

SWEEP ALLIES BACK

GERMANS' SUCCESSES NORTH OF YPRES ATTRIBUTED BY FOE TO GAS BOMBS.

FRENCH GAIN AT ST. MIHIEL

Nearly Half a Mile of Trenches Taken at Famous "Wedge" on the Meuse—Teutons Capture 1,000 Men and Four Guns.

Berlin (via London), April 26.—An official report on the progress of hostilities was given out in Berlin on Friday. It said:

"In the western area of the fighting we advanced from our front at Steenstraete, east of Langemarck, against the positions of the enemy north and northwest of Ypres. With a rush our troops moved forward along a line extending as far as the hills south of Pilken and east of Douon.

"At the same time they forced their way, after a stubborn fight, across the Yser canal at Steenstraete and Het Sas, where they established themselves on the western bank of the canal. At least 1,600 French and British soldiers were taken prisoners and thirty cannon, including four heavy British guns, fell into our hands.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle the active fighting again became more lively. The artillery battles were especially fierce at Combres, St. Mihiel and Apremont, as well as at a point northeast of Flirey. Infantry attacks on the part of the enemy followed only in the wooded country between Alilly and Apremont. The French penetrated this region into certain sections of our foremost trenches, but they were partly driven out again. The fighting at close quarters continued.

"The village of Embremeuil, west of Agricourt, which had been taken by us and which was set on fire by the French with their shells, has been evacuated by our outposts. The hills north and south of Embremeuil were retained."

The French war office on Friday issued the following statement:

"In the evening there were fairly lively engagements in Belgium. In the head of the Yser, north of Dixmude, Belgian troops repulsed an attack against the chateau of Vicoque and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. North of Ypres the Germans, by employing large quantities of asphyxiating bombs, the effect of which was felt for a distance of two kilometers (about a mile and a half) behind our lines, forced us to retire in the direction of the Yser canal.

"Toward the west and in the direction of Ypres toward the south, the enemy's attack was checked. Vigorous counter-attacks enabled us to regain ground and make many prisoners.

"In the wooded valley near St. Mihiel, by an attack east and west of the positions previously captured, we took 700 meters (nearly half a mile) of trenches and made about one hundred prisoners, including three officers."

TEUTONS HUNT SEA FOR FOE

Berlin Declares Fleet Failed to Locate Enemy—Big Naval Battle Rumored.

Berlin, April 26.—The German high seas fleet is scouring the North sea for the British fleet, ready to give battle to Admiral Beatty in what will beyond doubt be the greatest naval battle in the history of the world when it is fought. The following statement was issued here:

"The German high seas fleet recently carried out many cruises in the North sea, navigating in English waters, but did not observe any English vessels."

Montreal, Que., April 26.—An evening paper prints a dispatch saying that a Montreal banker has received a cable stating that a big naval battle is raging in the North sea.

THAW WINS COURT BATTLE

Slayer Granted Jury Trial by Justice Hendrick—Case Up on May 17.

New York, April 26.—Harry K. Thaw on Friday won his long fight for a sanity trial. Justice Hendrick of the supreme court handed down a decision granting the slayer of Stanford White a hearing to determine whether he is sane or insane. The trial of Thaw's sanity will be conducted before a jury, Justice Hendrick deciding that it was within his power to grant this request, and set the trial for May 17.

Thaw's lawyers declared that the decision of the court assured Thaw his freedom, as they had no doubt they would be able to convince any fair-minded jury of his sanity.

Fleet Through Canal July 4. Washington, April 26.—Secretary Daniels reiterated without qualification that the Atlantic fleet will pass through the Panama canal to the Pacific in July. "We will be in the canal July 4," said Mr. Daniels.

Exports Continue Big. Washington, April 26.—United States exports in March were \$290,000,563 against \$187,499,334 for the same month last year. Imports in March were \$158,040,216 against \$152,555,804 in March, 1914.

ITALY MAKES DEMANDS

DOCUMENT GIVES AUSTRIA MINIMUM TERMS OF PEACE.

All Ships to U. S. Are Held—Military Preparations Are Being Made Along the Frontier.

Rome, April 24.—A report reached Rome from Petrograd on Thursday that Italy had sent a note to Austria which virtually amounted to an ultimatum. The note is said to embody the minimum terms upon which Italy will consent to conclude an agreement with Austria.

General opinion in Rome is that an agreement may still be reached. Nevertheless, military preparations are being continued with the greatest energy along the frontier, where Austria is concentrating troops.

