



HUNS LAUNCH TERRIFIC ATTACK AGAINST ALLIES

BIG GUNS OPEN FIRE ON PARIS

Powerful Thrust Is Made on Long Line For Important Channel Points and Paris; Fighting Expected to Grow in Intensity and Widen as to Area; Americans Probably Taking Part in Stupendous Conflict

By Associated Press

Paris, May 27.—After a long interval, the Germans again began to bombard Paris with long-range guns at 6.30 o'clock this morning. London, May 27.—Strong German attacks developed early this morning against the British and French positions between Rheims and Soissons, the war office announced. The attacks were preceded by a heavy bombardment. The Germans also attacked this morning in Flanders, between Loere and Voormezele, on the northern side of the salient. The text of the statement reads: "Strong hostile attacks, preceded by a bombardment of great intensity, developed early this morning on a wide front against the British and French troops on the line between Rheims and Soissons and against French troops between Loere and Voormezele. "There was considerable hostile artillery activity yesterday and last night on the British front."

Paris, May 27.—Over the front between the forest of Pinon and Rheims the Germans launched an attack this morning the war office announced. The French and British troops are resisting with their habitual valiance. The statement follows: "In the latter part of the night the Germans opened a very violent bombardment all along the front between the forest of Pinon and Rheims. This morning an enemy attack is in progress along a very extended front between these two points. "France-British troops are resisting the German thrust with their habitual valiance. The battle is continuing. "In the Champagne, on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), in Apremont forest, and in the Woevre there was active artillery fighting. During the night the Germans delivered several local attacks in the Apremont forest, but were repulsed after spirited fighting which the Germans sustained losses. Two other efforts, in the region of Limey, northeast of Badonviller also were repulsed. The French took prisoners."

With the British Army in France, May 27.—The latest reports show that the Germans have made small progress in places. The attack of the Germans in the sector northwest of Kemmel appeared to be directed against the ground captured by the French on May 20.

Germany has resumed her drive for a decision on the western front after a lapse of nearly four weeks, striking in the south between Rheims and Soissons, and in Flanders on the northern side of the Lys salient. While it is too early for the true German intention to be disclosed, the effort apparently is simultaneously to push through to the channel ports in the north, thus breaking up the British front, and to strike for Paris in the south in an effort aimed mainly at the French. Open Long Attack The main field of the German attack began last March and halted after the disastrous enemy reverse in Flanders late in April—the Somme region in the direction of Amiens—has been neglected by the German command in his new thrust. The possibility exists, however, that the fighting will be extended to this area as the battle develops. The southern blow which covers

a front of some forty miles and apparently is by far the more important of the two, has come at a point most probably considered the least probable for a renewal of the German attempt. The fact that both British and French troops are found holding this front, however, gives indication that General Foch, the allied commander-in-chief, has hardly been caught napping and has large forces massed there.

It was, indeed, on this front, between the tip of the Montdidier salient and Rheims, that the enemy flank was most dangerously exposed and where he must have felt himself invulnerable to a counter blow. If his attack here is neither a demonstration in force, to cover the main effort elsewhere nor a veritable drive at Paris, the possibility remains that it was launched with the intention of driving the allies from their advantageous positions along the Oise and the Aisne, thus forestalling a flanking counter-effort by Foch's great reserve army. The stroke in Flanders, while of far less magnitude, covering a front of less than ten miles, is nevertheless aimed at the points which the Germans must take before they can hope to carry their April advance further toward the coast.

Allies Well Prepared Behind the Loere-Voormezele area lie the hills which constitute the backbone of the Franco-British position, only the outlying peak of which the Germans captured when they took Mont Kemmel last month. Mont Rouge, Mont Des Cats and other eminences are yet barring their way to the Germans. The allied positions along both fronts under attack are notably strong. In general, the allies seem well prepared for the thrust, and while they appear likely to be forced to give ground at points, the opinion of their high command has been reflected as confident in the ability of the allied forces to prevent the Germans from gaining anything decisive.

By their attack of to-day the Germans have extended the active battle. (Continued on Page 12.) PASSES AERIAL EXAMS Charles L. Bailey, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bailey, 2103 North Third street, who served several months with the French Ambulance Corps, and who took his final examinations for the aero service a short time ago, has been ordered to report at Dallas, Tex., as a member of the Military Aeronautics Corps on June 1.



