

AS AMERICA SEES IT

HOPEFUL BRITISH MAY REGAIN LOST GROUND

ENEMY CAPTURES BAILLEUL

Allied Troops Have Fallen Back to New Positions North of That City.

Washington.—For the moment the German drive at the British line has localized on the sector running from Bailleul around to the eastward of Ypres, and military men here are watching with eager interest the British counter attacks on this narrow front, where further enemy successes probably would mean the evacuation of a large stretch of territory.

While the British official statement that the line east of Ypres had been withdrawn and readjusted on a new front did not give the position of the new line, it is known that the general trend of the British lines on this northern flank of the great battle is represented by almost a right angle. Troops which faced due east only a week ago are now fighting on a front that extends in a general east and west direction and they are facing south. From the lines to the east of Ypres the British have been swung back on a twelve mile front with the Ypres positions as the hinge of the movement. That hinge now forms a broad salient into the German lines which they are trying to flatten out.

British Positions Withdrawn

London.—The British positions before Ypres have been withdrawn to a new line and they have recaptured Meteren, on the northern battle front by a counter attack, it is announced officially.

South of Arras the Germans have been driven out of British trenches into which they had forced their way. The German artillery have become more active south of the Somme.

The British made a successful counter attack in the neighborhood of Wytschaete. Repeated German losses north of Bailleul were repulsed, the Germans suffering heavy losses.

EVERY MAN A HERO

Commanders Speak Highly in Praise of American Forces

With the American Army in France—Commanders of units who participated in the several days of fighting in company with the French in the Apremont wood sector are finding it difficult to pick out men who especially distinguished themselves in the operation.

One commander said that every man acted like a hero and it was hard to choose the most deserving cases. One of the most popular men with the soldiers on this sector is the Rev. Des Valles, a Catholic priest, of New Bedford, Mass., who is living with the men in an unofficial capacity, he having come to France as a representative of the Knights of Columbus.

When the attacks began, Father Des Valles, braving the dangers of shell and machine gun fire, went to the casualty clearing station near the front line to administer to the wounded. He assisted in dressing the injuries of the soldiers and gave each man a word of cheer. He handed out cigarettes to the men who smoked.

"He's as game as they make them and every inch a soldier," said a doughboy, while other soldiers spoke of the inspiration furnished by the priest.

Go into Battle Singing

The American troops, although tired from nearly six days of infantry activity, went into their positions in an all day fight singing and expressing their pleasure at an opportunity to fight in the open in preference to what they term "sewer fighting."

The residents of villages behind the lines saw the American moving forward and shouted words of encouragement to the truck loads of smiling men, who waved their caps and cheered heartily.

London.—Rioting attended the breaking up of an anti-conscription meeting in Belfast, according to a dispatch to the Daily News. Revolvers were used by the police, who were pelted with paving stones.

Praise for Portuguese

Lisbon.—Events on the western front and the words of praise sent by the British government to Portugal on the bravery of the Portuguese troops in the first days of the fighting south of Armentieres have greatly stirred the patriotic feeling in Portugal. All officers of the Lisbon garrison have offered to go to France immediately to replace and revenge their comrades. All the officers who took part in the December revolution have tendered their services, as has the minister of the interior.

French Youths Go into Training
Paris.—The 1916 contingent of the French Army (youths of nineteen years) is just going to the barracks to begin training. Although called out a year before the usual time, these young men are in better condition physically than any of their predecessors.

They are starting out in as high spirits as the army did in August, 1914, shouting from the car windows that they will beat the Germans.

ENEMY TAKES BAILLEUL

Haig Withdraws to Position North of That Place

London.—A dispatch to the war office says. Monday evening, preceded by an intense bombardment, the enemy launched very heavy attacks against our positions between Bailleul and Neuve Eglise. The assault was delivered by three picked German divisions, which had not been previously engaged in the battle and it succeeded after a fierce and bitter struggle in carrying the high ground southeast and east of Bailleul, known as Mount de Lille and Revetsberg. Our troops on this front have fallen back to new positions to the north of Bailleul and Wulverghem. Bailleul has fallen into the enemy's hands.

