



BRITISH TAKE OFFENSIVE; GERMAN LINER CELTIC TORPEDOED

GREAT VESSEL ON TRIP TO AMERICA; FEW MEN ABOARD

Efforts Being Made to Save Vessel, Which Was Built at Belfast in 1901 and Flies British Flag; Has Gross Tonnage of 20,904; Submarine Victim.

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 1.—The steamship Celtic, one of the big White Star liners, was attacked and torpedoed by a German submarine, according to reliable information received today in marine circles here, during a voyage from England to America.

Washington, April 1.—If there were any American soldiers at all on board the Celtic, it was said here today, they were few in number and carried as "casuals" returning home.

London, April 1.—The British armed boarding steamer Tithonus was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine March 28, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty.

ELECT SENATOR IN WISCONSIN TODAY; RACE HOT

Politicians From All Over Country Involved; Vote Considered by Many as Test of Loyalty.

(By Associated Press.) Milwaukee, April 1.—Showers, according to the weather man, may be looked for tomorrow, when Wisconsin voters go to the polls in the momentous special senatorial election.

Mr. Lenroot and his forces have not attacked the loyalty of the democrats, nor have the latter seriously attacked that of Mr. Lenroot, although he has been called upon to defend his attitude before America entered the war.

SENATE SOLONS BLOCK ACTION ON DRY AMENDMENT

Lower Body Passes Bill While Upper Chamber Spends Afternoon Sparring Over Procedure.

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—There will be no ratification of the federal prohibition amendment at the present special session of the Nebraska legislature unless the senate at some future date votes to reconsider and defeat a resolution passed late today providing the business of the upper house be limited to the legislation specified by Governor Keith Neville in his present proclamation calling the legislators together.

Mr. Morarity of Douglas moved that consideration of the motion go over one day. After considerable discussion and while Sandall of York was speaking on the question, Morarity called for a point of order that Sandall was discussing the Henry resolution introduced last week and laid over under the rules which in effect would deny the right of the senate to consider the Henry resolution.

Our Political Garden Patch



BIG STRIKE ON ATLANTIC WORK HALTS WAR WORK

Walkout at Norfolk Army and Navy Bases Spreads to Portsmouth and Aviation Field at Hampton.

Norfolk, Va., April 1.—A strike of union carpenters employed on government construction work at the army and navy bases here, called this morning, spread this afternoon to the navy yard at Portsmouth and the aviation field at Hampton.

Most of the carpenters employed by the government in the entire vicinity are out. Other classes of skilled labor also began to walk out. At the Bush Bluff army base, 500 carpenters and the entire force of electricians, plumbers and sheet metal workers quit work.

Chicago, April 1.—A marriage license was issued here today to Lothar Becker of Houston, Tex., and Barie Mayer, who played the part of Mary Magdalene in the Passion Play at Oberammergau in 1910.

POILUS CHECK GERMAN DRIVE ON FRENCH TOWN

Enemy Penetrates Forest Near Moreuil During Fierce Battle With British Troops.

Paris, April 1.—The battle continued with extreme violence last night in the sector north of Montdidier, large bodies of troops being thrown in by the Germans, the war office announces.

British Army Headquarters in France, April 1.—At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Germans made a heavy attack between Moreuil and Demuin. Fierce fighting followed. The attacking troops gradually forced their way forward until they penetrated the large forest lying northeast of Moreuil.

San Francisco, April 1.—Thomas J. Mooney today applied to Governor Stephens for a pardon for the sentence of death imposed upon him on a murder charge, which grew out of a bomb explosion which killed ten persons here in 1916.

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ALLIES RECLAIM LOST GROUND IN VIGOROUS ARRAS ATTACK

German Casualties Enormous When Anzacs Hurl Back Advancing Enemy Forces Near Somme River; British Take Prisoners

BULLETIN.

Paris, April 1.—The bombardment of Paris by long range German guns was resumed this afternoon.

Four persons were killed and nine injured by the bombardment, according to the official announcement tonight.

London, April 1.—The Germans made two attacks on British positions in the western outskirts of Albert last evening and in both cases were repulsed, the war office announces.

South of the Somme the enemy persisted in his attempts to advance along the Luce and Avre valleys, but made little progress.

The number of machine guns taken by the British in their attacks near Serre on Saturday was 109.

BRITISH HOLD LINE.

British Army headquarters in France, Sunday, March 31.—The last 24 hours continued unfavorable to the aggressive Germans along the British section of the new battlefield and was a strikingly good period for the defenders.

This morning the British were holding their entire line with strength and they had smashed numerous heavy German attacks at various points and had taken the initiative at several places successfully.

