARCH 12, 1914

Papers Taken From Captain Von Papen Disprove Declarations of Germany

ASKED WAY TO DESTROY

Late Washington Military Attache Wrote of Explosions on Mexican Railways

Washington, April 25.—Repeated declarations of the German emperor and Hindenburg and Ludendorff that the war was forced upon Germany, and assertions from the same sources that Germany was taken by surprise by the Russian mobilization, attaches particular interest to certain papers taken from Captain Von Papen, late military attache at Washington.

Among the papers which have been published by the British government is a white book, appearing a letter from R. von Wild, of the German war ministry in Berlin, to Captain Von Papen seeking information regarding the best means of blowing up railroad trains "in the event of a European war." The significant point is that this letter was written March 12, 1914, about five months before the outbreak of war. This letter reads:

"War Minister Sought Details

The London to newspaper reports several railway trains were blown up by revolutionists during the troubles in Mexico. In order to form an opinion whether in the event of a European war, explosions of this kind would have to be reckoned with, it is requested that if possible, information should be obtained as to how

Harrisburg Must Work Hard to Go Over Bond Quota

\$975,000 Remains to Be Subscribed in Next Twenty-four Hours; Over Half Million Comes in Today; Parade Tonight to Boost Loan

Harrisburg must in one day raise \$975,000 in round figures if it is to go over the top in the Liberty Loan drive now under way.

The casualties met in Chestnut street hall this noon for lunch and reported that they had taken subscriptions to the amount of \$503,550 in the past twenty-four hours. This makes a total of \$2,520,000 of bonds sold to date.

The total requirement for the city is \$3,500,000, and Chairman Andrew S. Patterson, in urging the committeemen to work hard during the final day, said: "To-morrow we are coming in here and the doors will be locked. We are going over the top at that meeting. There is nothing held back. It is for you men to do this great patriotic duty in the next twenty-four hours. Will you do it?"

And the big crowd roared back: "We will," and went out for an afternoon of hard canvassing.

Lots of Rivalry

There was lots of love and rivalry to the noon rally to-day. As the various team captains and division commanders reported their men cheered and sang, and every large subscription brought forth loud applause. The choir of Grace Methodist Church, led by John W. Phillips, occupied a special table and sang patriotic songs. Mr. Phillips led the singing of the committee, which was a big part of the program, while the Rev. Dr. Rice had charge of the devotions.

One team captain reported that he had taken a subscription for two bonds from a German who had two brothers in the German Army, but who had no time for the Kaiser's form of government. Another announced that the committee canvassing the Hamilton school building had signed up the teachers there for a 100 per cent. record. The Harrisburg Jitney-men's Association brought \$100 worth of bonds and in addition each member subscribed, giving the organization a record of 100 per cent.

During the meeting thirty-nine members of the letter carrier force of the city marched into the room in uniform and volunteered to help lead the singing of the committee, received with cheers and divided up among the various teams with permission from Postmaster Sites to

Divorce Too Expensive, So Couple Who "Can't Get Along" Will Stay Married

After being sent from the marriage license bureau to the probate court to get more information about a divorce, a colored couple, man and wife, found the legal procedure necessary to separate them forever, was entirely too expensive. They explained in the probate court's office that they could "not get along now," and wanted to be separated. After they were told to consult a lawyer and the course of action was explained, the question of costs attracted the attention of Friend Husband. When told what the charges would be and upon hearing his wife declare she wouldn't pay "a blamed cent of it," he finally took her by the arm and left, saying he would think it over. Several attorneys were in the office at the time. The colored man promised to call on one of them to-day, but at a late hour the lawyer said he hadn't seen his "new client."

Business to Stop at Noon on Liberty Day

Virtually every store, barber shop and business place of the city will close to-morrow afternoon in observance of Liberty Day. This time is to be used in boosting the Third Liberty Loan. The action of storekeepers is in harmony with the proclamations of President Woodrow Wilson, Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh and Mayor Daniel L. Keister, asking that merchants and business men close their places of business at 1 o'clock to-morrow. The post office and Hill and Mclay stations will close and the 4 o'clock delivery will be omitted. There will be a "walkaround" of Liberty Loan workers to-morrow if the city goes over the top.

