

### FRENCH AND BRITISH STRIKING BIG BLOW

Details Worked Out for General Attack Upon German Front.

### FIGHT ALL ALONG LINE

(Continued From Page One.)

German resistance has stiffened. General Haig reports today the capture of Villaret, which straightens his line northwest of St. Quentin, and announces further progress to the northwest of Lens. Counter attacks which the Germans have launched at Manchy and Lagnicourt suggest that the British are approaching dangerously near the new German line, which, according to unofficial accounts, the Germans had no time to complete before the British offensive was launched.

**British Official Report.**  
London, April 16.—(12:52 p. m.)—The British captured last night the village of Villaret, south of Hargicourt, according to an official statement issued by the British war office. They also made progress northeast of Lens.

Large captures of guns and war materials were made by the British at Lievin and on the Zouches river, in the Lens region, the statement announces. The cannon captured include a six-inch naval gun of long range. Truck loads of new tools, many thousands rounds of ammunition and quantities of bombs, grenades and engineering equipment also were captured.

The statement reads: "We captured last night the village of Villaret, southeast of Hargicourt, and progressed northeast of Lens."

"Full particulars of the booty we took at Lievin and on the Zouches river are unavailable, but the fact is established that our capture were exceedingly large, including a long range six-inch naval gun, many thousands rounds of ammunition of all calibres up to eight inches, a number of trench mortars and great quantities of bombs and grenades of all kinds. In addition, truckloads of new tools, many lengths of tram lines with trucks complete and two large engineer dumps have fallen intact into our possession."

"The attack at Monchy-Le-Preux on the 14th was pressed by the enemy with great determination. The Third Bavarian division, which was brought down to resist our offensive during the battle of Loos in 1915 and later took part in the fighting near High wood during the Somme battle in 1916, was again hurried down to reinforce the divisions already in line. It was ordered to retake Monchy-Le-Preux at all costs. Its losses in this fruitless attack were exceptionally heavy, as has been the case with all the Bavarian troops throughout the whole recent operations. Of the prisoners taken by us since the 9th more than one-third are Bavarians."

**Widen Gap in German Line.**  
(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

British Headquarters in France, April 16 (Via London).—The British continued today gradually to widen the second gap cut in the Hindenburg line north of St. Quentin, having captured the position known as the Three Savages, east of Gricourt. St. Quentin continues to burn. Away to the north, Lens still holds out. The Germans have several strong positions about the city, to which they still cling.

The British apparently would like to take Lens without inflicting too great damage from an extensive bombardment. They have always been in a position to reduce the city to ruins, but the shells have been directed against selected spots known to be used for military purposes by the Germans. Nevertheless the Germans continue their work of destroying the city by blowing up buildings.

Further details of the fighting yesterday show the desperate character of several German attacks on the new British positions. The attack which was essayed from both sides of Queant and temporarily pierced the

British line at Lagnicourt was exceptionally bitter. It began at 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning and continued for three hours without interruption. British advanced positions were driven in, but the support units joined the issue with the Germans. Many hand to hand encounters followed. There was also more actually aimed rifle shooting than for many months. During this fire the Germans fell in clumps. They attempted to seek cover behind bushes and in small thickets. The British fired into these with good results. When the reserves came up at last the Germans broke into full flight.

**British Repulsed, Says Berlin.**

Berlin, April 16.—(Via London).—Between Soissons and Verdun, says the official statement issued by German army headquarters today, the British and French yesterday lost eleven airplanes, mostly of the latest type.

"On the northern bank of the Scarpe river," says the German official statement, "our destructive fire kept down the British attacking waves and a storming attack could not be carried out."

"Northwest of Croisilles our fire rendered abortive a strong British attack, the enemy suffering severe losses."

"North of the Arras-Cambrai road," the statement adds, "our thrusts drove the enemy back on Lagnicourt and Bourisies. To the sanguinary losses of the Australians must be added the loss of 475 prisoners and fifteen machine guns, which have been brought in, and also twenty-two guns, captured and rendered useless by explosion."

"Near St. Quentin," says the announcement, "the artillery fire again has increased."

"From Soissons to Rheims and in the western Champagne there was exceptionally heavy artillery fire and mine throwing. After the failure of enemy reconnoitering thrusts yesterday, infantry fighting developed this morning over wide sectors."

### Seven Buildings Burn at Thedford; Loss is \$20,000

Thedford, Neb., April 16.—Local investigators believe the fire which swept seven buildings in the business district here Sunday was the result of incendiarism. The blaze started in a garage, where twenty barrels of gasoline exploded. No one was about at the time. The terrific shock broke window panes across the street and in an instant the whole garage was a mass of flames. The fire quickly spread to surrounding buildings. The damage is estimated at \$20,000. A heavy snow which began falling shortly after the fire broke out saved the entire town from burning.

### BIG OIL STEAMSHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO

Tanker Narragansett, With Capacity of 11,000 Tons, Destroyed Off Ireland.

### DANISH CREWS RESCUED

New York, April 16.—The British tank steamer Narragansett, a ship of 9,196 tons and one of the largest carriers of bulk oil ever built, has been torpedoed and sunk somewhere off the Irish coast, according to word brought here today by officers on a British ship.

