

# GERMANS FAIL TO FORCE DECISION IN CONFLICT NOW RAGING IN PICARDY

### Central Powers Stake All On Big Spring Campaign; Kaiser to Strike at New Point if Present Operations in West Collapse; Trained Americans Jump Into the Fight.

Washington, April 1.—Germany has staked its fortunes on the spring campaign, says the War department's weekly review of the military situation today, and the allies and the United States must be prepared for fresh attacks at new points if the Teutons fail to achieve victory in the present fighting.

"As the German higher command," continues the statement, "is apparently determined to force a decision or prove to its own satisfaction that he is unable to do so, we must be prepared in case of his failure to obtain major results in the present theater of operations, as he will attempt further offensive assaults in adjacent areas."

#### AMERICANS IN FRAY

But, despite the successes gained by the Germans, says the review, "the enemy has been unable to force a decision," and "so long as the allies are able to maneuver" with the consistent unity and flexibility which they have shown during the engagements of the last week, so long will victory elude the enemy.

The placing of American resources unreservedly at the disposal of the allies is noted, and the statement announces that "such of our troops as have received sufficient training will assume a share of the burden now so valiantly borne by the French and British troops."

The review also mentions that American troops are taking their places in other parts of the line, thus relieving veteran French units for emergency service.

"The period under review has naturally been one of anxiety for the allies," says the department's statement. "Under the pressure exerted by the enemy, who has put into action picked shock units, long and carefully trained in mobile warfare, for the particular tasks they were to undertake, the British have been compelled to give ground."

#### Unable to Force Decision.

Field Marshal Haig, in the face of grave difficulties, has been able to maintain his basic order of battle, at the same time withdrawing his troops to more secure positions.

"In spite of the successes gained, the large area of terrain overrun and the great number of prisoners and war material captured, the enemy has been unable to force a decision."

Though the allies have been compelled to retire and the enemy has occupied some points of primary strategic importance, as long as the allied armies are able to maneuver with the consistent unity and flexibility which they have shown during the engagements of the last week, so long will victory elude the enemy.

#### Stake All On Drive.

"However, as the German higher command has staked its fortunes on the success of the spring campaign of 1918 and is apparently determined to force a decision or prove to his own satisfaction that he is unable to do so, we must be prepared in case of his failure to obtain major results in the present theater of operations, as he will attempt further offensive assaults in adjacent areas."

"From the tactical standpoint, the most important event of the week has been French participation in the battle. French reserves have been hurried to the scene of action and arrayed along the southern flank of the new salient which the enemy has pushed out, stretching from Barisis to Montdidier."

"Fierce fighting continues in the Montdidier area, where a successful French counter-offensive is already outlined in the vicinity of Lassigny."

"North of the Somme the British are holding the enemy on the line running from Feuchy through Boyelles, Bucquoy, Beaumont-Hamel, Albert to Sailly-le-Sec."

"To the south of the river the Ger-

# BIG OFFENSIVE ON ITALIAN LINE NOW IMMINENT

### Forty Austrian Divisions Gathered Along Front; Troops Receive Essentials of Food; Artillery Now Waiting.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 1.—Imminent danger of an attack by the Austrians in great force upon the Italian lines was emphasized today at the Italian embassy. Recently the embassy published a statement that no less than 40 divisions had been gathered by the enemy along the battle lines, and now information comes that these troops have received the essentials of food, artillery and munitions for which they have been waiting.

The immediate objective of the Austrians is expected to be the city of Breccia, on the east coast of Lake Garda, and another attack may be directed on the west with the purpose of breaking into Lombardy. Recalling the incredulity with which the Italian advance warnings of the tremendous onslaught of the combined Austrian and German armies on the Isonzo, last year were received by the allies, the Italian military authorities now are said earnestly to hope that attention will be paid to the danger which again impends.

#### Aimed at Vital Centers.

The War department's weekly military review referred today to the probability that, failing to break through the combined British, French and American forces on the west front, where they are now attacking, the German general staff will direct its efforts at another point and the Italian military men are confident that the Italian line will be the selected point.

The principal Italian munitions and army supply factories are located in Lombardy and Piedmont and besides these, the Austrians might put themselves in position to swing their forces northward into France, reinforcing the Germans from the south against the French right wing.

Great quantities of supplies have come to the Austrian army from Russia, according to dispatches to the embassy. The Germans recently announced that they had foregone claiming the rich stores of food in the Russian Ukraine country in order to meet the more pressing need of the Austrians.

#### Italians Hard Pressed.

On the other hand the Italians are said to be in desperate need of food. It is known that only about one-third of the Italian army of 3,000,000 men is now being maintained on the battle lines and the official explanation is that there is no food and not even enough guns and ammunition for the remainder.