While you save for Liberty Bonds teach the youngsters war savings. A Nickel Begins the Job

THESE TWO MOTHERS KNOW WHAT LIBERTY BONDS MEAN

Women Who Have Made Supreme Sacrifice Expect Those Safely at Home to Do Something For Nation

By ANNA HAMILTON WOOD

When President Wilson closed his memorable address to Congress last April he used the words, "The day has come when America is privileged to hear her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured." A fervent appeal sounded from the loyal hearts all over our country and the spirit of it is the courage which sustains mother-heart to-day.

In her little house in Logan, street sat Mrs. Edward Auran, whose only

child, Earl Auran, was the fifth American to give his life on the firing-line of France and talked with a representative of the Telegraph yesterday of what the great Liberty Loan drive means.

"The Germans MUST be wiped out, they must be finished," she cried, and I know that they will be. My faith in God will not allow me to feel otherwise. He is just and cannot give victory to the wicked. I have given the dearest, greatest

[Continued on Page 20.]

## Liberty Day!

Ours is the voice of all liberty, Our shores are a haven of rest; The name of America girdles the earth, In countless languages blest. O, hearts of our men and our women, awake! The great testing-hour is here. Shall the freedom we won and so freely gave Know the blackening shadow of fear? Can the flag go down in the mire and mud Which has never been lowered 'before' Can we face the look in our children's eyes If our souls have broken the law? Awake! for our LIBERTY DAY'S bright dawn Is tinting the east with gold. There is work to be done and a good race won Ere the tale of this day is told.

—ANNA HAMILTON WOOD.

## HARRISBURG MUST WORK HARD TO GO OVER BOND QUOTA

DARING RESCUE OF 200 THRILLS IN NAVAL RAID

Under Heavy Fire Quick Success Is Given Crews of Block Ships

By Associated Press

Dover, Eng., April 25.—One of the most thrilling incidents of the British naval raid on Zeebrugge last Tuesday was the rescue by two American built motor launches of nearly 200 members of the crew of two block ships sunk at the entrance to the Bruges canal. The feat was accomplished under a heavy fire and the actual transfer was made in less than five minutes.

Two of the three block ships which passed inside the mole reached their objective about broadside across the mouth of the channel. Then according to plans two motor launches dashed in from the sea through the

NEW CUMBERLAND CONTRACT LET AT WASHINGTON TO BATES AND ROGERS OF CHICAGO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE "BIG" QUARTERMASTERS DEPOT TO BE ERECTED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT BELOW QUAKERS RUN TRACT. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONTRACTORS, WHO ARE AMONG THE BIGGEST FIRMS OF THE MIDDLE WEST, ARE IN HARRISBURG TO-DAY AND ARE PREPARING TO START THE WORK WITHIN A FEW DAYS. A WORKING FORCE AS LARGE AS THAT AT MIDDLETOWN WILL BE REQUIRED, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL OF THE BUILDINGS WILL BE OF PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION. MAJOR GRAY WILL NOT HAVE CHARGE OF THIS WORK, THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAVING DECIDED TO DIVIDE THE RESPONSIBILITY BY DETAILING ANOTHER OFFICER TO NEW CUMBERLAND.

BRITISH AMMUNITION LOSS IS HEAVY

London.—The British have lost nearly 1,000 guns, between 4,000 and 5,000 machine guns and the total manufacture of ammunition of between one and three weeks since the present battle in France began. Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, told the House of Commons to-day. All these losses have been made good.

WILLARD SKEPTICAL AS TO BOUT

Chicago.—Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, is skeptical regarding his proposed title bout with Fred Fulton, the Minnesota heavyweight. "On his return here to-day Willard said: "The difficulty encountered by Colonel Miller in arranging for the bout at Minneapolis makes it look as though I won't get a chance to fight Fulton after all."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry A. Kitzmiller and Martha J. Miller, Elizabethville; Samuel C. Berger, Lemoyne, and Evanda Cecilia Troutman, Harrisburg.

ONE COMPANY OF MARINES LOSES HALF IN BATTLE

American Unit Nearly Wiped Out by Fire of Huns

KILL FEW INFANTRYMEN

Less Than Dozen Dead in Fight Germans Claimed as "Victory"

By Associated Press

Washington, April 25.—The number of Americans killed in the German attack of April 20 near Seichey was less than a dozen and the number of injured was about twenty. These figures made known to-day appeared to support the German claim that 183 Americans were captured since it previously had been admitted that the American casualty was around 200.

