

### BRITISH ADVANCE ALONG WIDE FRONT

General Offensive Begins on Line Directly North of German Field of Retreat.

### THREE TOWNS ARE TAKEN

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captured the villages of Pontru and Le Verguier.

"The aerial activity of the last few days has continued with great energy. Several successful bombing raids were carried out by us, our machines cooperating with our artillery with excellent results. Two hostile machines were destroyed and fifteen others were driven down and probably crashed. Two German kite-balloons were brought down in flames. Ten of our airplanes are missing."

Some 3,500 prisoners have been captured in the new drive against the German lines by the British armies alone. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs today.

The prisoners have been coming in an endless procession, the correspondent reports.

The fighting is increasing in intensity as the battle progresses. The British casualties thus far are reported comparatively slight.

Advance Strenuously Opposed.

Along the greater part of the front, says the correspondent, the advance of the infantry was strenuously opposed. Near Arras the Germans offered determined resistance and a large pocket of Germans was reported to be still holding out at midday, although entirely surrounded.

The famous redoubt named "The Harp," only a little less formidable than the noted "Labyrinth," was captured, with virtually the whole battalion defending it. Several "tanks" were seen climbing the steep hill, which commands "The Harp" and probably had much to do with the surrender of this position.

Make Good Progress.

Along the railway running through the valley of the Somme, adds the correspondent, the British made good progress, while upon the Lens branch of the line they captured Maison Blanc wood.

The German defensive barrage or curtain of fire, was slow in starting, notwithstanding frantic signals for help sent up with rockets all along the line. Before the guns had been hammering the Germans night and day for a week past and most of their trenches were fairly pulverized. The prisoners taken were mostly Bavarians, Wurtembergers and Lombards.

After a beautiful and warm Easter Sunday, the weather changed last night and today's attack was carried out in a pelting rain, driven before a gale in which was the sting of January cold. The airplanes, which have accomplished wonderful work since Thursday's "clearing the air" of German machines were robbed of the opportunity to participate in the beginning of the offensive.

Penetrate For Lines.

British troops today penetrated the German lines all along a wide front from Arras to Lens, an earlier British war office bulletin reports.

The statement says that in the direction of Cambrai the British have stormed the villages of Hermines and Bourisies and penetrated Havincourt wood.

In the direction of St. Quentin the British took Fresnoy le Petit and advanced their line southeast of Le Verguier. No estimate of the number of Germans captured can yet be given, the statement says, but the number is considerable. Referring to the attack on the front between Arras and Lens, the statement says:

"We are making satisfactory progress at all points."

Attack on Wide Front.

The statement, which is timed 11:25 a. m., is as follows:

"We all attacked at 5:30 o'clock this morning on a wide front from south of Arras to south of Lens. Our troops have everywhere penetrated the enemy's lines and are making satisfactory progress at all points."

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Fight on Ten-Mile Front.

The fighting line from Lens to Arras is approximately ten miles in length and lies directly north of the field of retreat which the Germans have been conducting for the last several weeks.

The fact that the line has been penetrated by British all along this wide front indicates that movement there is a general offensive. That it is proving a successful drive is indicated by the statement that "satisfactory progress is being made at all points."

An entire new phase of operations on the western front is opened up in this new battle on the Lens-Arras line. The field of attack represents the greatest danger point for the Germans, as in the recent fighting a sharp salient was driven into the German line southeast of Arras.

Rich Coal Field Zone.

In the Lens region, into which the British are driving, is a rich coal field which the Germans have been exploiting since their occupation of this territory early in the war.

The opening of the new offensive had been foreshadowed in the intense aerial activity of the last two or three days in which hundreds of airplanes have been engaged on both sides. This work, as the British statements have indicated, has given General Haig's staff photographic reproductions of the German position for long distances behind the fighting line.

Further south the British have continued their progress in the field of the German retreat, the advance reported at Hermines and Bourisies being particularly important. Bourisies is directly on the road from Bapaume to Cambrai, about eight miles from the latter place. Hermines lies just to the south of Bourisies.