All German and Austrian subjects in Switzerland, even those who never did military service, were recalled by their respective governments. News reached Lugano that the Italian government had stopped the transatlantic service with the United States. Passengers who had purchased tickets have had their money returned. The Italian government, the report says, requires all the steamships.

Dispatches were received indicating that all sea communication between Great Britain and the Netherlands has been cut off.

"DIVER" SUNK BY TEUTONS

British Submarine Destroyed in Raid on Helgoland—Others May Be Lost.

Berlin (via Amsterdam), April 24.—British submarines which had entered Helgoland light were attacked on April 17 by German ships, one and probably others of the underwater craft being sunk, the admiralty announced here on Thursday. It was probably the intention of the submarines to attack the German fleet at Helgoland. This is the first reported activity of British submarines in this locality. It is not yet known how they escaped the German mine fields. The statement issued by the admiralty follows:

"British submarines were recently repeatedly observed in Helgoland light. They were attacked by the German forces. A hostile submarine was sunk on April 17. Probably others were destroyed, but this is uncertain."

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

Liverpool, April 23.—The steamers Defender and Gascony collided in the Mersey. Both were badly damaged above the water line, but kept afloat. Calgary, Alberta, April 23.—From two to six inches of snow has fallen over the entire northwest section of Alberta. Drifts two feet high are piled in highways as far south as Calgary.

Paris, April 23.—Twenty-nine more French generals have been placed either on the reserve or retired lists to make way for younger or more active men. The official journal contains the names of 11 generals of division and 18 generals of brigade who have been relieved from active service.

Philadelphia, April 24.—The nationwide unity of men, and plans for a campaign for an interdenominational federation were among the questions discussed by representatives of the chapters throughout the eastern section of the United States and Canada and Jamaica, who are attending the eleventh international convention of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, in session here.

6,000 LOST IN YPRES BATTLE

Fight for Hill No. 60 Continues—British Lost 2,000 and Germans 4,000.

London, April 24.—Hill No. 60, dominating an area to the southeast of Ypres, continues to be the storm center of the western front, with the British clinging tenaciously to the ground taken by assault last Saturday. Counter-attack after counter-attack has been so far successfully repulsed, but the British hold is still disputed by the Germans, and the end of the lively and costly fighting is not yet in sight. The British losses have not been announced, but they are estimated at well over 2,000. The Germans are believed to have lost more than 4,000 men.

Train Hits Auto; Two Dead. Philadelphia, April 24.—Two persons were instantly killed and a boy badly injured when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania train near Tullytown, N. J. The dead: John L. John, Mrs. Emma Meyer.

Fire at Elk River, Minn. Elk River, Minn., April 24.—Six business buildings and one residence was destroyed in a fire that did \$125,000 damage. Firemen from nearby cities helped the local department in extinguishing the blaze.

"T. R." TELLS DEALS

SAYS WALL STREET TOSSED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS INTO CAMPAIGN FUND.

\$100,000 GIVEN BY MORGAN

Harriman Also Liberal—Barnes Is Called a Jekyll-Hyde Politician Whom Colonel Tried to Save From Evil.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 22.—After nearly two days of direct examination, and with William Barnes resting his case with the examination of one witness, lasting seven minutes, Theodore Roosevelt was placed under cross-examination in the Barnes-Roosevelt \$50,000 libel suit.

Political deals and manipulations which landed Roosevelt in the governor's chair and started him on the road to the White House were revealed.

Roosevelt was subjected to almost merciless grilling when he resumed the witness stand.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars tossed into the Republican campaign fund of 1904 by J. P. Morgan, E. H. Harriman, H. C. Frick, Jacob Schiff and other Wall street leaders to elect Roosevelt to the presidency was admitted on the witness stand by Roosevelt.

The former president gave no credit to this feature of the campaign, however, for he said:

"My election was already assured. The money was for the New York state campaign."

The colonel said that J. P. Morgan, E. H. Harriman and several others gave \$100,000 each to the Republican fund.

"But I made it plain that such contribution should be made with no obligation made or implied," declared Mr. Roosevelt.

"How do you know such agreements were made?"

"Mr. E. H. Harriman told me." Alliances with Republican bosses to obtain the 1904 Republican nomination at Chicago was emphatically denied by Roosevelt.

"I never moved a little finger to get that nomination, except by my public acts in office," Colonel Roosevelt testified.

The colonel also revealed to the jurors that Damon and Pythias and David and Jonathan were no more devoted to each other's interests than were Theodore Roosevelt and William Barnes before he discovered that Mr. Barnes was a political Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

When Mr. Hyde got the upper hand of the combination Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Barnes fell out, according to the colonel.

