

ALLIES REPORT DISTINCT GAINS

Telegram from Sir John French Says German Line Was Broken by Thrust Near La Bassee.

TEUTONS GAINING IN THE EAST

LONDON, May 17.—Field Marshal Sir John French has broken his silence in regard to the movements of the British army northwest of La Bassee with the announcement of an advance of nearly a mile into the German line. This, together with the continuance of the French thrusts both north of Ypres and southwest of La Bassee, constitutes the outstanding feature of the military situation today.

Military observers regard the advance as a genuine break of the German line which, if maintained, must mean a retreat for a considerable section of the invaders' forces.

Recapture of the bridge over the Yser canal at Steenstraete by the French deprives the Germans of their last connection with the west side of the waterway. German assaults on the British position at Ypres seem to have spent themselves, at least, for the moment, as Field Marshal French reports all has been quiet for the last forty-eight hours.

Russian Defeat Is Severe.

Official reports from Petrograd do little to minimize the severity of the defeat which the Russians have experienced over practically the whole line from Central Poland to the Carpathians. The victorious German armies have robbed the Russians of most of the gains of the hard winter and early spring campaign, with the exception of Przemysl, which is closely threatened on two sides by hostile forces. In the least Petrograd communication there is a suggestion that the Russians are crouching behind the River San in readiness for one of those sudden movements which have turned defeat into victory for them.

It is evident that the Austro-German forces will leave nothing undone in the attempt to force a crossing of the San. The Russians admit the loss of fifty guns during the retreat of their third army to the San and assert that most of them were destroyed.

Zeppelin Attack Repulsed.

Another Zeppelin attack on seaside resorts on the east coast early this morning accomplished no more than recent air raids. British airmen routed the Zeppelin.

German's Reply to America and Italy's Next Step Divide Diplomatic Interest Here.

French Official Report.

PARIS, May 17.—The French war office this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of hostilities: "In the region of Het Sas we have continued to make progress. Yesterday evening we occupied a house strongly defended by the enemy, and on the east bank of the canal we took possession of the German line, making at the same time 18 prisoners and capturing four machine guns. A counter attack on the part of the enemy was a complete failure. "Nothing new to the north of Arras, where it is again raining, with the exception of an extremely violent artillery duel in the region of Lorrette and the subsidiary checking in this same vicinity of four counter attacks on the part of the Germans, who suffered heavy losses."

German Official Report.

BERLIN, May 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—German army headquarters today gave out a report on the progress of hostilities, reading: "Western theater: North of Ypres and to the west of the canal near Steenstraete and Het Sas the Germans yesterday gave up their advanced positions and to avoid losses from the strong artillery fire of the enemy they drew back their smaller forces to the main positions on the eastern bank of the canal. "South of Neuve Chapelle the British still hold parts of the front trench taken May 15. The fighting continues north of Arras. Near Ablain and Neuville French attacks yesterday were repulsed with very heavy losses for the enemy. "German airships are successfully attacking the airports of Dover and Calais."

Dispatches last night from England set forth that a hostile aircraft had appeared over Dover, but for a short time only and no mention of an attack was made. An airship, probably the same vessel, did deliver an attack on Ramsgate, twenty miles north of Dover, dropping forty bombs.

Eastern theater. On the Dnieper river near Eljergala and Czekalski, and south of the Niemen river, near Mirtampol and Lidnow, attacks by the enemy were repulsed. Among the Russian prisoners taken near Shavil, in Courland, were a number of recruits of the class of 1914, who had only been in training for three weeks.

Southeastern theater. The German advance between the Pilica river and the Upper Vistula and along the front from Sambor to Stry and Stanislaw, continue. The river San has been crossed at several places, near Jastkow, and to the northward. There is fighting going on around Przemysl."

WYOMING PIONEER DIES AS RECLUSE IN OLD DWELLING

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 17.—(Special.)—Daniel Fallon, 77, a veteran of the Meeker relief expedition, was found dead this morning in the dilapidated dwelling he occupied alone. Death was due to heart failure. He was one of the earliest settlers in Wyoming, coming west as a soldier to participate in the Indian campaigns. He was remarkably preserved physically and despite his advanced age a splendid horseman, his patriarchal appearance and graceful riding making him a conspicuous figure in Frontier day celebrations. Although well-to-do he had lived for years in squalid quarters on an alley in the business district.

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GAS ATTACK PROVES FUTILE

British Observer Says German Attempts to Asphyxiate Enemies Not Successful.

WEARING ENGLISH UNIFORMS

LONDON, May 18.—The renewed attempts of the Germans to break through the British lines near Ypres on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday last—there being only artillery engagements on the last named day—are described by the official observer, attached to the British headquarters in the field in the following narrative: "On Monday, the 16th, the fighting on our front was confined to the Ypres salient where it continued to rage with the same intensity as on the day before, especially along the eastern face, on both sides of the Menin road."