The British and French troops sent to Italy to check the Austro-German advance last fall are still in northern Italy and it is said that instead of having them withdrawn to meet the pressing need for man power in France, the Italian general staff desires to send Italian troops to join the British, French and Americans in that quarter, trusting to the allies' superior commissariat to feed them.

# SENATE SOLONS BLOCK ACTION ON DRY AMENDMENT

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ing of the chair that the Henry resolution was declared out of order because it was in violation of the constitution. The chair in a somewhat lengthy speech in which he defined his views of the matter declared the Henry resolution out of order.

Appeal Is Sustained. Moriarity appealed from the decision of the chair and on roll call the appeal was sustained, 17 to 13, the vote standing:

Ayes—Beal, Bushee, Chappell, Haase, Hager, Hammond, Howell, McAllister, McMullen, Neal, Oberlies, Sandall and Sawyer; 13.

No—Adams, Albert, Bennett, Buhrman, Doty, Gates, Henry, Kohl, Lahners, Mattea, Moriarity, Samuelson, Soest, Spirk, Strehlow, Tanner, Wilson of Dodge; 17.

Not Voting—Robertson and Wilson of Frontier; 2.

Beal then offered an amendment

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# "CRUSH GERMANY" WILSON'S UNBROKEN WAR PURPOSE

New York, April 1.—President Wilson has not changed his attitude concerning a negotiated peace with the central powers, according to a letter he has written to Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Bishop Henderson wrote to the president, asking whether his present unwavering purpose was expressed in the following words from his message:

"The German power, a thing without conscience, honor or capacity for covenanted peace, must be crushed. Our present and immediate task is to win the war and nothing shall turn us aside until it is accomplished."

"You are perfectly safe in using the words, which you quote from my message as expressing my unaltered thought and unbroken purpose," asserted the president. "It is always our duty to find out what the expression of a desire for peace from our opponents really means, but unless it means a complete and convincing program of justice upon which a lasting peace can really rest (and we have had as yet no evidence that it means anything of that kind), it means nothing."

supposed to cover about the same thing as the anti-Henry resolution and this, too, was lost by a vote of 14 to 16.

Grows Personal. The discussion of the Henry resolution was at times exceedingly warm and almost personal.

The so-called wet majority in the senate were charged with being unpatriotic. Governor Neville was criticized for failing to embody the ratification of the prohibition amendment in his call and William J. Bryan at one time appeared to be more of a subject for discussion than matters covered by the resolution.

Speaking of the failure of the governor to incorporate the prohibition matter in his call, Sandall of York inquired: "Upon what meat does this our Caesar feed and who is the power behind our governor, that can prompt him to try and defeat the will of our people."

McAllister of Antelope thanked God that he had been spared from near death's door once more to come before the senate cast and vote against the resolution.

"I wish I could consign it to hell with the Kaiser," said he, and then turning on Albert, of Platte, who had endeavored to show that the legislature could not take up matters not in the call because it was not permitted by the constitution, shouted: "When that great day shall come and you are called before the tribunal of God, called to answer for the sins done in the body, what, sir, will you say?"

Albert Makes Reply. Albert said that he allowed no man to reflect upon his patriotism simply because he believed in supporting the constitution which he had sworn to uphold. He read from the constitution which said that there should be no legislation enacted except that specified in the call.

"I don't wear a service pin upon my coat to show that I have a member of my family in the service," said he, "neither do I flaunt in the face of the public that already some of my own blood has been shed on the battlefields of France."

Moriarity Talks. Moriarity of Douglas was earnest in his remarks; at time eloquent, then again sarcastic. He, with Albert, made the principal speech in favor of

the resolution. He paid his compliments to W. J. Bryan and pictured him as the man who deserted his chief under fire. He will not be led by this old curiosity shop and his brother of the skull cap, he showed.

Chappel of Minden talked against the resolution and quoted from the constitution in an effort to show that the legislature had a right to enact legislation not in the call, as long as it was of a national character he said that the senate should be careful for if the resolution passed it would mean that the appropriation bills passed by the house, and now before the senate, for the payment of the expenses and salaries of the members for the extra session could not be taken up by the senate.

McMullen of Gage referred to the resolution as uncalled for and if the senate passed it would be a disgraceful act.

Allies Regain Lost Ground in Fight at Arras

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The enemy succeeded in penetrating the defenses and a bitter hand-to-hand struggle ensued. The British made such strenuous resistance that the Germans were thrown back, leaving numbers of dead.

Northeast of Arras the Germans made a small attack Saturday after a heavy bombardment and pushed forward over a tiny strip of ground, but the operation was so small as hardly to be worth considering.

There was an unconfirmed report today that a large concentration of Germans in preparation for an attack on a certain place on the battle front had been caught in an artillery and machine gun barrage and completely knocked out.

The results of the fighting on the British front south of the Somme during the last two days have been sat-

isfactory. Heavy German attacks on both sides of the Luce river Friday forced the British to fall back somewhat. Friday night the enemy pushed forward and penetrated a large wood northeast of Moreuil, which created an uncomfortable situation for the defenders.