Mr. Roosevelt was interested in Barnes because he was trying to reform him, the former president stated under cross-examination by William M. Ivins, chief counsel for Mr. Barnes.

He believed Barnes above the average politician morally, he said, and he wanted to make Barnes a better citizen. He wanted to preserve Doctor Jekyll, but Mr. Hyde absorbed him.

3,000,000-MILE COMET TAIL

Photograph of Mellish's Ethereal Wanderer Reveals Formation of Two Branches.

Flagstaff, Ariz., April 24.—A direct photograph of Mellish's comet made at the Lowell observatory shows a tail composed of two divergent branches, the longer one of which is probably not less than 3,000,000 miles in length. Observations of the spectrum of the comet revealed the presence of the usual cometary gases. Cyanogen is one of its more prominent constituents, but appears in this comet in peculiar spectroscopic form, which may be of special scientific interest, while hydro-carbon is less prominent than in most comets.

Other gases or vapors are evidenced by the presence in the spectrum of several strong, bright bands, but the chemical identification of these is as yet unknown.

ACTS AS MAYOR IN PRISON

Roberts of Terre Haute Cuts Down Police Force and Will Reduce City Expenses.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 24.—Mayor Donn M. Roberts of Terre Haute, Ind., serving a six-year term in the federal penitentiary here, is continuing to exercise the functions of mayor of his home city. He had sent telegrams to Terre Haute regarding the appointment of policemen. It is said that he has ordered the force cut down and that he will send on a plan by letter to reduce city expenses.

None of the other Terre Haute officials serving prison terms here are attempting to run their offices.

William Thaw Is Unharmed. Pittsburgh, April 26.—Fears of William Thaw II, who is serving as an aviator with the foreign volunteers fighting for France, were set at rest when his father received a cablegram which read: "William safe."

Big Order for Brakes. New York, April 26.—Westinghouse Air Brake company has announced the receipt of an order for 17,000 sets of air brakes. The order was worth \$1,000,000, and is the largest single air brake order ever recorded.

NO EMBARGO ON ARMS

PRESIDENT WILSON REPLIES TO GERMAN PROTEST.

Executive Denies Charge of One-Sided Neutrality in a Calm and Dignified Document.

Washington, April 23.—The United States will not apply an embargo on arms or change its neutrality laws during the progress of the war.

This is the answer of President Wilson to the memorandum submitted by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, impugning the good faith of the United States in the enforcement of its neutrality.

The note, which was drafted by Counselor Lansing and amended by the president, is a calm and dignified repudiation of the charge made by the ambassador. It rejects the ambassador's proposals to establish an embargo on arms and to use this country's export trade as a means to compel England to permit foodstuffs to reach Germany.

It proclaims the policy of the United States to be as it has been, the upholding of its rights as against any and all belligerents and the enforcement of the laws of neutrality which were in force at the time the war began.

Moreover, the president asserts that any change of the principle involved, such as the German ambassador suggested, would be a direct violation of American neutrality.

The communication is courteous and polite. The president shows his view that it would have been more in keeping with the proprieties had the ambassador mentioned several matters connected with the general subject of American neutrality, which he failed to mention; and that the ambassador stepped beyond the bounds when he sought to take up with the United States questions this government is discussing with Great Britain.

MRS. STORY'S TICKET WINS

D. A. R. President-General Retained Office by a Majority of 234 Votes—Congratulated by Opponents.

Washington, April 24.—Memorial hall rang with cheers on Thursday for Mrs. William Cumming Story when she called the congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution to order, following her re-election as president-general. She also carried her entire ticket to victory in the balloting. Mrs. Story was retained in office by a majority of 234 votes. Mrs. George T. Guernsey of Independence, Kan., went to the platform and congratulated her successful opponent. Ten Story vice-president-generals were chosen. Mrs. George E. Ransdell, wife of the senator from Louisiana, was elected treasurer-general; Mrs. William A. Smoot of Virginia, organizing secretary-general; Mrs. Grace H. Pierce of New York, registrar-general, and Miss Natalie Sumner Lincoln of this city, editor of the D. A. R. Magazine.

WILL NOT VISIT OKLAHOMA

President Not to Attend Convention of the Southern Commercial Congress at Muskogee.

Washington, April 23.—President Wilson will not attend the annual convention of the Southern Commercial congress to be held in Muskogee, Okla., from April 26 to 29, became known definitely.

Secretary of Labor Wilson will be the only cabinet member present, but among other officials from Washington who will attend are Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn, Assistant Secretary of Commerce Sweet, and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman.