"The enemy also attacked southwest of Vieux Berquin under heavy artillery and trench mortar fire, but was repulsed.

"A number of prisoners were taken by us during the night in a successful minor enterprise southeast of Robecq.

Canada Abolishes Exemptions

Ottawa, Ont.—The Canadian government, in an official statement, announces that it has decided upon measures necessary to obtain immediate substantial reinforcements for the Canadian expeditionary force, need for which, it was asserted, has become imperative because of the situation on the western front.

The government has decided that unmarried men and widowers between the ages of 20 and 23 are not indispensable to agricultural and other essential industries. They will be called out first and all exemptions in their case abolished.

An order in council has been formulated which provides that not only are youths of 19 subject to the provisions of the military service act, but also all other youths when they reach that age.

The government is authorized under the military service act to raise 100,000 men. Developments at the front, it was said, would alone decide whether parliament would be asked to increase that number before the house is prorogued.

Fought Their Way Out

Paris.—American troops on the right bank of the Meuse (between St. Mihiel and Verdun) were attacked by picked detachments from four companies of Germans, following a violent bombardment with high explosive and gas shells which lasted from midnight until early morning.

The enemy swarmed into the trenches close behind their barrage, just as the Americans burst from their shelters, wielding bayonets and hurling grenades.

The Germans were completely repulsed, leaving thirty-four dead and ten wounded on the American wires. Thirty more dead Germans were counted in No Man's Land.

A party of twenty-five Americans, surrounded by a superior enemy force outside the trenches, fought their way through the Germans and returned to the American lines with prisoners.

An unknown number of enemy dead and wounded were dragged back to the German trenches.

Peace Movement Developing

London.—The Cologne Gazette, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph company, prints a report that a strong peace movement is developing in Austro-Hungarian circles in consequence of the resignation of Count Czernin the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. Many influential Austrian politicians, the dispatch adds, hold that the removal of Count Czernin affords an opportunity to seize peace negotiations which had been impossible while the count was minister for foreign affairs.

Occupy Seven Towns

London.—The Greek and British troops, which have crossed the Struma river on the eastern flank of the Macedonian front, now occupy seven towns, the war office announces. The statement follows:

"Greek troops crossed the river Struma above Lake Tahinok, and occupied the villages of Beglik-Mah, Karakaska, Salmah, Kispelki and Ada. The operation was most successfully carried out with slight casualties.

Kobe, Japan.—The forces which have landed at Vladivostok to protect the consulates and residents consist of a Japanese brigade and a detachment from the British armored cruiser Suffolk.

With the American Army in France—Reports from British commanders which have just been received at American headquarters give the first definite information that American engineering troops in large numbers were among the forces hastily assembled from all branches of the service by Major General Carey for his improvised army which filled the gap in the line made by the Germans at the opening of their offensive last month.

The American engineers were at work constructing and operating field railways and building bridges.

With the American Armies in France.—Six minutes after the front line signaled German airplanes crossing the American trenches Sunday morning, Lieutenant A. S. Winslow, of Chicago, and Lieutenant Douglas Campbell of California had brought down two enemy aviators.

One of the German machines was set fire, while the other was practically undamaged. Both pilots were made prisoners.

Campbell is believed to be the first British aviator trained entirely by Americans to bag an enemy plane.

DOOMED TO FAILURE

WAVE OF OPTIMISM REGARDING GERMAN OFFENSIVE

HEAR FROM DEPARTMENT

State University May Become Troop Training Station—Urges Early Placing of Coal Orders.

Washington.—Events on the western battle front are shaping themselves, officers here believe, not only for the defeat of the German drive, but for a counter offensive by General Foch's armies that may open the road to an allied military victory. A wave of optimism has swept over not only American officials, but also the military men of the allied missions in Washington. Some of them think it will be some days yet before General Foch can complete his troop dispositions for a great thrust at the enemy, but others look for word that he has struck at any time.