PA. MISSIONARY SHOT DURING RIOT AT LILING, CHINA

Son Born to Dr. and Mrs. Niebel While Chinese Wreck Hospital at Liling Station

Bishop H. B. Hartzler, chairman of the United Evangelical Board of Missions, to-day received a cablegram from Dr. C. Newton Dubs, superintendent of the China missions of the denomination telling of the looting of the United Evangelical Hospital at Liling, Huan province, and the serious wounding of the Rev. A. E. Niebel, a Pennsylvania missionary stationed at that point. Mr. Lehman, the cablegram added, is recovering. The cablegram, which is very brief, announces the birth of a son to Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Niebel, also missionaries at the Liling station, where Dr. Niebel is in charge of the hospital, while the rioting was at its very height. The Niebels escaped unharmed. Dr. Niebel is the son of the Rev. B. H. Niebel, of Penobscot, a suburb of Harrisburg, and is well known throughout the United States. Dr. Dubs' message says that while the missionaries with the exception of Lehman got away with whole skins they lost everything and the hospital, a new and modern structure, was wrecked. The Changsha and Siangtan stations in the same province were not damaged. The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Knecht, of Mverstown, Pa., are reported on their way home. The news received to-day is the first indication of the looting of the city of Liling, which has been a storm center for the warring forces of the North and South of China for more than a year. Dr. Dubs' telegram indicates that the whole city was at the mercy of the rioting soldiers. Aside from those mentioned there are Miss Cora F. Hobein, Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Short and Mrs. Martha K. Wolf. The Rev. and Mrs. William Shambaugh are home on a vacation, visiting at present in Carlisle. Bishop and Mrs. H. B. Hartzler, of this city, recently furnished completely a room in the hospital which was looted. In addition to the hospital there is at Liling a boy's school, a girl's school, a woman's school and a day school, all of which, it is understood from the cablegram, were robbed.

BIG RECRUITING DRIVE IN CITY TO BE CUT SHORT

Youths of 21 Have Until May 30 to Enlist; Dr. Brady to Speak

Harrisburg's big two weeks' recruiting drive is off. The meetings scheduled for to-night and to-morrow night will be held but all others have been canceled. This announcement comes as a result of the War Department order that no efforts shall be made to stimulate enlistments of youths who will be obliged to register on June 5. The order issued yesterday by the Adjutant General will have such effect on the local recruiting station that only those youths, obliged to register on June 5, who have been accepted up until the evening of the 31st, will be eligible. [Continued on Page 2.] Arrival of Police Sent Him Hurrying to His "Work" "There the cork is out now. I must go to work." Thus, with wailing mouth, spoke a well-known police character this morning as out of the corner of his eye he saw approaching the police patrol to assist Thomas Gifford, intoxicated, to the police station. Gifford, by the way, who has been boarding at 121 1/2 South Second street, was intoxicated Saturday night when he was refused admittance to his boardinghouse. This morning he returned in the same condition and was again denied admission. So he lay down on the front porch with his blessed pint. In the meantime police headquarters were notified. During the interval Gifford became thirsty for a swallow from the flask and withdrew it from his pocket. He struggled and struggled with the cork, but it would not come out. Just then the police character came along with his mouth watered, so he volunteered his assistance. But just as he got the cork out and just as he was ready to reap the much-coveted reward, the police patrol hove in sight. And so he went on his way to "work." "This is the first time," policemen said, "that the character ever worked."

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PLANS ARE MADE READY

Peculiar Significance Is Given This Year to Day For Nation's Soldiers

Plans are being perfected for Harrisburg's annual Memorial Day parade and pageant which the committee in charge promises will be the finest and best staged in the Capital City in many years. Hundreds of people will be in line, representing various military and other organizations of the city, and bands will furnish patriotic music. The holiday will have a peculiar significance this year because of the hundreds of Harrisburg boys who are following in the footsteps of the veteran Grand Army men on foreign battlefields. Organizations taking part in the parade will meet in North Front street at 1.30 o'clock. The parade will form in North Front street, the right resting in Market street. The procession will move promptly at 2 o'clock, covering the following route: Down Market street to Fourth street; over the Mulberry street bridge to Thirteenth street and halt. The first division will step to the right, face front and present arms, while the second division passes. The first division will proceed to Mt. Calvary Cemetery for services. The second division will march out Thirteenth street to state, halt and salute while Post No. 520 passes and proceeds to the Lincoln Cemetery. The remainder of the division will proceed to the Harrisburg Cemetery to the speaker's platform for services and will then march to the soldiers' plot for further orders. Tentative Lineup The tentative lineup of the parade as announced this morning, is: First Division—Platoon of city police, Chief Marshal John A. Randall, Post No. 116, G. A. R., Assistant Chief Marshal E. B. Hoffman, Post No. 58, G. A. R., Chief of Staff William D. Rhoads, Highwire Band, Pennsylvania Reserve Militia, City Grays Veterans Association, Spanish-American War Veterans Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Second Division—Sons of Veterans Drum Corps, Sons of Veterans, Commonwealth Band, Post No. 58, G. A. R., Post No. 116, G. A. R., Perserance Band; Post No. 520, G. A. R.; convalesces with speakers, chairman and members of various G. A. R., posts.

