

GERMANS LAUNCH TERRIFIC DRIVE AT CITY OF NESLE

British, Co-operating With the French, Meet Onslaught Doggedly and Gallantly.

(By Associated Press.) With the British Army in France, March 27.—The Germans yesterday followed up their progress at Nesle, on the southern battle front by launching a terrific assault against the British along a line running roughly, between Hattecourt and the region of Roye.

The British co-operating with their French allies, were meeting the onslaught doggedly and gallantly, and a sanguinary struggle was in progress this afternoon.

DEVELOPS NEW OFFENSIVE Further north the enemy also developed a fresh offensive movement to the south of Suzanne, which lies northeast of Bray-Sur-Somme. But the Germans were pushing with less strength here than in the southern theater, possibly for strategic reasons.

These two sectors were the scene of most important operations today, although fighting was in progress along the whole front.

In the northern sector about Achet-Le-Grand, Logeast wood and northward, where such desperate fighting was waged yesterday the Germans did not renew their attacks in strength at a late hour this forenoon.

The allies today probably were in better condition to contest the German advance than they had been since the beginning of the offensive.

The capture of Nesle yesterday by the enemy was achieved after heavy fighting over a considerable front.

The Germans advanced in strength both north and south of the town and by pressing the defending lines back in these places formed a salient, from which the allies were forced to withdraw, leaving Nesle in the hands of the enemy. Heavy fighting today in this section was forecast by the appearance of new masses of troops, which the Germans brought up for another push.

The fighting on Sunday and Monday in the neighborhood of Evrillers was most bitter. Throughout Sunday night and the early hours Monday the Germans kept pressing against the stubbornly contending British, who fought with such desperation against overwhelming odds, that they repelled the onrushing infantry. After a breathing spell in the early morning the Germans again made a heavy assault between Evrillers and Gomicourt and were caught in the British artillery barrage and crushed.

Evrillers Defended Hard. A little later the enemy advanced once more and stormed the position with such ferocity that it was feared Evrillers must go.

Fresh British troops were sent up and carried out an immediate counter attack, relieving the situation.

The enemy, finding the road barred through this place, began hammering hard below Gomicourt, in the region of Sapignies. The British line south of this place had already swung back to the west and finally it became apparent that it would be policy to withdraw from Evrillers, Gomicourt and Sapignies and straighten out the front. This was done during the night, the withdrawal being effected in good order.

Court Releases Accused Editors of German Paper Philadelphia, March 27.—Upon the ground that no evidence had been presented to make out a case, Judge Oliver B. Dickinson in the United States district court today directed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty in the trial of Louis Wexler and Martin Darrow, editors of the Philadelphia Tageblatt, who were charged with treason in the publication of certain articles, headlines and alleged news dispatches in the German newspaper.

Werner and Darrow, along with Peter Schaefer, president; Paul Vogel, treasurer, and Herman Lemke, business manager of the Philadelphia Tageblatt Publishing association will be tried at the June term of court with making and conveying false reports to promote the success of the enemy, wilfully obstructing recruiting and enlistment and conspiracy to make false reports.

Chicago City Council Adopts Loyalty Act Chicago, Ill., March 27.—A resolution of loyalty and support, pledging the city of Chicago "to endure greater hardship and to make greater sacrifices to the end that our nation may not be found wanting" in the present war was adopted by the council today.

Department Orders. Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram)—Miss Blanche Carpenter of Cedar Falls, Ia., has been appointed clerk in the agricultural department.

Eugene M. Crowley of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Louis Wills of Davenport, Ia., have been appointed clerks.

Charles M. Shores of Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed accountant in the War department.

Arthur A. Johnson has been appointed acting surgeon at Omaha. Sumner W. Robinson of Fremont, Neb., in the military service.

GREEN UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP HOME

Congressman From Ninth Iowa District Busy on Ways and Means Committee and Will Stay in East.

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street. Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram)—Congressman W. R. Green of Council Bluffs, when asked today if he expected to go home in the near future, said: "I do not know whether I shall be able to get home to take part in the drive for the Liberty loan, much as I would like to.

"The ways and means committee of which I am a member, is constantly engaged on legislation having to do with the war and being a member of the committee, on conference on the government co-operation bill for the present at least, my duty is here."

Fetterman to Texas. Major A. D. Fetterman, who has been in Washington for several weeks, learning the "ropes" about the War department, will leave tomorrow for San Antonio, Tex., as assistant to Inspector General Galbreth of the Southern department. Major Fetterman will be at San Antonio throughout the summer expecting to go to France in the early fall.

The major was admitted to practice before the supreme court today on motion of W. M. Whelan of Lincoln, chief of the house document room.

Major Fetterman has tendered his resignation as county attorney of Grant county, to the board of county commissioners.

Gillan in Capital. J. J. Gillan of Omaha, acting superintendent of internal revenue, in charge of income tax, is in Washington for instructions on matters pertaining to income tax revenues.

While traveling east Mr. Gillan came very near being in a wreck at Plymouth, Ind.