The news from the battle front was distinctly cheering. The British lines on the hard-stricken Flanders front were holding firmly. French reinforcements had arrived there, making practically certain that the German drive toward the channel ports from that direction has been defeated.

At the same time official announcement came from Rome that Italian troops were already pouring into France to share in the crucial struggle there. This added to the optimism, for it means that the fighting men of France, Italy, Great Britain, America, Belgium, Portugal and the reservation units are being concentrated under one leader for a mighty blow when the time comes.

Urges Early Placing of Coal Orders

Washington.—War demands for coal as the year advances may require still further restrictions of the consumer's freedom to choose coal. This announcement has been made by the fuel administration because of reports that consumers in some sections are withholding their orders in the expectation that the zone system of distribution may be altered in such a manner as to broaden their sources of supply.

"Any modification of the zoning plan that may be made," said the administration's announcement, "would be in the direction of further restrictions rather than toward enlarging sources of supply. There should, therefore, be no further delay on the part of coal dealers and consumers in placing their orders for their supply."

HEAR FROM DEPARTMENT

State University May Become Troop Training Station

Lincoln.—That negotiations between the state university and the war department in regard to the use of the university as a training school for drafted men would soon be concluded, is indicated in a telegram received by Chancellor Hastings. The telegram read as follows:

"Captain Andrew Knight will visit you in the near future to officially close up our negotiations. (Signed) Committee on education and special training."

University officials expect that Mr. Knight will come to Lincoln in a very short time. A telegram from the committee, addressed to Andrew Knight is now in the office of Dean O. J. Ferguson, indicating that Nebraska will be his first stop. When he comes, he will undoubtedly be clothed with full power to act.

Want to Skip an Election

Omaha.—County officers and their friends over the state are writing members of congress in Washington that it would be a great thing this year if no elections were held in their cases. Congress, however, is powerless to prevent this. The states are the guardians of their own elections and the federal government cannot step in to say anything to them.

New Credit for France

Washington.—France got another credit from the treasury of \$125,000,000, making France's total \$1,565,000,000, and the total credits to all the allies \$3,285,600,000.

"Scalping" Liberty Bonds

New York.—All Liberty bond "scalping agencies," unearthed so far in Assistant District Attorney Brogan's investigation of these places, are operated either by Germans or Hungarians, he declared in a report to District Attorney Swann. The investigation is intended to determine whether the operation of the agencies where bonds of \$50 and \$100 are bought at reductions of from \$5 to \$10 below their face value, is part of an organized propaganda to discourage investments in government war securities.

Stimulated Wheat Marketing

Omaha.—The appeal of the food administration to farmers to market their wheat, coupled with the notice that wheat being held by pro-Germans would be requisitioned, has resulted in a very decided movement of wheat to elevators throughout the state. Records in the office of the Nebraska federal food administration show that more than 60,000 bushels, over and above the normal amount that might have been expected, has been marketed since the requisition order was promulgated.

MEN GO TO FORT LOGAN

Nearly One Thousand Nebraskans Affected by Latest Draft Call—Movement Starts May First.

The latest call for draft men, to leave for training camps between May 1 and May 10, will take approximately 987 men from Nebraska. The men on this call will not go to Camp Funston, where all of the draft troops from Nebraska now are, but will be sent to Fort Logan, Colo., instead. The war department's action in sending the Nebraska men there is interpreted to mean that Funston is filled, and transfers will probably be made to the latter point as fast as possible.

The State Council of Defense has made known that it disapproved of the use of yellow paint on buildings of alleged disloyalists. The use of paint or the tarring of any person accused of disloyalty is unlawful and should not be countenanced in any community in the state, members of the council say.

The state supreme court has ruled that the Nebraska state prohibition law is constitutional. The opinion grew out of a Douglas county case and was the first decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of the act.

Those familiar with the stock situation at South Omaha predict that meat products to the consumer are bound to advance in price as the result of recent sharp advances in cattle, sheep and hogs at that market.

State Food Administrator Wattles made the assertion at Omaha upon his return from Washington that the government will take steps immediately to requisition all wheat being held in Nebraska.