WHILE HUN GUNS ROAR PRESIDENT HOLDS CONGRESS

"Politics Is Adjourned," President Declares; Asks Legislators to Eliminate

WAR PROFITS TO PAY

Increases in Taxation Should Be on Incomes and Luxuries, Too, He Asserts

Washington, May 27.—Just as the German cannon were thundering their herald of the renewed offensive on the western battlefield, President Wilson to-day appeared unexpectedly before Congress and demanded that, laying political considerations and all others aside, it remain in session until it has enacted new war tax laws to finance the growing cost of the war and prepare the country for the burden it must bear. "At the conclusion of his prepared address the President pausing, laid his hand over his manuscript and added another precedent-breaker to the long list he has established in his dealings with Congress. He addressed the assemblage extemporaneously, speaking earnestly and forcefully, while his auditors sat in a rapt and surprised silence. Drives Spurs Wilson "May I add this word, gentlemen," he said. "Just as I was leaving the White House I was told that the expected drive on the west front had apparently begun. You apparently realize how that solemnized my feeling as I came to you and how it seemed to strengthen a purpose which I have tried to express in these lines. "I have admired the work of this session. The way in which the two houses of Congress have co-operated with the Executive has been generous and admirable and has not the any spirit of suggesting duty neglected, but only to remind you of the common cause and the common obligations that have ventured to come to you to-day. Unfair to Wait Till 1919 It would be manifestly unfair, the President said, to wait until 1919 before determining what the new taxes would be. The President's address was comparatively brief, taking less than fifteen minutes for delivery. In specific terms the President gave a distinct warning against lobbying in connection with the new bill. There is indisputable evidence of profiteering at present, the President said, and he declared it must be reached by the new legislation. "Profiteering that cannot be got at by restraints of conscience," said the President, "can be got at by taxation. Urges Fearlessness on Congress There need be no hesitancy in taxing the country, the President told Congress, if it were taxed justly. He appealed to Congress to approach the great task without selfishness or fear of political consequences. "An intense and pitiless light beats upon every man and every action in the tragic plot of war that is now upon the stage," said the President. The President concluded with an appeal to Congress to do its work ungrudgingly and to give no guarantee a proper administration of the Treasury unless the question were settled at once. When he had concluded his address, the President unexpectedly made a brief extemporaneous statement, in which he said that just as he was leaving the White House for the Capitol he had heard that the new German drive apparently had just begun and that it added to the solemnity of his conception of the country's duty. The President's Address "Gentlemen of the Congress: "It is with unaffected reluctance that I come to ask you to prolong your session long enough to provide more adequate resources for the treasury for the conduct of the war. I have reason to believe as fully as you do how arduous the session has been. Your labors have been severe and protracted. You have passed a long series of measures which require the debate of many doubtful questions of judgment and many exceedingly difficult questions of principle as well as of practice. The summer is upon us in which labor and counsel are twice arduous and are constantly apt to be impaired by lassitude and fatigue. "The elections are at hand and we ought as soon as possible to render an intimate account of our trusteeship to the people who delegated [Continued on Page 14.] Mrs. Sullivan Contributes \$5 to the Red Cross A contribution of \$5 was received this morning for the Second Red Cross War Fund by the Harrisburg Chapter, American Red Cross, from Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, 526 North street. Mrs. Sullivan is the mother of Sylvester Sullivan, one of the Harrisburg boys who gave his life for his country in France. Contributions continue to pour in through each mail to the War Fund Headquarters received a large number of remittances this morning, the amounts ranging from \$1 to \$75.

