



GERMAN ARTILLERY PREPARES WAY FOR ATTACK IN FLANDERS

ALLIED LINES NEAR YPRES SUBJECTED TO HEAVY GUNFIRE

London, May 4.—An intense bombardment was opened by the Germans early this morning on the Flanders front from Loere to the south of Ypres. There is great activity also in the sector between the forest of de Nieppe and Meteren, the war office announces.

Germany's military leaders still hesitate to renew in force the offensive to which they are committed and the full in Flanders and Picardy is still unbroken by heavy infantry fighting.

The past week has been a distinctly unfavorable one for the enemy. After capturing Mont Kemmel and heralding it as only the first step of a victorious blow in Flanders, the Germans have not been able to advance either southwest of Ypres or east of Amiens.

French Make Local Gains. In Picardy during the past few days the British and French, especially General Petains' men, have made important local gains and the Germans have not reacted in force, an unusual procedure.

Intense enemy artillery fire on the southern flank in Flanders has not been followed by an infantry fighting. The Germans also are bombarding heavily the British north of Albert. Perhaps the enemy may intend a blow on the Arras salient.

Anglo-French airmen continue to harass the German communication lines in northern France and Belgium and have recently dropped bombs on railroads, railway stations and other important targets.

Great Russia rapidly is being cut off from access to its former European allies. Finland is almost completely under control of the Finnish government forces and its German allies, while in the south of all but the eastern coast of the Black Sea is in the hands of the central empires.

Berlin significantly refers to the Finnish red guards as the "enemy" in announcing the defeat and capture of 29,000 of them. Reports that a German prince will head a monarchy in Finland again, are being circulated. These rumors come from Finnish cities under German control.

German Submarine Base Still Blocked. London, May 4.—Latest reports show that the Germans are displaying great activity in endeavoring to repair the damage caused at Zeebrugge, the submarine base on the Belgian coast, by the recent British naval raid.

Britain Is Ready to Meet Peace Drive. London, May 3.—In the personal opinion of Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, the failure of Germany's "knockout offensive" on the Western front will result in a big peace offensive, directed mainly against Great Britain and possibly made in an attractive form, but which will not afford any terms the Allies can look at.

Overland Records Prove Physicians Use Closed Cars. A study of the sales records of Willys-Overland, Inc., reveals many interesting facts in connection with the growing business uses of the motorcar. It is an established fact that the farmer has been one of the largest purchasers of the automobiles and now it has been conservatively estimated that 63 per cent of the automobile ownership is confined to the rural districts including towns of less than 5,000 population.

John C. Motter Talks Investments — Put THRIFT STAMPS up to him, and then buy so many a week Uncle Sam will be glad

Her Cooking Economy Appeals to War Savers



MRS. KATE BREW VAUGHN. Many endorsements are given popular cookery teacher, who returns to Harrisburg next week to conduct her famous series of war lectures and demonstrations.

YOUTHFUL RED CROSS WORKERS TAG THOUSANDS

City Combed From End to End by Children For Patriotic Cause. Eighty thousand Harrisburgers played in a game of "tag" to-day. Every man and woman in the street was "it" and every youngster was chasing him or her. "Buy a tag!" You had to do it to-day or you were in trouble. The proceeds of the sale are to go to the Junior Red Cross and the buying of supplies for the thousands of school children who

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ASK HARRISBURG FOR VOLUNTEERS TO GO TO FRONT

J. William Bowman, Chairman of Committee to Recruit For "Y" Service. "We hope to have Harrisburg represented in France in the Y. M. C. A. work," said ex-Mayor J. William Bowman, chairman of the recruiting committee to-day. "Indeed it is essential that every city the size of Harrisburg send a number of men to France to help in the great work being done by the Y. M. C. A. for our soldiers. After hearing of the meeting yesterday I have been more than impressed with the importance of the work. We must provide not only dollars but men, and there is opportunity for men of many qualifications. The committee will get to work immediately and we hope to have many volunteers from Harrisburg and vicinity."

Mr. Bowman was appointed chairman of the committee to recruit vol-

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U. S. AND NORWAY SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT

Washington, May 4.—Signing of a general commercial agreement between the United States and Norway, the first agreement of the kind to be entered into by America with one of the north European neutrals, was announced last night by the War Trade Board.

RUSSIA TO SEND 40,000 TEUTONS HOME WEEKLY

3,000,000 Prisoners to Be Repatriated Through New Arrangement. Moscow, Saturday, April 27.—The exchange of prisoners with Germany will soon begin. A special commission charged with this work has arrived here with Count von Mirbach, the new German Ambassador to Russia. There are 3,000,000 Russians in German hands, while 1,000,000 Germans are held in Russia. The first to be exchanged will be women, boys under sixteen and

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NATION TAKES ALL U. S. NAVY TO HAVE 500,000 MEN THIS YEAR

America Has 170 Warships, Manned by 40,000 Sailors, in Foreign Waters. New York, May 4.—The United States Navy will be increased to nearly 500,000 men before the end of the year, declared Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, in an address last night at the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn. "He added that, whereas there were only 75,000 men in the Navy at the beginning of the war, there are now 370,000."

Speaking of "The Navy," Mr. Roosevelt said that "it is somewhat difficult nowadays to talk of the Navy," but he added that he was giving away no secrets in stating that the United States now has 170 warships, manned by 40,000 sailors, in foreign waters.

Daily Addition to Fleet. "Hardly a day passes in which we do not add a ship to the American fleet in Europe," he continued, but warned his audience that we may "lose a transport in these U-boat attacks."

Asserting that Germany cannot be beaten by "words, starvation or by hoping for a revolution in Austria," he continued: "We must win this war by fighting Germany on the field. No man has the right to be optimistic and say 'we are going to win this war, unless he helps to bring about the victory.'"