Many national guardsmen are complaining because they are not being sent abroad to take part in the great Picardy battle and Nebraskans at Camp Cody are among the complainants.

Mrs. Margaret Serby, a Lithuanian woman employe at the South Omaha packing plant was severely beaten by another woman employe for alleged insult to the American flag and disloyal utterances.

For the third time Wisner has gone over the top for the sale of Liberty bonds. April 9, the day set for the big drive, carried Wisner over the top by \$30,000.

Rev. George Allenbach, one of the five pastors under fire at Lincoln because of their refusal to attend a patriotic rally, tendered his resignation at a meeting of his congregation.

A member of the Saunders County Council of Defense made the assertion at Fremont that a good many farmers in his county are deserting the Non-partisan league.

Edgar will have a flag raising April 25, with the 335th regimental band from Camp Funston, which is touring the state.

County Clerk Scott has the data to show that Pawnee county has 27,826 acres of wheat in fine growing condition.

Bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 were voted by Omaha citizens for the construction of a new Commercial High school building.

Frank Eng of St. Edward sold a carload of cattle at the South Omaha market at 16 cents a pound, the highest price paid this year.

The Deutscher landwehr verein of West Point, a German organization long prominent in the community, has dissolved.

The North Platte Sammy Girls' club held an auction supper and charity ball from which they netted \$3,000 for the war fund.

Keth county has oversubscribed its quota of the third Liberty loan bonds, and every town in the county has qualified for a service flag.

As the result of a systematic farm campaign there is a third Liberty loan bond on every farm in eleven school districts surrounding Norfolk.

Home guards' day was observed at Red Cloud when drills were put on by companies from Guide Rock, Inavale and Riverton.

Wheat is looking well in Richardson county and seems to have passed the winter in fine condition.

S. R. McKelvie of Lincoln, prominent newspaper man, has filed for the republican nomination for governor.

According to available figures the Nebraska farmers' war council now has a membership of over 50,000. Service cards which were sent farmers are being received by the state headquarters at Omaha at the average of 5,000 a day.

An indictment charging George H. Smith, a wealthy Adams county farmer, with having said he was instrumental in forming an organization among farmers to prevent crops from being raised, was returned by a federal grand jury at Lincoln.

Major John M. Birkrner of Lincoln, a German born officer of the Nebraska National Guard and a member of the 127th field artillery was arrested at Camp Cody, N. M., charged with violating the espionage act. He was discharged from the service April 4 and recommended for internment by the War department.

Lincoln has oversubscribed its Liberty loan quota and the committee has raised voluntarily, Lancaster county's allotment from \$1,545,000 to \$2,000,000, the Capital City agreeing to raise \$1,400,000.

A woman and three children were killed and five others were more or less seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Northwestern freight train a few miles north of Omaha. One person escaped injury. The car was a Ford sedan and was completely demolished.

Lyons Home Guards went to the Casper Rief hall, west of the city the other night and broke up a Non-partisan league meeting. They were assisted by more than 1,000 Home Guards and other patriotic citizens from Oakland, West Point, Bancroft and Pender.

The following counties reported over-subscription of their quotas in the third Liberty loan on April 15, eight days after the drive started: Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Dakota, Stanton, Thurston, Deuel, Cedar, Adams, Keith, Box Butte, Platte, Wheeler and Brown.

Farmers whose sons are in military camps under the draft, can get blanks from Governor Neville to have them furloughed for farm work. In making this announcement, the governor says that military authorities at the camp pass upon the applications.

Receipts from a white elephant sale by women of the Red Cross at Scottsbluff amounted to approximately \$15,000. One heifer brought \$2,680.50, which is said to be the record price for any one animal in the state.

Upon a request of Director General McAdoo, the Nebraska railway commission has asked city authorities of Omaha not to compel the Missouri Pacific to build a viaduct over Leavenworth street, in that city, until after the war.

Two Nebraska men, Guy C. Nowlin of Aurora and Lloyd M. Rathburn of Belgrade, are members of the crew of the American collier Cyclops, which is more than a month past due at an Atlantic port, and is believed to have been lost at sea.