In their drive toward St. Quentin the capture of Fresnoy le Petit puts the British within two and one-half miles of St. Quentin's outskirts.

**LONG AND SHORT OF THE MARINE CORPS**—It is claimed that these two members are the tallest and the smallest men in this branch of Uncle Sam's service. Both are stationed at the Charlestown navy yard. Daniel Vallan measures six feet six inches in his stocking feet, while James Bowen measures but five feet.



U.S. MARINES

INTERNATIONAL

### RADICAL RULINGS BY SUPREME COURT

Woman's Minimum Wage Law and Ten-Hour Day Measure Among Those Approved.

### OTHER DECISIONS GIVEN

Washington, April 9.—New and important rulings defining public and private rights, some regarded as marked departures along progressive lines and involving fundamental questions, were announced by the supreme court today. The principal decisions were:

The Oregon law establishing a minimum wage for women in any occupation as constitutional by a vote of 4 to 4. Justice Brandeis not participating because disqualified. How the court divided was not announced.

Oregon's law fixing a ten-hour day for workmen in manufacturing establishments was sustained as constitutional, 5 to 3. Chief Justice White and Justices Van Devanter and McReynolds dissenting, with Justice Brandeis not participating.

Limited Licenses Void.

Price fixing restrictions by means of "licenses" for public use of patented articles of the Victor talking machine and many other corporations, were declared illegal and void, the court dividing 6 to 3. Justices McKenna, Holmes and Van Devanter dissenting.

Patent "monopoly" was further circumscribed for public benefit by a ruling that the Motion Picture Patents company (the so-called moving picture trust) and others similarly circumstanced cannot restrict use of their patent machines to materials "licensed" for such use.

The anti-rebating clause of the interstate commerce act was held by the court in another decision to extend to railroad payments on freight shipped by a European forwarding agency, the court declaring that "any payment by a carrier to a shipper in consideration of shipping freight over its lines is prohibited."

Has Effect in Many States.

The law against fraudulent use of the mails, the court also decided, extends to those "causing" mail matters to be illegally deposited, even though such persons do not themselves physically post the matter.

Women's minimum wage scale and men's hours of service laws of many other states are affected by the decisions upholding the two Oregon statutes. The decisions mark an advanced stand in support of such legislative enactments, the Oregon laws being the first of their kind to come before the court and were conceded to represent fundamental questions between wage workers and employers not hitherto maintained by the nation's highest tribunal.

### Get Acquainted Day in Central High Is Success

The first "get acquainted day" at Central High passed without any unpleasantness Monday and the same plan will be continued this morning. Principal J. G. Masters, who had fostered the plan and had cooperated with Charles Morcarty, the originator, in making the plan a success, was well satisfied with the manner in which the plan was handled.

Students upon entering the school Monday morning were given a printed card, upon which they were to write their names and classes. Everyone seemed to be pleased with the arrangement to make friends with fellow students. Introduction and card distributing committees were composed of members of the student and senior councils.

### JUDGE WADE TELLS GRAND JURY TO ACT

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war or not, and that you will face the simple fact that we have war and simply and calmly inquire into the truth of the facts as to whether some man has violated his duty under the law.

"I want you to be fair to the man so charged. I want you to realize something of his troubles. I want you to realize something of the things that this war means to certain men and women because of their relation with the nation with which we are at war. While doing that, I want you to realize that there is no excuse for a violation of the law of this country in reference to the conduct of this war."

No Excuse Accepted.

"There may be palliations; there may be things that the court would take into consideration in imposing sentence if a man were convicted of violating any of these laws, and they are quite numerous now; in fact, some of them have just been announced by executive order within the last week. There is no excuse which will be accepted."

"The court will take into consideration every fact which ought to be considered in imposing a sentence, but the American people, and those who represent the American people, as you do in your present position, must stand by the government, even though it be a trial to see your friend charged and convicted of violating some law against the government of the United States. As to those things and all matters that come before you, just be absolutely independent."

"You do not owe anybody anything. There is nobody on earth so independent as a grand juror. You are under no obligation to anybody. You are intended to be a neutral among men and between men and the government, where you can fairly and impartially consider the rights of each."