STAR BALL PLAYER TO JAIL

Eddie Ainsmith of Washington Team Gets Thirty Days for Assault—Pitcher Joe Engel Fined.

Washington, April 22.—Eddie Ainsmith, premier catcher of the Washington American league baseball team, was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse without option of a fine, in the police court, after conviction of an assault upon a street car motorman. Joe Engel, a pitcher, was fined \$50 for participating in the assault.

MARSH ON DEMOCRATIC BODY

Waterloo (Ia.) Man Elected National Committeeman to Succeed Martin J. Wade.

Des Moines, April 23.—W. W. Marsh of Waterloo, Ia., was elected national Democratic committeeman on Wednesday to succeed Martin J. Wade, recently appointed district judge of the United States court of the southern district of Iowa.

Violent Earthquake Is Recorded. Buffalo, N. Y., April 26.—An earthquake of unusual severity, sharp and well developed, was recorded on the seismograph at Canisius college on Friday. It was estimated the center of disturbance was 2,700 miles south.

All Concerned Hopeful. Canton, O., April 26.—The conference between coal operators and miners of Ohio, in an effort to settle the strike which has tied up mine operations for more than a year, opened here with all hopeful of settlement.

ARE OPPOSED TO WAR

PEACE IS DESIRED BY SOCIALISTS OF ITALY.

TO CHECK ONRUSH OF ALIENS

Additional Immigration Inspectors On Guard Along Washington-British Columbia Frontier.

Milan, Italy (via Paris).—Opposition to Italy's participation in the war is expressed by Deputy Filippo Turati of Milan, one of the socialist leaders, in a letter published here Sunday. Importance is attached to Signor Turati's letter, as it is believed to reflect the attitude of Italian socialists.

Socialists Threaten Strike. Rome.—A faction of the socialists which is vigorously opposed to participation by Italy in the war is planning to bring about a general strike throughout Italy, in case of mobilization of the army is ordered. The great majority of the socialists, it is said by some prominent Italians, are not in sympathy with such a plan, and it is believed that the effort would fail. Railway employees, on whom the organizers of the strike movement would rely chiefly, declare that none of them would desert his post.

Aliens Fleeing to United States.

Seattle, Wash.—Four additional immigration inspectors are stationed along the Washington-British Columbia frontier. It has become known, to check the rush of aliens into this country, following the abandonment of the broad line maintained for many months in Vancouver. In the past week more than 100 aliens were captured after they had crossed the border. They were returned to Canada. Owing to the war, railroad building and other work that usually takes thousands of men into the woods of British Columbia in spring, has been suspended.

Aeroplane Fails to Save Men.

San Francisco.—Valiant effort on the part of Harry Christofferson, an aviator, who circled above an overturned boat here and dropped a dozen or more life preservers to four men struggling in the ocean breakers, was unavailing to save their lives. All were drowned. It is possible that more than four men were lost. The life saving station places the number at four, but persons who were on the beach watching the attempts at rescue declare that they saw six or eight men in the water. The boat, a gasoline launch, which was brought to shore by a life saving crew, has no name. An Italian flag was attached to the stern. It is believed to have come from Sausalito, across the bay from San Francisco. The men drowned are thought to have been Italian crabfishers.

Explosion in Sioux Falls Church

Sioux Falls, S. D.—The lives of between 500 and 600 persons were jeopardized Sunday by an explosion in the First Baptist church here when the huge hot water tank in the basement of the church blew up. The Rev. H. R. Best, pastor, was hurled ten feet into the air by the upheaval of the pulpit, but escaped serious injury, receiving only slight bruises and cuts. The interior of the building was wrecked and the damage will amount to several thousand dollars.

China Must Grant Demands.

San Francisco, Cal.—"War between China and Japan is a certainty unless China complies with the demands of the imperial government of Japan," said Choye Goto, editor of a Tokio daily newspaper, the "Miyako Shin-bun," in an interview here. "Japan does not like to enter upon war," said Goto. "Refusal of China to comply with her demands, however, will force her to resort to arms."

Indians Attack Ranchmen.

Guaymas, Mex.—Yaquile Indians attacked a ranch owned by Americans named Jones and Stevenson, in the Yaquile valley. After a pitched battle, in which several of the ranch peons were killed, the Indians were driven off. The government has sent the Americans fresh supplies of ammunition.

Unemployed Flock to Butte.

Butte, Mont.—Attracted by increased operations of copper mines here, thousands of unemployed men are reported to be headed for Butte from all parts of the northwest. Officials of the mining companies said that already there was an abundance of unskilled labor here and there would be no place for newcomers.

