

### KAISER LAUNCHES PUSH TO SAVE OWN FATE U. S. BELIEF

War Department Statement Says Offensive Proves That German Militarists Were Forced to Begin Activities.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 25.—The German offensive, says the War department today, proves that the German militarists, no longer able to control the German people by political maneuvers, have been forced to attempt a gigantic feat of arms to maintain their domination.

While the great attack has been able to make headway no definite enveloping movement has been outlined, the communique says, and it would be premature to express opinions on the tactical phase with a combat situation inevitable, changing in a battle of such magnitude.

The assault launched by the Germans against the British front has reopened the fighting season in the west," says the communique.

"This operation confirms to us that the German higher command, unable to control the strategic situation through political agencies, as has been unceasingly attempted during the past four months, has been forced to engage in a desperate military venture in an effort to retain its domination over the peoples of the central empires and, if possible, force a victorious peace by the fortune of arms."

Followed Brief Preparation. The German attack began with a brief but overwhelming artillery bombardment with high explosive and gas shells, at dawn on March 21, in the rolling country north of the Oise, 94 miles northeast of Paris.

"From Croisilles, south to Verdun, a distance of 47 miles, the Germans concentrated this preliminary barrage in which a number of Austrian batteries participated.

"At the same time hostile artillery was active in the Ypres-La Bassée region.

The German infantry divisions thereupon advanced to the attack along the flanks of the salient in front of Cambrai. Furious fighting continued on the northern flank between Croisilles, Bullecourt and Lagnicourt, on the southern, along the line Gouzeaucourt-Hargicourt-Leverguier and extending across the Crozat canal to beyond La Fere.

The British forces are heavily engaged. While the Germans have been able to make headway no definite enveloping movement is as yet outlined. "It would be premature to express an opinion regarding the tactical phases of the operations now taking place. We must expect further changes in the combat situation, which are inevitable in a battle of such magnitude.

Americans Are Busy. "Enemy casualties have been exceedingly heavy.

"Our forces in training in Lorraine are still holding on to the trenches northeast of Bradenville, which were captured last week. In this region our artillery is continuing to batter the German lines and a number of scouting parties, which have penetrated the German positions report that enemy works have been considerably damaged.

"In our sector north of Toul our artillery has successfully bombarded enemy works and billets behind their lines.

"Simultaneous with the German offensive operations in the west, we note further hostile activity in Italy, which may be the prelude of an offensive in this theater.

#### German Transport Lost; All on Board Drowned

London, March 25.—Finlanders arriving at Stockholm on the gunboat Svenskund say that the German transport Frankland struck a mine and sank at Noorla d, according to an Exchange Telegram dispatch from Stockholm. The transport was crowded with soldiers, cannon and munitions, and, according to the dispatch, the entire crew, all of the soldiers and Admiral von Meyrer were lost.

A Stockholm dispatch dated March 22, said that another German transport had been blown up by a mine near the Aland islands and that the transport Frankland which came to its rescue was damaged severely by another explosion.

#### Food Administration Will Insist on Food Regulations

Washington, March 25.—Obstruction of new wheat conservation regulations will not be tolerated by the food administration.

Plans for keeping a check on commercial bakers were announced today by the administration. Serious or continued disregard of the rules will be handled by officials here who are empowered to revoke licenses and force disloyal food handlers out of business.

Private persons who may seek to hoard to gratify their appetites, while patriotic citizens are co-operating in the conservation of wheat, will meet equal severity, it is said.

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### SIBERIAN ACTION DISTURBS JAPAN

Question of Dispatch of Army to Russia Overshadows Everything Else; Considered National Problem.

Tokio, March 25.—The interest in America and in Europe in the possibility of Japanese military intervention in the war is duplicated in Japan, where the question of the dispatch of any army to Siberia not only overshadows everything else, but has created a national problem not approached in importance since the Russo-Japanese war. The correspondent, in this connection, is reliably informed that Japan after the frankest exchange of views with the allies, is still studying the question and has not decided upon its policy.