### Sailors Who Mutinied Now Fight for England

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Sydney, Australia, March 30.—Norfolk Island, which is peopled by descendants of the mutineers of the British ship Bounty, English sailors, who married Tahitian women and fled with them to escape British justice after the seizure of the Bounty, has just furnished several more recruits for the Australian forces. At least four Norfolk Islanders who were direct descendants of the Bounty's mutineers had been killed in action.

Department Orders.

Washington, April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Amelia Schuster has been appointed postmistress at Jonia, Holt county, Nebraska, vice C. Seebast, resigned. Pensions granted: South Dakota—Mary J. Brandell, Arlington, \$12, special act. Nebraska rural letter carrier appointed: Humphrey, Jerome W. Bender; Laurel, Frank H. O'Hara; Minard, Adam W. Meisinger; Union, Durwood, S. Lyda.

### Speaking of Breakfasts

THE RIGHT FOOD AT SEVEN FEEL GOOD AT ELEVEN

### Grape-Nuts

"There's a Reason"

### SOME ONE WANTS TO TAKE JOY FROM LIFE

Writer is Criticized for His Daily Effusions on Front Page of The Bee.

### BUT SOME OTHERS LIKE IT

By A. R. GROH.

"Dear Sir: I have been reading your 'dope' and I have decided that you are plain 'nuts.' Now cut it out and give that perfectly good space to some one else.—A Reader."

This, dear friends, is a cruel, cruel letter that came to me the other day. Oh, how often we great men are unappreciated.

Just when I felt that my name was established among the great, when people were writing in to me from as far away as Fremont and Plattsmouth, and even from Lincoln, then comes this cruel letter. When I felt my greatness was a blossoming, along comes a frost, a killing frost, in the person of "A Reader" and "nips the root," leaving me withered, forlorn, unknown.

Alas! Woe is me! Alas! Alas!

But let us cease repining. Perhaps we can make our failures stepping stones to higher things, as McGuffey's Fourth Reader puts it. "Behind the clouds the sun is still shining."

Behind Clouds—Sunshine.

See, here is the sun in the shape of a letter from M. A. Pillsbury, 2429 Fontenelle boulevard. From what he writes, I am sure he is a gentleman of splendid literary taste. Listen:

"Dear Sir: Your special articles have been much enjoyed by myself and family. Sometimes the paper is not very carefully read, but it is very seldom that we miss your valuable and entertaining articles." (I am almost overcome with blushes. I feel I cannot quote the rest of it. But, yes! Yes, I must. I will. Write, reluctant hand. Write the rest of Mr. Pillsbury's words):

"The quiet humor sometimes makes me think you are entitled to the title, 'The Mark Twain of the West,' or something of that sort."

(Oh, how furiously I blush!) I bow to you, Mr. Pillsbury, and thank you a thousand times. I think that is surely Pillsbury's best.

Mark Twain, unfortunately, is not alive today to rejoice in this new honor connected with his name. What do you think about it, "A Reader"?

Stuff is Rotten.

Emil Nusbaum, the talented young advertising man, tells me there are plenty of people who think my stuff is "rotten." (That is the inelegant word used by the young man.) He admits, however, that some can be found who pronounce it "great stuff."

(You have no idea, friends, how it tears my soul, tortures my spirit and outrages my natural and native modesty to write all this about myself. But it is necessary. And shall it ever be said that the courageous soul of A. R. Groh shrank from performing a distasteful task? Never!)

D'you know, "A Reader," I am sorry you think I'm "nuts." I would like to write to please you. But, you see, I don't know even who you are, as you modestly refrained from signing your name. So I'm rather in the dark as to just what to write for you.

In writing "you can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time." Some people like Robert W. Chambers and some like Henry James.

I would gladly follow your suggestion and "cut it out," but I don't feel that would be just to Mr. Pillsbury and, perhaps, some others.

So try to cheer with me a little longer, will you?