The Narragansett was owned by the Anglo-American Oil company, represented here by E. A. Eames. At the offices of the company it was said no word of the vessel had been received, although several reports that it had met with disaster had reached here from unofficial sources.

The Narragansett was last reported when it left here for a British port on March 5. It was built in 1903 at Greenock, Scotland, was 512 feet long and could carry 11,000 tons of oil.

### Two Danish Crews Rescued.

Christiania, Norway (Via London), April 16.—Seamen saved from the torpedoed Danish ships Nanzo and Saxo have reported to the Danish consulate in Berlin that the ships were sunk forty-two miles from land and four miles outside the blockade zone.

Reports from Vadsø indicate that the northern Norwegian coastwise service is seriously interrupted by the German blockade. The companies fear it may be necessary to stop coastal traffic, it is said, unless the situation is ameliorated.

The Saxo was a Danish steamer of 711 tons gross, built in 1907 and owned in Copenhagen. There is no Danish vessel Nanzo listed, but a Danish steamer Nancy of 1,311 tons.

### Early Nebraska Homesteader Dies at Ages of Hundred One

Ravenna, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—Michael Kneiss, aged 101 years, died at his home in Ravenna last night. His wife, who was ten years younger, died three months ago. He is survived by a son and daughter both well advanced in years. He was a native of Austria and came to America when he was about 40 years of age. He has lived in this community ever since it was settled, being one of the homesteaders.

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### SEEK SUBSTITUTE FOR SALOON CLUB

Omaha Clergymen Join With Gospel Mission to House the "Hangers-On."

### TO SERVE REFRESHMENTS

A substitute for the saloon as a lounging place is sought by the Omaha Ministerial union and the Union Gospel Mission.

The ministerial union has decided to co-operate with the Union Gospel Mission to expand the facilities and equipment of the latter so that it will accommodate more men, and so that it can be made a true social center to substitute for the saloon in a sense. Of course it will substitute merely as a lounging place, and a place of entertainment, not in the matter of stimulants.

At the morning meeting of the ministerial union this matter was taken up following a report on the subject by a special committee appointed for that purpose some weeks ago.

### Light Drinks There.

Refreshments are to be served there, perhaps along the line of sandwiches and soft drinks. At least that is the general plan as it is now tentatively thought out. The Union Gospel Mission with its reorganized board of directors intends to attack this problem vigorously. The mission's home is at present between Thirteenth and Fourteenth on Douglas streets.

Rev. A. A. DeLarme read an able paper on "Advertising from the Angle of the Church." He strongly advocated campaigns of newspaper and billboard advertising for the churches.

The opinion that came out in the discussion following, was that the sooner the churches recognize the importance of carrying on regular campaigns of advertising just as any other business, the better it will be and the larger congregations they will get.

### Schreiber Says Time to Act on House of Hope

Mayor Dahlman, replying to Superintendent Schreiber of the Board of Public Welfare, stated that unless the board of directors of the House of Hope take early action in connection with the management of the old House of Hope at 956 North Twenty-seventh avenue, the matter will be referred to the city legal department.

"I believe it is a disgrace that an institution of this character should be permitted in Omaha," said Mr. Schreiber to the mayor.

"I agree with you," replied the mayor.

### Libel Suit Grows Out Of Postoffice Fight

Brookings, S. D., April 16.—(Special.)—The postoffice fight in this city last fall has resulted in a damage suit for \$10,000 being instituted in the state circuit court. The defendants in the action are Sheriff Minier and J. K. Fridley. The complainant in the action is Thomas Tinker. Tinker was a candidate for appointment as postmaster. The alleged libelous statement, which is the basis of the suit, is charged with having been sent to the Postoffice department in Washington by the two defendants, with the alleged object of preventing Tinker's appointment as postmaster. The statement was originally signed by a number of other leading democrats of Brookings and vicinity, but all but the two defendants withdrew their signatures from the statement, claiming they did not understand the purport of the statement when they attached their signatures thereto. It is expected the case will be tried at the next term of circuit court in this city.

### "No Half Way War" Editorial Quoted by the Lumberman

Among other war editorials quoted in the American Lumberman of Chicago, issue of April 7, is an abstract from an editorial in The Omaha Bee, under the head, "No Half Way War." The quotation follows: "Congress may be depended upon not only to adopt the declaratory resolution, but to empower the president to act with all the available resources of the country mobilized to make our action effective. "With every patriotic citizen it must be, and it will be, 'America First, and America All the Time.'" Editorial extracts from some thirty leading metropolitan newspapers are grouped together for this page spread under the general caption, "All America Responds to The President's Call."

### Woman Robbed by Man Who Follows Her from Church

A man she thought had attended her church, followed Mrs. N. J. McKittrick, 1326 South Twenty-seventh street, after the evening services, and at Twenty-fourth and Poppleton avenue grabbed her pocketbook, containing \$12 and a gold watch. Mrs. McKittrick and several other church members gave chase up an alley, but the man disappeared.

### Here is a Chance to Join The Roosevelt Brigade

Homer V. Knouse of the city water department, as secretary of the Nebraska Association of Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers, received a supply of application blanks for use by those who wish to join a proposed engineering corps to serve with Theodore Roosevelt in France.

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