Representative opinion among the Japanese regards the situation as serious and as fraught with possibilities of danger to the safety and national interests of Japan, as well as to the cause of the allies. The chaos in Siberia, with battle between opposing factions on the border of Manchuria, is regarded as made more sinister by the presence of 140,000 German and Austrian prisoners who are virtually at liberty, and by recent accounts that German officers have been seen in the ranks fighting with the bolsheviks.

It is announced that the Japanese navy is making careful preparations to meet the possibility of the Germans transporting submarines to the Pacific. The two Japanese warships at Vladivostok, it is pointed out, could land marines in the event of danger to the lives and property of the Japanese. The fact that several Japanese were among the killed and wounded in recent Siberian engagements has encouraged the press more vigorously to urge governmental action.

In Japan the war has created a grave question by the steady rise in the price of food and other necessities, causing increasing hardships to the masses.

### ITALIANS HURL BACK ENEMY IN FIERCE ATTACK

Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, March 25.—A sharp skirmish occurred on the lower Piave last night when a party of Arditti made a surprise crossing of the river and advanced to the machine gun positions of the enemy trenches. With hand grenades a rush was made on the forward trench which was cleared after a hand to hand fight, a number of its occupants being killed. Considerable material was captured and brought back.

Another hot skirmish occurred on the mountain front, where a group of Austrians succeeded in penetrating an Italian outpost, but were dislodged and driven back with loss after lively fighting.

The cannonade along the Piave and the mountain fronts is beginning to show increased activity. The enemy is again resorting to insidious methods of propaganda, and the latest air raids are notable for the dropping of manifestos and peace literature instead of bombs.

### EASTER PARADE THROUGH ARRIVES ATLANTIC CITY

Americans and Canadians, Soldiers and Titled Boarders from Abroad Join Boardwalk Throng

Atlantic City, N. J., March 24.—Sojourners from several countries are here in the great Lenten assembly, which rivals many of the crowds last summer.

The number of arrivals will be augmented daily until Easter, when the great climax, the annual Easter promenade, a national institution, will be witnessed by persons from all sections of the United States and Canada and from European countries. Count de La Ferte Taucher of Paris will be seen in the promenade tonight. He is at the Chelsea.

Captain A. Loftus Bryan of London, who is at the Traymore, was in the boardwalk throng. Captain David Albalá of the Serbian army, who is at the Alamac, was seen with friends along the walk. Sergeant William, a wool broker of Sydney, Australia, who is at the Dennis, was in the rolling chair procession. Sibelle A. Skipton of Athlone, Ireland, also is at the Dennis.

Miss Elizabeth R. Williamson of Brazil was on the walk this evening. Monsieur H. Vinti of Paris, who is at the Traymore, also was on the wooden way.

Mr. and Mrs. Angier D. Duke of New York are at the Traymore. Mrs. Charles D. Orth, Miss Kathryn Knight and Miss Gertrude Simpson arrived together from Brooklyn. They are at the Marlborough-Blenheim.

H. W. Hubbell of New York is one of the later arrivals at the Chalfonte. W. Tyrie Stevens is at the St. Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Remick of New York are at the Chelsea with their two children.

#### Capt. Whipperman Invited to Launching of Concrete Ship

Captain Frank Whipperman, one of Omaha's soldier sons, now in the aviation section of the signal corps at Waco, Tex., received an invitation from the San Francisco Shipbuilding company to be present at the launching of the steamship Faith, the first reinforced concrete ship ever launched.

Captain Whipperman, before he was commissioned, was president of the Omaha Concrete Stone company in Omaha and managed the affairs of the Mid-West Cement Users' association. Before the convention two years ago in Omaha he declared ships would have to be built of concrete eventually.

Captain Whipperman now takes great pride in the fact that his prediction came true, though he was unable to leave his post to accept the invitation to the launching ceremonies.

#### Obituary

MRS. DORA ULISSE, 3516 Webster street, died Monday morning at a hospital. She is survived by her husband and a son.

### NINE AMERICANS DECORATED WITH FRENCH CROSSES

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, March 24.—The distinguished service cross has been awarded nine American soldiers, but three of those decorated are dead and the cross, with an appropriate letter, will be forwarded to the next of kin.