"Along this eastern face, our line runs from the Ypres-Zonnebeke road, a little to the east of Verlepenhoek in a southeasterly direction to the Menin high road, skirting the eastern edge of the Houters woods, which encircle the chateau of Houters. South of the Menin road it continues through the center of the woods for about 1,200 yards and then emerges and bends around outside, then to Zwarteleer and hill No. 60."

"After their artillery had done its worst the Germans brought their gas cylinders into play. Unluckily for them, however, their methods went astray somewhat, for our men were provided with measures for countering the gas."

"Wear Fog Uniforms. "Through the scattered woods and across the clearings streamed a loose and disorderly mob of attackers, some of those in front, according to report, being dressed in the British uniform in order to put us off our guard. Suddenly our infantry fired their parapets and poured in a rapid fire from rifles and machine guns on the advancing crowd, who threw themselves flat on their faces. That, however, was the chance for our gas. They poured in a heavy shrapnel fire, and in a few moments the ground was strewn with dead and dying Germans all along in front of our parapets."

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KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY, whose people are insisting on getting into the European war game.



GERARD ANNOUNCES DELIVERY OF NOTE

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What is regarded as one of the hopeful signs in the general situation is the confidence reflected in official and diplomatic quarters that Germany will meet the United States at least half way and certainly will suspend for the time its submarine attacks without warning during the diplomatic correspondence.

Comment Over Announcement. In this connection there has been much comment here over the recent announcements from London that Great Britain did not understand from Germany's answer last March that the principle of submarine warfare would be abandoned.

It was noted that the same understanding when the German and British replies were received in the American proposal for the abandonment by Germany of submarine warfare and the use of mines, in return for American supervision of the distribution of foodstuffs in England agreed to their unrestricted passage to Germany when consigned to civilians.

What Germany said in its reply was: "The German government would undertake not to use their submarines to attack merchantmen of any flag except when necessary to enforce the right of visit and search. Should the enemy nationality of the vessel or the presence of"

contraband be ascertained submarine would proceed in accordance with the general rules of international law."

What England said after reading the German reply was: "The reply of the German government to this note has been published and it is not understood from the reply that the German government is prepared to abandon the practice of sinking British merchant vessels by submarines."

Conclusions Reached. Officials here studied the note and came to the conclusion that Great Britain meant to indicate in its answer that it not only wanted Germany to give up attacks on merchantmen of all nationalities, but also that no ships would be confiscated unless certain of condemnation as legal prizes. The United States and Great Britain have in the past sanctioned the destruction of prizes only in cases of military necessity and when passengers and crew were removed to places of safety. That a compromise might be arranged whereby the declaration of London's provisions permitting the destruction of belligerent ships carrying cargoes more than half of which are contraband, was a suggestion discussed to some extent today.

The texts of the two notes were carefully studied by many officials and interested diplomats to determine whether, in view of recent events, they would afford a new approach to the questions now at issue. There is a belief in well informed diplomatic quarters that the fundamental principles then discussed will be revived in German's reply.

COUNT DUMBA SEES SECRETARY BRYAN

Rumor that Austria Will Try to Aid in Settlement of the Lusitania Incident.

TEUTONS KNOW U. S. ROUSED

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Dr. Constantine Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, had a conference today with Secretary Bryan and other State department officials. While the ambassador would not discuss the object of his call, the impression prevailed in well informed circles that he had endeavored to sound out feeling with a view toward assisting in a peaceful settlement of the situation with Germany.

It is known that the Austrian ambassador and Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, have been in close consultation for several days, and that Austria is watching with deep interest the course of events between the United States and its ally, throwing its influence in the direction of preventing any rupture in friendly relations.

The seriousness of the sinking of the Lusitania, the intense feeling it has aroused in the United States and the country-wide support which has been given to President Wilson's note are facts which both the Austrian and German ambassadors are understood to have communicated to their respective governments.

It was believed also that they had cautioned extreme care, for the present at least, in the submarine warfare to avoid any act which would further intensify feeling in the United States.

That the United States stands firmly on the absolute justice, both from a legal and a humane point of view, of its position, and therefore has nothing to arbitrate, was the intimation which many officials gave as the answer to suggestions that Germany would offer to arbitrate the questions raised in the American note.

The American government, it was pointed out, desires an absolute acceptance of the principle of its contentions through some modus vivendi or other arrangement, to be effective during the present war, may be considered, whereby the belligerents would agree to separate passenger and contraband traffic, or to disarm merchant ships plying to or from American ports. Any such terms, it was added, would have to be made as between the belligerents.

Russian Fleet Sinks Many Turkish Ships

LONDON, May 17.—The Russian naval attaché here announces that on May 15 the Russian Black Sea fleet destroyed four steamers, coal-laden, two tugs and twenty sailing ships.

Lieutenant Lyman Is Dead. HONORABLE T. H. May 17.—Lieutenant Clarence Lyman of the Fourth Cavalry, United States army, whose skull was fractured in a collision with Walter Dillingham in a polo game Saturday, died last night.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, May 17.—(Special Telegram)—Nebraska pension granted. Mary E. Weyant, Nebr., \$12.

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