Manderson Lehr of Albion, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lehr, who has been doing great service with the French aviation squadron in France, has been honored by promotion from corporal to sergeant.

The first permit granted by the state council of defense under the new sedition law of Nebraska for an alien to preach and teach was issued to John B. Reetins, head of the parochial school at Pickrell.

Captain Martin C. Shallenberger, son of Congressman Shallenberger, of Alma, who is on the staff of General Pershing in France, has been promoted to major.

Omaha birth records show an increase of fifty-seven babies in the first three months of this year, as compared to those during the same three months in 1917.

Kearney county has a 100 per cent Junior Red Cross. They are doing splendid Red Cross work in the schools over the county and are a great help to the senior society.

C. H. Peter, Lincoln motorman, who was forced to salute the flag fifty times by co-workers, was bound over to the federal grand jury under the espionage act.

A "Good Roads" fair held at Alliance netted about \$2,000, all of which will be used to better the condition of main roads in Box Butte county.

A number of county food administrators in Nebraska have pledged citizens of their counties to use no more wheat flour until the new wheat crop is harvested.

Records in the office of the state food administrator at Omaha show that only half as much wheat flour is being used in Nebraska as was used a year ago.

The State bank of Seneca, capital \$20,000, and the Farmers State bank of Halsey, capital \$10,000, were granted charters by the state banking board.

According to the 1918 city directory Omaha has a population of 231,250. Omaha's first draft quota gave the city a population of 201,000.

Platte county reported its Liberty loan quota oversubscribed by at least \$100,000 on April 13, one week after the drive started.

Preparations are being made for drilling for oil in both Cheyenne and Rock county.

The Beatrice city council passed an ordinance appropriating \$32,500 for three new paving districts.

A voluntary agreement to pay, through the federal food administration of Nebraska, the sum of \$900 to be given the Red Cross and the Red Star by the Fremont Milling company was the penalty assessed for violations of the rules and regulations governing sales of wheat mill feeds.

A proposition is to be put before members of the Fremont Methodist church to say whether a new \$40,000 church shall be erected this year. The sum of \$31,000 has already been pledged for the new edifice.

More than 200 boys' and girls' garden clubs will be organized in Nebraska this year for the purpose of helping win the war, according to C. W. Watson, leader of the junior section of the agricultural extension service of the State University.

The sum of \$15,000 has been invested in third Liberty loan bonds by officials and employes of the state house at Lincoln.

Buffalo county people are elated over the honor of being the first county in Nebraska to win an honor flag in the third Liberty loan drive.

Grip Still Hanging On?

Back aches? Stomach sensitive? A little cough? No strength? Tire easily? All after effects of this dread malady. Yes, they are catarrhal. Grip is a catarrhal disease. You can never be well as long as catarrh remains in your system, weakening your whole body with stagnant blood and unhealthy secretions.

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And He Did. Clergyman—This infant may some day make himself heard in the world. Infant—Baw!

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Cause for It. "Are you going to ask damages from your tailor for not having your trousers sent at the time he said they would be ready?" "Yes; I am going to sue him for breeches of promise."

It Didn't Pay. The poets and others, mainly others, have sung of the virtues and blessings of sleep. No class of men guards sleep as carefully as the doctors.

Some one, with all the wise theories of advertising, decided to mail his little call for business to the medical men of Indianapolis. He spent a large sum getting up some real snappy stuff. He figured out all the psychology and personal appeal, with all of the big "I" stuff he could, and then some. He laid plans to reap a harvest. He did—not.

His good money went to the printer. More went to Uncle Sam for stamps. This wise ad writer put a special delivery stamp on each of his letters.

Result: The doctors of Indianapolis were awakened about 1 a. m. to sign for a bunch of printed matter. Every doctor seen says he tore up the booklet and with curses deposited the unread pieces in the waste-paper basket or elsewhere.

With groans and harsh words the medical men went back to bed. It was a great idea.—Indianapolis News.



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