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TEUTON DRIVE ON KEMMEL FIERCER THAN AT VERDUN

German Gunners Placed Ten Shells Per Second on Crest of Hill. With the British Army in France, Friday, May 3.—Veterans of the defense of Verdun predominated among the French soldiers who so gallantly defended Kemmel hill against the Germans. Many of them had fought at Fleury, but declare Verdun was nothing compared to what the French troops experienced during the German drive against Kemmel. The French troops took up positions about Kemmel on April 22, relieving the battle-weary British. Throughout April 23 and 24, before the attack, the Germans maintained a tremendous bombardment and threw hundreds of thousands of gas shells mixed with ordinary explosive shells.

Ten Shells Per Second. On the morning of the attack on Kemmel the German gunners placed ten big shells per second on the crest of the hill and during that day the French put on their gas masks fifty different times, for as fast as the wind cleared the gas away another deluge of the poisonous vapor poured over the hill. Part of the time the poilus had to sleep in their gas masks. Despite the great quantities of gas thrown, the French had only twelve casualties from it, according to the latest reports.

A large part of the fighting was with machine guns, of which the Germans always had great numbers, and at times they were snatching fire was terrific. The French artillery and machine guns, however, reaped a great harvest from the enemy. The German losses in forty instances are placed as high as forty per cent.

The rationing of one famous regiment which fought at Verdun was a great feat. It always had been noted that his fine rations, and the commander decided nothing should deprive the men of their accustomed fare. It was impossible to use the transport because of the artillery fire, so that rations were brought forward on machine gun carriages under a heavy fire. The regiment had its beefsteak and plum every day, furnished neighboring regiments as well.

Teuton Planes Pour Fire. German airplanes were put in force. They flew at an altitude of 100 meters and used machine guns continuously against the infantry.

Son Turns Alien Father's Property Over to U. S.; \$40,000,000 in All. Washington, May 4.—George Ehret, Jr., of New York city, upon learning from the State Department that his father, George Ehret, Sr., had been living in Berlin since the declaration of war, has reported all of his father's property to the alien property custodian as of enemy character and announced his readiness to turn over to the custody of the government real estate amounting to \$25,000,000 and personal property amounting to \$15,000,000, or \$40,000,000 in all.

In announcing Mr. Ehret's action last night, A. Mitchell Palmer, the alien property custodian, said no change in the management of this property was contemplated.

Nurse Held as Slayer Burns Self to Death. Springfield, Mass., May 4.—Miss Minnie L. Buterworth, a Holyoke nurse, who shot and killed George A. Elliott, a Holyoke druggist in that city on April 5, committed suicide this evening in the York street jail by wrapping herself in blankets and setting fire to them. The act was committed in the bathroom of the jail. She died at a hospital two hours later.

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LATE NEWS

RESENTS PRAISE OF BRITISH. Amsterdam.—Count Reventlow is incensed particularly because the German papers expressed satisfaction of the manner in which the famous German aviator, Captain Baron Von Richthofen, was buried by the British and says all members of the flying corps "who buried our hero are nothing but war profiteers."

OLDEST ALUMNI IS DEAD. New York.—Robert Morris Olyphant, oldest alumnus of Columbia University and honor chairman of the executive committee of the Delaware & Hudson railroad, died at his home here yesterday in this 94th year.

THIRD LOAN OVERSCRIBED. Washington.—The Third Liberty Loan has been oversubscribed by \$6,888,900 the Treasury reported to-day. Later figures are expected to raise the total far above three billion.

PEACE EMISSARY IN ENGLAND. London.—An emissary of Germany's new peace offensive already is in England. According to the Central News he is a Dutch financier. Another agent, the agency says, is believed to be on the way.

AMERICAN VILLAGE AT PISA. Rome.—An American village will rise shortly at the gates of Pisa to accommodate 2,000 refugees from Venetia. Plans have been adopted. The work will be carried out by the American Red Cross.

LORD MAYOR OF IRELAND COMING. London.—The Dublin correspondent of the Express quotes the Lord Mayor of Dublin as saying in an interview that he was expecting to receive passports soon to visit to Washington.

GUARDS DISCOVER TUNNEL UNDER PRISON. Atlanta, Ga.—An apparent attempt at a wholesale delivery of the German prisoners at Fort McPherson was foiled late yesterday when the guards discovered a fifty-foot tunnel leading from under one of the prisoners' barracks toward the double wire fence which encloses the prison camp, it became known to-day.

BRITISH IMPROVE POSITION. London.—The British slightly improved their position in a minor operation near Hinges, southeast of Amiens while on the northern front the French carried out a local enterprise in which prisoners were taken in the Loere sector.

MISSION AVOIDED GERMANS. New Castle on Tyne.—The American Red Cross mission to Rumania which left Jassy on March 9, has arrived here. In order to avoid contact with the Germans the Americans took a circuitous route through Russia and left Russia by a northern port. All the members of the mission are well.

FIGHTING ALONG AVRE RIVER. Paris.—Spirited artillery fighting along the Avre river on the front southeast of Amiens, is reported in to-day's official statement.

PROBABLY SHOWERS TONIGHT. Washington.—Weather forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy in south; probably showers in northern portion to-night and Sunday; moderate shifting winds.

LIBERTY LOAN HAS CALL. New York.—Wall Street—Stocks were dull and barely steady in the first half hour of to-day's session, general interest centering in the wind up of the Liberty drive. The only stock to vary more than a fraction was General Motors which last 1 3-8 points. U. S. Steel yielded half a point with Bethlehem and Midvale. These recessions were balanced by similar gains in Lackawanna Steel and Marine preferred. Rails were again ignored with minor specialties. Liberty Bonds reacted slightly.

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