A freight train was wrecked at that point, several freight cars being piled up on the eastbound track. The engineer of the passenger train on which Mr. Gillan was traveling, set all air brakes, the train stopping just ahead of the wreckage.

Ask Priority for Tractors. Congressman Lobeck today in compliance with a telegraphic request of Murphy, O'Brien & Co., asked the railroad administration to give priority to four carloads of tractors from New York, as they are needed in Nebraska to aid in spring planting.

The New York manufacturers state there is no railroad equipment available, while the Omaha firm insists that farm implements should have priority.

Bluffs Man in East. Colonel C. G. Saunders and Emmet Timley of Council Bluffs, the latter being a brother of Lieutenant Colonel Timley, who was recently decorated by the French government, are in Washington on business with the department. Both are actively connected with the work of the Red Cross, Liberty bond and war savings stamps.

Abolish All Cabarets in Chicago After May 1 Chicago, March 27.—All cabarets in Chicago will be abolished after May 1, under the terms of an ordinance passed by the city council today.

The ordinance which has been pending since January 1, prohibits any form of entertainment, dancing, skating, performing at any place where liquor is served. Orchestral music will be permitted if the payment of an additional \$300 license fee. Mechanical pianos may be used without any special license.

The ordinance which has had the support of the brewers and many saloon keepers is also declared to have had the endorsement of government officials who have been seeking to eliminate vice at points adjacent to army and navy posts.

British Start Recruiting To Fill Gaps on Battle Line London, March 27.—To fill the gaps caused by the German advance in France the authorities have decided to place the recruiting machinery in motion again throughout the country.

The miners have placed the organization of their unions at the disposal of the recruiting officers.

Ratifies Dry Act. Boston, March 27.—The house late today ratified the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution by a vote of 145 to 91.

Composer Is Dead. Paris, March 27.—Claude De Bussy, the noted composer, is dead at his home here. He was 56 years old.

TURNING POINT OF BATTLE NEAR; SAMMIES NOW IN

Reports at Washington Hint Same Feeling Prevails Abroad; Americans in Battle Brings Conflict Closer Home.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.—An air of expectancy was apparent tonight among American and other military officials here, who are following most closely the developments of the battle in France. They appeared to feel that a turning point in the terrific struggle was close at hand. Press reports from the British front hinted at the same feeling there.

For the people of the United States the announcement by their authorities that American troops are fighting side by side with French and British defenders brings the battle closer home. War department officials had no word from General Pershing on the subject, but were expecting at any moment reports showing the extent of American participation.

Watch French Front. Attention centers here now on the French front rather than on the progress made by the Germans against the British lines. As the battle proceeds, officers here are becoming more certain that the defenders are carrying out a definite plan of which the British withdrawal is a part, but which will prove soon to be coupled with a powerful counter thrust.

The most probable place for the launching of such a movement it was thought was from the flanking position the French held tenaciously tonight along the left bank of the Oise.

Until General Pershing reports as to the American forces engaged, no one here will hazard a guess concerning the part they are playing. American heavy artillery has been training in England, and the men are familiar with British great guns. They may be reaching the front with new guns sent to replace those lost during the retirement. American tank detachments also have been at the British training camps for months. American engineers are officially reported as in the battle zone.

It was regarded as entirely possible, however, that American infantry divisions already seasoned by front line experience in their own sector had come up with French reinforcements. They would be certain to operate with the French as their equipment is largely French, and they must be supplied with ammunition and replacements from the French communication lines.

Should this prove to be the case, it is possible officers here, believe, that American troops will be with French units in an effort to score heavily against the Germans when the moment for attack arrives.

German Loss in South America Will Be Heavy (From a Staff Correspondent.) Des Moines, March 27.—(Special Telegram)—Germany has "cooked her goose" in South America, according to J. L. Clinton, international Young Men's Christian association leader and member of John R. Mott's cabinet, who is in Des Moines today.

Mr. Clinton went to South America last June and later to the war zone. He declared that the worst mistake the Prussians ever made was when they estranged the people of Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. The governments of all four countries, the most progressive on the southern continent, are all now at war with the Huns.

Sammies' Choker Collar Goes; Also Patch Pockets New York, March 27.—Designers in this city today received word from Washington indicating that the so-called choker collar will be discarded from the American soldier's uniform in favor of the unstiffened roll after the style of the British tunic, in the interests of economy in manufacture. Shoulder straps and patch pockets are also to be eliminated.

Arrest Many Slackers. Chicago, March 27.—More than 200 men were arrested in Chicago today in the government's campaign against disloyalists, enemy aliens, slackers

Department Orders. Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram)—Civil service examination will be held April 27, for postmaster at Oberlin, Neb., Pleasanton and Vincennes, Ia., Slater, Wyo.

Rural letter-carrier appointments—South Dakota, Alpena, Walter Stuber, Washington Springs, Aloyda Randle.

RAFFERTY SAYS NEW BOND RATE TOO HIGH

President of Fontenelle Hotel Says Third Liberty Loan Would Sell Without Interest.