To Jail for Attention  
To Wife of a Soldier

For his attention to the wife of Private Lyle Hart of the Nebraska militia James Corgrove of Omaha, who admitted taking Mrs. Hart, her baby, and Edith Van Scoy of Ord, Neb., to Chicago, was sent to the Bridewell at Chicago Saturday for a year. Robert Gillen 6516 Stewart avenue, Chicago, who visited the party, paid a \$50 fine. Mrs. Hart went home with her husband.

HYMENEAL

Hatt-Hilburn.  
Miss Reba Hilburn, daughter of James L. Hilburn, and Frank E. Hatt, both of Onawa, Ia., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his residence Sunday evening at 6. They were accompanied by the groom's sister, Miss Edith Hatt, of Onawa, and the bride's brother, Roy E. Hilburn, of Denver.

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### Kaiser Pays Cash Bonus for Sinking Of Merchant Ships

Amsterdam, April 9.—(Via London.)—The frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf suggests that the recklessness shown by the German submarines is due to the big financial rewards offered the crews by the German government. The men who man the submarines get 10 per cent higher pay than those of any other branch of the national service and receive, in addition, substantial bonuses.

Fifty per cent of the value of a captured ship is distributed among its captors, 5 per cent to the commander of the submarine, 5 to the chief engineer, 15 to the remaining officers and 25 to the crew. Percentages for torpedoing ships are based on the insurance value of the vessel. In these cases the submarine commander gets 1 per cent, the chief engineer 1 and the remaining officers 4 and the crew 10. There are also extra rewards for special exploits.

### German Says Army of U. S. Will Be Used Against Japan

Amsterdam (Via London), April 9.—Under the caption "The Biter Bit," Sunday's Koelnische Volks Zeitung prints an article under a Berlin date, which purports to explain America's plan in the far east. It says:

"The antagonism between America and Japan arose over China, but Washington's proffer of a truce to Tokio and forced China to break with Germany, by which action, Japan, like Esau, was cheated of its rights as the first born. President Wilson realized the importance of Chinese and Japanese questions better than any of his predecessors and adopted a strong policy in support of the prestige of the United States, a policy which also became anti-German."

"It would be wrong to attribute this policy to pro-Britishism. During the war President Wilson pursued an American policy above all, to which is ascribable America's huge development in the production of armaments. Every child knows that no one in Germany ever thought of the possibility of a German-American war. President Wilson himself hardly seriously contemplated a German danger, but did contemplate a Japanese danger. This is also fully understood in Tokio."

The article says that on the surface nothing is more natural than America should equip a giant army and fleet. It continues:

"They are not for use, however, in this war, during which they will practically not fire a shot, but for use afterward against Japan. Thus our enemies play with their own allies the game of 'the biter bit,' with Japan acting in the leading part."

### Hay Exchange Officers Are Elected at Annual Meeting

F. J. Farrington was yesterday elected president of the Omaha Hay Exchange; E. A. Knapp, first vice president; A. A. Nixon, second vice president; George E. Haverstick, treasurer, and W. A. Ellis, secretary. Directors elected for three year terms were F. J. Farrington, M. J. Hyland and A. A. Nixon. The five members of the board of arbitration elected were E. O. Ames, W. T. Burns, W. A. Ellis, Henry Foley and J. F. Hughes.

Increased trackage facilities and switching facilities were urged at the annual meeting and it was decided to work toward this end, especially with a view to getting special hay tracks laid. The hay rates disadvantageous to Omaha, as compared with Kansas City, were also discussed, and it was decided to carry the matter to the Interstate Commerce commission as soon as possible to seek a readjustment that will give Omaha an even chance with its competitors as a hay distributing point.

### Central High Students In Patriotic Program

Central High school students will take part in a patriotic program at the high school Wednesday morning at 10:30. The cadet battalion will be in full uniform. Students will be massed on the south steps and walk. The battalion will hold a dress parade followed by a call to the colors. "The Star Spangled Banner" will be sung by the high school glee club. A speech, "What America Stands For," will be delivered by Morris Margolin, a high school student. I. G. Dunn will be the principal speaker. "America" will be sung by the student body and glee club.

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