The decorations have been conferred on Second Lieutenant A. W. Terrell; Medical Sergeant Thomas Peterson (dead); Privates Herman Geniply and Lenni Fillengem (both dead) and Sergeants Varner Hall, and James H. West, and Corporals Edgan H. Freeman, Amos Teske and Homer Whited, all of the same infantry regiment.

Some of the men had already been decorated with the French war cross. Medical Sergeant Peterson, as previously reported, was attached to an artillery regiment and in action on March 5, although mortally wounded, supervised the care of wounded brought to a station which he had established, and in order to save the lives of others gave up his own. He died of his wounds the same night.

Private Fillengem, as sentry, stood by his post the same day, notwithstanding a heavy shell fire, and was mortally wounded as a result.

#### British Press Confident Von Hindenburg About Done

London, March 25.—Commenting on the great battle in France, the Sunday Times says:

"In all previous great assaults the chief success has been gained at the first thrust but in this battle, whereas the Germans were unable to issue a flowery report at the close of the first day, it has to be admitted that their second and third communique will be more satisfactory from this point of view. The German military caste are out for victory, even if to gain they must destroy the people to whom they promised its fruits. They have already flung nearly one-third of their entire western resources against the sector measuring one-third of the western front and must continue to fling fresh divisions into the blood bath."

"With time on our side and fewer troops exposed to the death blast, we may reasonably count on holding in hand reserves powerful enough to deal a crushing counter stroke when von Hindenburg has shattered his last legions against the impregnable British wall."

#### Jap Newspaper, in Powerful Editorial, Demands Action

Tokio, March 25.—The Jiji Shimpo, in a powerful editorial today says:

"The question of supplying ships to America cannot be regarded as a business deal any more than the dispatches of Japanese ships to the Mediterranean. So long as Japan is one of the allies, she should be ready and willing to do so. It is Japan's duty to furnish America with bottoms to help the cause of the allies. To talk of compensation is to misunderstand the position of Japan. Sacrifices are unavoidable; talk of profits is a sign of business."

In conclusion the Jiji urges the government to exercise the right to regulate the charter rates and force selfish commercial interests to realize the situation and the national obligations and cease talking of compensation.

### GERMANS DRIVE AWAKENS WEST, SAYS O'CONNOR

Great Irish Leader Confident Last Desperate Gamble of German Commanders Is Futile Attempt.

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—The German drive has awakened the west to a realization of the seriousness of the war, said T. P. O'Connor, noted British journalist and member of the British parliament, today. He spoke before the Burlingame County club.

"It was especially gratifying to me to see the universal interest shown throughout the west in the story of the battle," Mr. O'Connor said. "Gratifying also was the undisguised anxiety of the people that the allied forces should win."

"I have not the smallest fear that the Germans will produce a decision, for a decision means the wholesale destruction by death and surrender of a great portion, if not the whole, of an army, such as occurred for instance at Sedan."

Last Desperate Gamble. "To me the most hopeful fact of the situation is that this looks like a last desperate gamble of the German commanders to anticipate the arrival of the American troops by the de-

struction of the French and the British. It is a gamble which is costing hundreds of thousands of lives in a nation already depressed by the ever receding prospect of success and which must exercise a profound influence on the German people. The Kaiser and junkerism are throwing all their stakes on the table, and unless they win, their loss must be decisive."

Even if there were no notable defenses the German drive would have to stop, Colonel A. E. Murray, eighth earl of Dunmore, said in an address based on three years' service in France. "We broke the German lines at the Somme, at Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele ridge and Cambrai," he said. "At Cambrai there was nothing in the way of formidable defenses between the British army and Berlin, but we could not force the situation for a reason that will be soon known."

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### You Can Help Keep the Boy Scouts Working

The Boy Scouts did all these things—not for money—not for glory—just for the pure joy of service. They cannot continue these war activities and at the same time finance themselves. And it takes so very little to keep them going that the people of Omaha will, without question, finance them for another year of work.

Tomorrow 200 of Omaha's busiest and biggest business men leave their desks to go out and solicit funds for this splendid organization. But even 200 men cannot see everyone who will want to help in this grand work.

They may have neither time nor opportunity to see you. So here is your chance to show your loyalty to the boys of Omaha. Seize it—you'll feel better every time you see a Scout uniform.

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