Enemy Forced Back. Saturday the British decided to attempt to restore the lines, and cavalry was sent out for the purpose of clearing the wood and re-establishing the positions north of Moreuil. There was not a hitch in the program. The cavalry swept through the forest like a winter snowstorm and forced the enemy to fall back, not only here, but further to the north.

North of the Luce the enemy yesterday morning attacked in force along the British line before Waruse and Marcelcave. This assault was preceded by a vigorous artillery bombardment. The cavalry was again put into play and by 10 o'clock the Germans were compelled to admit defeat and to retire with large casualties.

A little later the enemy again put down a tremendous barrage between Waruse and the Somme and after two hours of terrific gun fire advanced in masses. They came against more cavalry and met a similar fate the British line remaining intact.

North of Aubercourt, south of Marcelcave, the British stormed and recaptured important high ground to which the German had clung tenaciously.

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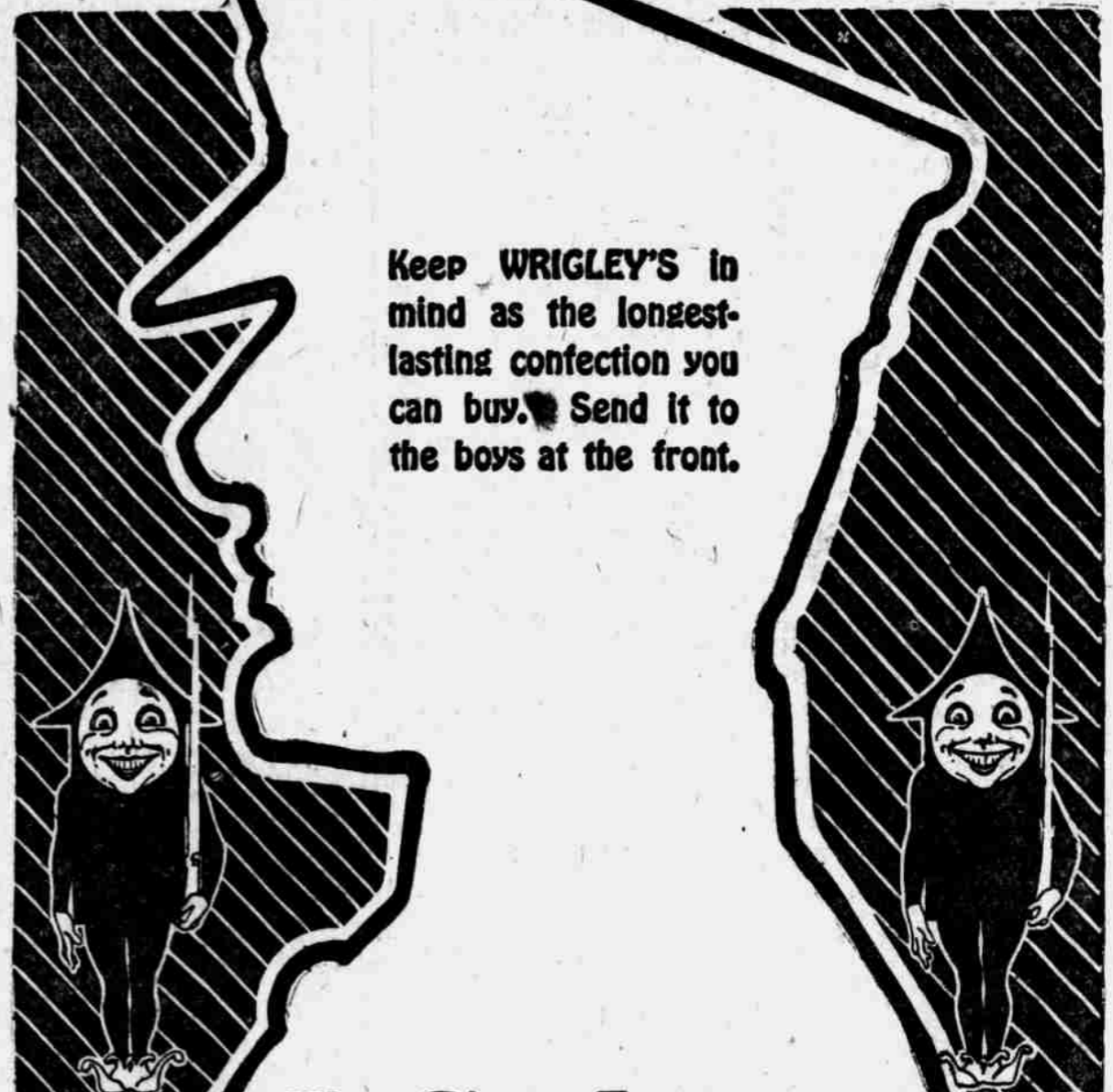
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