SMALL BRITISH FORCE HOLDS OFF GERMAN HORDES

Detachment of Americans and Britons, 1,500 Strong, Withstands Tremendous Onslaughts Bravely.

British Army Headquarters in France, April 1.—It is now possible to tell of a spectacular feature of a brilliant British defense last week before the Somme.

It is the story of a little army composed largely of assortments of troops, who were hastily assembled in a great crisis and who successfully held a vital stretch of the front against furious German onslaughts until reinforcements could arrive.

Last Tuesday afternoon at a critical moment it was absolutely necessary that more troops should be thrown into the British line to hold the onslaught of Germans.

Reinforcements were on the way, but could not arrive in time. There was no time to lose, and a certain general immediately organized a force collected from the various units nearby, in which were the Americans.

Fifteen hundred followed the lead of their dashing brigadier out into the swirling battle line, where they were strung over a front of 1,200 yards, against which hordes of Germans were flung. It seems almost inconceivable that these defenders, brave unto death though they were, could have been able to hold that long sector, but they held.

The enemy advanced in force and hurled themselves time and again against the British line in this region, but they found no weak spot. This composite force stood as gallantly as well as their comrades to the right and to the left. They clung on for many hours until the regular army came up. This is a sample of the fighting spirit which allied soldiers are showing in this time of stress.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY.

The most intense fighting continued south of the Somme in the zone where the French have been making such a gallant stand. The outstanding feature of the conflict on the northern end of the front is that the British again have killed a great number of the enemy, which, despite its harsh sound, is what will end the war.

Today the British initiated a forward movement about Feuchy Cope, east of Arras. They launched a local attack at 3 o'clock this morning and pressed it so vigorously that they reclaimed a stretch of territory 1,500 yards long and averaging about 200 yards in depth. This success had tactical advantages, but they were small compared with the fact that the British were able, after the last ten days of grueling work, to undertake an offensive operation.

300,000 GERMANS KILLED IN GREAT PICARDY BATTLE

Washington, April 1.—A French official estimate of the German losses of the great battle on the western front puts their total casualties at between 275,000 and 300,000.

The Germans are sending most of their wounded to Belgium, it is declared, to conceal from the German people their heavy sacrifice.

The dispatch follows: "After an 11 days' offensive, during which the Germans have recklessly pushed forward their attacking waves, one may gather a fairly accurate estimate of their losses.

"In the first place, it has been possible to identify nearly 100 of their divisions since the beginning of the offensive, more than ten of which were twice engaged. Some divisions had to be relieved at the end of the first day, having lost more than half of the men; such was the case of the 45th and 88th. The latter has been nearly entirely wiped out. Among those that have suffered the most are the 5th, 12th, 28th and 107th divisions, as well as the Second (Prussian guard), the 16th, the 21st and 26th divisions of reserves.

"In the second place, an enormous number of corpses were found on the battleground, and the prisoners on being questioned, acknowledged the extent of the losses of their respective units.

"To conceal from the German people the heavy sacrifices that their offensive methods required, the Germans are sending most of their wounded to Belgium.

"It is not an exaggeration to estimate the total of their losses at between 275,000 and 300,000 men."

MURDER MAN TO CHECK IMPORTANT VICE CONFESSION

New York, April 1.—Seven hours before the district attorney's office was to have been informed by Harry Cohen, also known as "Harry the Yot," of the name of the man higher up in the prosecutor's anti-gambling crusade, Cohen was shot and killed at 6:30 o'clock this morning.

Must Clean up Des Moines Edict of War Department Des Moines, Ia., April 1.—With a War department warning that Des Moines will be declared a "prohibited district" for Camp Dodge soldiers, unless moral conditions here are improved, Governor W. L. Harding today inaugurated measures to "clean up" the city, placing Sheriff John F. Griffin of Polk county in charge of law enforcement work.

It is reported that the Camp Dodge depot will be trebled in size and local jobbers and manufacturers encouraged to submit bids on supplies.

New Police Chief Says No Radical Changes Will Be Made on Force

Chief of Detectives M. F. Dempsey succeeded H. W. Dunn as chief of police Monday. He had been acting chief for several months during the illness of Chief Dunn, who was forced to resign on account of ill health. Upon taking over his new duties Chief Dempsey announced that he would make no radical changes on the force. A few changes were made in the assignment of men starting the first of the month.

Fifty-Four Millions Worth Of Stamps Sold in March

Washington, April 1.—Sales of war savings and thrift stamps in March were \$54,000,000, and brought the total receipts from that source in the four months since the war savings campaign started to \$128,000,000. Officials estimated, however, that actual sales, some of which have not been reported, had been about \$150,000,000. War savings workers are planning on making special efforts during the Liberty loan campaign.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for Omaha and surrounding areas, including temperatures, wind directions, and precipitation probabilities.