FREIGHT RATES RAISED 25 PER CENT.; 3CT. FARE

Commuters Must Pay Ten Per Cent. Increase After June 10; Special Rates Go

WILL MEAN BIG REVENUE

New Schedules Go Into Effect Next Month, McAdoo Orders

Washington, May 27.—To meet wage increases just announced and higher costs of coal and other supplies this year, Director-General McAdoo to-day ordered railroad freight rates in the United States raised twenty-five per cent. and passenger fares increased to three cents a mile from the present basis of about two and a half cents. It is estimated that the program will bring between \$800,000,000 and \$900,000,000 more revenues to the railroads within the next year. It represents by far the biggest rate increase in the history of railroads. The new freight charges, which cover both class and commodity rates, become effective June 25 and the passenger increase will go into effect June 10. Issued under authority granted by the railroad act to President Wilson, acting through the Director-General. [Continued on Page 11.] ELMA SANDERS HURT When little Elma Sanders was riding her bicycle near Green and Peffer streets yesterday morning, a large touring car rounded the corner and the child was pinned between the curb and the car. She sustained a fracture of the left wrist and was taken to the office of Dr. Harvey Smith, where her wrist was dressed. The child is the daughter of Statu Zoologist James G. Sanders, 232 Mackay street. The automobile party did not stop.

SCHMIDT BAKING PLANTS CLOSED FOR FOUR WEEKS

Food Administrator Charges Violation of the National Wheat Saving Order

CONTROLLED BIG SUPPLY

Much of Bread Sold in City Was Baked by Schmidt-Controlled Shops

Three baking plants controlled by the Acme Baking Company and the Capital City Baking Company, in which Bernard Schmidt has the controlling interest, supplying thousands of loaves of bread daily to Harrisburg and surrounding towns, will be closed for a period of twenty-eight days, commencing Thursday, for infraction of food laws, according to an announcement issued this morning by local food administration authorities. These are the first Harrisburg or Dauphin county bakeries to be closed for infraction of food laws. Several stores, however, have been closed. Too little substitutes were placed in the bread and pastry baked during April according to administration statements this morning. Officials of the two concerns appeared this morning before the authorities for the imposition of the sentence and at that time acknowledged that they had failed to observe the requirements. The period during which these bakeries will be closed [Continued on Page 12.] PRESIDENT OF REICHSTAG IS DEAD AT THE AGE OF 76 Berlin, May 25. (Delayed)—Dr. Johannes Kaempff, president of the Reichstag, died to-day. Doctor Kaempff had been president of the Reichstag since 1912. He belonged to the Progressive People's party. He was 76 years old.

WAYNESBORO STRIKE ENDS

Waynesboro—After a parade of 4,000 striking employees of several industries of Waynesboro this morning a meeting was held at the Arcade Theater and the labor strike came to an end. The men are to resume work in the morning and all are to be taken back. The wage question will be adjusted later.

ALABAMA AVIATOR MISSING

Paris—Liet. Paul F. Baer, of Mobile, Alabama, an aviator, is posted as missing since May 22. It is hoped he is alive, as he may have been taken prisoner.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS EXEMPT

Washington—Soldiers and sailors are exempted from the 3-cent per mile railroad rate when traveling on furlough and at their own expense. There are other exemptions affecting G. A. R. men in traveling to encampments.

CONGRESS MUST NOT DELAY, SAYS WILSON

Washington—President Wilson advised Senator Simons he could not postpone war tax legislation and would have to ask Congress to proceed immediately.

"BIG BERTHA" SPEAKS TO PARIS AGAIN

Paris—The resumption of the bombardment of Paris was an unwelcome surprise to the Parisians, who had not heard the sound of exploding shells from the German "big Bertha" since May 1. There was no mistaking the peculiar "ping" with which the shells burst, however, and it immediately was recognized that the long-range firing was on again.

WOOD TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO

Washington—Major General Leonard Wood will not accompany his division at Camp Funston, Kansas, when it finally moves overseas, but it was understood to-day will go to command of the Department of the West, with headquarters at San Francisco.

CLEMENCEAU CONFERS WITH FOCH

Paris—Premier Clemenceau visited the front Sunday and conferred with General Foch, returning to Paris in the evening.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Wayne H. Hess, Philadelphia, and Myrtle A. Hoffman, Williamsport; Raymond L. Rossman, Harrisburg, and Helen Orr, Chambersburg; John C. Roden, Jr., and Elizabeth B. Foster, Harrisburg.

Extra clerks have been put at W. S. S. windows in our post office today. Did You Buy Thrift Stamps today?

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: cloudy to-night and Tuesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Tuesday, probably showers Tuesday in north portion; warmer to-night in southeast portion; gentle south winds.

River The main river will rise slowly; except the lower portion will remain nearly stationary to-night. The lower portion of the West Branch will rise somewhat to-night and fall Tuesday. The North Branch will rise, except the upper portion will begin to fall to-night or Tuesday. All other streams of the system will probably fall. A stage of about six feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.