Treasury department officials promoting the third Liberty loan are giving considerable money to the public which is unnecessary to float the loan, according to William Rafferty, Syracuse, N. Y., financier.

Mr. Rafferty, who is president of the Hotel Fontenelle Operating company, is in Omaha for a few days on business.

"Patriotism was never so intense as it is now, because of the big German offensive, and for this reason the bonds would be snapped up quickly even if no interest was offered," said Mr. Rafferty. "But with the government offering 4 1/2 per cent interest, there is great danger that the public will withdraw their savings from banks which only pay 4 per cent, and invest all in the loan.

"While this would help the government, it would give the government more money than it could use immediately, and would hurt the banks. The banks would be forced to call in loans and that would seriously affect business throughout the country, which is exactly what the government does not want.

"I believe that this will be the greatest loan of the three, and that it will be oversubscribed several times and in a remarkably short time."

London Paper Says Line "Bent, But Not Broken" London, March 27.—The London evening papers take consolation in the fact that Germans thus far have failed to break the British lines, or force a wedge between the British and French armies, and in the news from France that the gaps have been filled with local reserves, while the strategic reserves remain intact for their own special purpose.

The Standard says: "After five days of fighting the British line has come back almost to the limits of the Somme battle field. But, though it is elastic, it is not brittle; it is bent, but not broken."

The Globe says: "The Germans have failed to thrust so deeply into the British as to make a reunion of the fissure impossible and to defeat the separated masses in detail. And with every hour the German chances grow less."

German Press Apprehensive Of Conditions After Drive Amsterdam, March 27.—The Vorwaertz under date of March 25, says: "While the fighting at present is inclining in Germany's favor, nevertheless, after this fight we shall neither be in a position, nor shall we have the moral right to treat the enemy on the principle of 'hands on the throat and knees on the breast'."

"The necessity for a political understanding lies behind even the greatest military decision. Such an understanding, however, will be all the easier for us once the poison war clouds have disappeared. After this war the German people can only live as a peaceful, self-governing nation."

Boy Scouts Make Pershing Honorary Member of Order New York, March 27.—General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force in France, and members of President Wilson's cabinet, were elected honorary members of the national council, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual meeting of that organization here today.

The council re-elected all its officers and chose Alfred W. Dater of Stamford, Conn., and Bolton Smith of Memphis, Tenn., as new members of the executive board.

Army Orders. Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram)—The appointments of James Showmaker Reber, Jr., Gerald Tawie, Harry Houston Crawford, Miles Edward Welsh, and Merton Lamont Wright as second lieutenants in the aviation section, signal reserve corps, assignment to duty at Fort Omaha, are announced.

FRENCH ADVISE U. S. ALLIES WILL HOLD GERMANS

Official Dispatch Quotes Government Organ Declaring Teutons Have Not Gained Objective in Spring Drive.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 27.—France's confidence that the great German offensive is wasting its strength against the allied line, is voiced in an official dispatch received here today from Paris. The message quotes at length from today's Petit Journal to show that the Germans, though suffering tremendous losses in massed advances, have failed to attain their objectives.

"The great example before all minds is that of the Marne where Germany had every advantage on its side, thanks to its preparation to the superiority of its man power and its heavy artillery and its hidden attack across violated Belgium, but it was defeated.

"Today it is fighting against the powerful Franco-British armies accustomed to war and well supplied; its effort will again be stopped. Such is the firm and calm conviction of French opinion the expression of which is seen this morning in the press."

and that the present situation is satisfactory to the allies.

The dispatch says: "The French press continues to view with calm confidence the developments of the gigantic battle which has been going on for five days. This confidence is based upon all the experience of this war. Each time that the Germans have attempted a movement against the troops in the west the effort after a certain amount of success always of a temporary character has ended in being broken against the barrier of the allied armies.

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Prices of All Minerals

To Continue Unchanged Washington, March 27.—Prices on ore, coke, steel and steel products, recommended previously by the price-fixing committee of the war industries board, subject to revision on April 1, were ordered by President Wilson today to be continued in effect until July 1.

From April 1 to July 1, however, the maximum price of basic pig iron was ordered reduced from \$33 to \$32 per gross ton, and of scrap steel from \$30 to \$20 per gross ton.

WINTER WEATHER PRODUCES PAIN

Nip it in the bud by the free use of Sloan's Liniment.

People who have to be outdoors exposed to the attacks of wintry weather, use Sloan's Liniment. They know it's most effective in relieving stiff neck, neuralgic pains, rheumatic twinges, lumbago attacks.

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A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.—Adv.

Suggestions for Easter



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Start Tomorrow and Keep It Up Every Morning

Get in the habit of drinking a glass of hot water before breakfast.

We're not here long, so let's make our stay agreeable. Let us live well, eat well, digest well, work well, sleep well and look well. What a glorious condition to attain, and yet how very easy it is if one will only adopt the morning inside bath.

Folks who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when they arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning, before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, scurvy and poisonous toxins. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble; others who have slow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of inside-bathing before breakfast.—Advertisement.

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