Washington, April 25.—Marines fighting in France have had a total of 274 casualties, marine corps headquarters announced to-day. The casualties were divided as follows: Officers, wounded, 4; enlisted men killed, 34; and enlisted men wounded, 236.

One company lost twenty-one men killed and 140 wounded out of a total strength of 250 men. This was the first official announcement that the marines are taking an active part in the fighting. The marines were among the first soldiers to go to France but it had been understood they were being used for police purposes back of the fighting line.

BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS RESUMED BY GERMANS

Paris, April 25.—The long-range bombardment of Paris was resumed this morning.

London, April 25.—It is reported that a well-placed French shell has destroyed the entire crew of gunners manipulating the long-range gun which has been firing on Paris.

## BIG AMERICAN LINER OVERTURNS IN HOME PORT

Military Authorities Take Charge of Situation and Begin Investigation

SIX WORKMEN DROWNED

Ship Was Long in Transatlantic Service and Did Much War Work

By Associated Press

An Atlantic Port, April 12.—The American Line steamship St. Paul overturned while being warped around her pier here to-day after coming from a nearby dry dock. It is believed all persons on board, between 500 and 600 workmen, escaped, but as the vessel lies two-thirds submerged, with her bow on the bottom and her stern high in the air, the military authorities were unwilling to announce that no one perished. It was considered possible that some of the men might have been caught in the interior of the ship and drowned.

The St. Paul was one of the crack steamships of the American Line, registering 11,625 tons gross. For many years she has been in trans-Atlantic service and during the war has taken to Europe and brought back as passengers many noted persons.

Whether the St. Paul's sea-cocks were left open or whether the bal-

[Continued on Page 10.]

America's Consul at Helsingfors Heard From, Wires of Terrible Past

By Associated Press

Stockholm, April 25.—With the re-establishment of telegraphic communication between Helsingfors and Stockholm, after a fortnight's suspension, American Consul Haynes at Helsingfors has sent the following message to the American legation here: "The past has been terrible. The present is bearable. The future is uncertain."

Divorce Too Expensive, So Couple Who "Can't Get Along" Will Stay Married

After being sent from the marriage license bureau to the probate court to get more information about a divorce, a colored couple, man and wife, found the legal procedure necessary to separate them forever, was entirely too expensive. They explained in the probate court's office that they could "not get along now," and wanted to be separated. After they were told to consult a lawyer and the course of action was explained, the question of costs attracted the attention of Friend Husband. When told what the charges would be and upon hearing his wife declare she wouldn't pay "a blamed cent of it," he finally took her by the arm and left, saying he would think it over. Several attorneys were in the office at the time. The colored man promised to call on one of them to-day, but at a late hour the lawyer said he hadn't seen his "new client."

Business to Stop at Noon on Liberty Day

Virtually every store, barber shop and business place of the city will close to-morrow afternoon in observance of Liberty Day. This time is to be used in boosting the Third Liberty Loan. The action of storekeepers is in harmony with the proclamations of President Woodrow Wilson, Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh and Mayor Daniel L. Keister, asking that merchants and business men close their places of business at 1 o'clock to-morrow. The post office and Hill and Mclay stations will close and the 4 o'clock delivery will be omitted. There will be a "walkaround" of Liberty Loan workers to-morrow if the city goes over the top.

While you save for Liberty Bonds teach the youngsters war savings. A Nickel Begins the Job

THESE TWO MOTHERS KNOW WHAT LIBERTY BONDS MEAN

Women Who Have Made Supreme Sacrifice Expect Those Safely at Home to Do Something For Nation

By ANNA HAMILTON WOOD

When President Wilson closed his memorable address to Congress last April he used the words, "The day has come when America is privileged to hear her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured." A fervent appeal sounded from the loyal hearts all over our country and the spirit of it is the courage which sustains mother-heart to-day.

In her little house in Logan, street sat Mrs. Edward Auran, whose only

child, Earl Auran, was the fifth American to give his life on the firing-line of France and talked with a representative of the Telegraph yesterday of what the great Liberty Loan drive means.

"The Germans MUST be wiped out, they must be finished," she cried, and I know that they will be. My faith in God will not allow me to feel otherwise. He is just and cannot give victory to the wicked. I have given the dearest, greatest

[Continued on Page 20.]

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry A. Kitzmiller and Martha J. Miller, Elizabethville; Samuel C. Berger, Lemoyne, and Evanda Cecilia Troutman, Harrisburg.