Germans Seize Cargo.

London.—The Germans have captured and taken into Hamburg the Norwegian steamer Brilliant, which left Fredrikstad, Norway, April 16 for London. The steamer was loaded with a cargo of granite, deal planks and paper.

Allies Extend Their Blockade.

London.—An official order concerning the blockade of German West Africa has been published in the official gazette. It is signed by the commander of the fleet before Kamerun.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Citizens of North Platte are agitating paving.

Ainsworth is to have a new \$10,000 junior high school.

A \$135,000 school bond voted on at Hastings was defeated.

Alliance gets the next convention of the Nebraska T. P. A.

Seven blocks of paving will be laid in Kearney this season.

Thirty-six cases of smallpox have been reported in Hastings.

Work has commenced on the new Carnegie library at Harvard.

Pierce went dry by thirty votes. Mayor Duff was re-elected.

Fire destroyed the livery barn of A. J. Hutchinson at Diller.

The Kearney baseball team will not play Sunday ball this year.

Itney cars have been started at North Platte by a local garage.

Sterling has voted in favor of bonds to build a water plant.

Alfred Pont, editor of the Stanton Register, died at his home in that city.

200 acres of orchard have been set out in the vicinity of Shubert this year.

The Odd Fellows of Polk will soon erect a new building at that place to cost \$12,000.

Mayor Kibler of Kearney vetoed the ordinance raising the salaries of the city councilmen and himself.

Eugene V. Debs is to speak in North Platte on June 2. He has been secured through the efforts of local socialists.

Nebraska Eagles will hold their annual convention at South Omaha, June 15-16-17. An elaborate program is being planned.

Work has started on the tabernacle for the Lowry-Moody evangelistic meetings to be held at North Platte, beginning May 2.

30,000 mules will be assembled at Grand Island by a Kansas City dealer for use in the British army. They will be shipped to Canada from that point.

Farmers in the vicinity of Grand Island have been husking corn. They report the corn in good condition in spite of staying in the fields all winter.

Suggestion of Crawford Kennedy of Lincoln that the republican national convention be held at Omaha in 1916 is meeting with support over the state.

Mrs. Mary Francis Humphrey of Oberlin committed suicide by hanging. The deed was done with a skipping rope used by the children of Dr. Field.

The contract for the new Carnegie library at Gothenburg was awarded to Daniel Fauble of Grand Island. He will begin the erection of the new \$10,000 building at once.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed four frame buildings at Chapman, and the contents, and partly damaged the brick building of the Chapman State bank. The total loss amounts to \$15,700.

Among the "living wax figures" provided by teachers in a special entertainment at the Longfellow school at Hastings was a striking impersonation of John O'Connor, dead more than a year, but yet unburied.

Lighting bonds of the village of Maxwell have been registered with State Auditor Smith in the sum of \$6,900. The village of Lyons has registered \$15,000 worth of bonds, also, for an electric lighting plant.

Alvah Street, a 16-year-old boy living south of Merna, died in a mysterious manner. He took a dose of effervescent salts of a standard brand, and a few minutes later went into convulsions, dying a short time after.

The grain elevator belonging to Seefus & Deernon at Elkhorn, was completely destroyed by fire. About 7,000 bushels of grain were destroyed. The total loss is estimated between \$10,000 and \$12,000, the elevator being worth about \$6,000.

Atlas Smith was instantly killed by electrocution on the transmission wires of the bridge between Scottsbluff and Gering. The boy was fishing and undertook to untangle his line from the live wires. His body, when recovered from the stream, was burned blue.

The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Nebraska, exclusive of reserve cities at the close of business on March 4 as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the reserve held at 27.15 per cent; loans and discounts, \$54,584,850; gold coin, \$1,048,313; lawful money reserve, \$2,765,823; deposits, \$52,909,434.

Richardson county is claiming, with many other sections of the country, an interest in the preliminary training of the present champion of fistic prowess. It is asserted that Jess Willard, a few years ago, was a champion corn shucker in the vicinity of Barada, and is quite well remembered by many of the people of that vicinity.

Catching her skirt in a chair from which she was arising, Mrs. W. H. Lynn, wife of the former city physician of Hastings, fell, breaking her left wrist.

Hastings Commercial club, mayor and postmaster write Secretary of State Bryan asking that "Liberty Bell" train stop there on way to Panama exposition.

President Wilson has appointed John C. Morrow of Scottsbluff to be receiver of public money at Alliance, and Thomas J. O'Keefe to be register of the land office at the same place.