

# GERMAN ADVANCE STOPPED

## DEFEAT OF FRENCH DRIVE FORESEEN

Washington Expects General Foch Soon to Launch Counter Offensive That May Bring Allies Great Victory.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 19.—Events on the western battle front are shaping themselves, officers here believe, not only for defeat of the German drive, but for a counter offensive by General Foch's armies that may open the road to an allied military victory.

A wave of optimism swept today over not only American officials, but also the military men of the allied missions in Washington. Some of them think it will be some days yet before General Foch can complete his troop dispositions for a great thrust at the enemy, but others look for word that he has struck at any time.

### NEWS IS CHEERING.

The news from the battle front was distinctly cheering. The British lines in the hard-stricken Flanders front were holding firmly. French reinforcements had arrived there, making practically certain that the German drive toward the channel ports from that direction has been defeated.

At the same time official announcements came from Rome that Italian troops were already pouring into France to share in the crucial struggle there. This added to the optimism, for it means that the fighting men of France, Italy, Great Britain, America, Belgium, Portugal and the Russian units are being massed under one leader for a mighty blow when the time comes.

Troops to Push Over Seas.  
There were many indications today of increased pressure toward getting American troops over seas in time to share fully in the battles this summer on which may rest the final issue.

Secretary Baker conferred for several hours with President Wilson, the regular cabinet meeting being cancelled to clear the way for the conference which had to do with both immediate and future steps for accelerating American participation in the struggle.

At his office later Mr. Baker was in conference with Lord Reading, British ambassador. The subject of their conversation concerned expediting the movement of American troops to the theater of war.

As to plans for expediting war preparations on this side, Mr. Baker would make no comment.

May Give Ford New Post.  
The report has been current for many days that William C. Potter, now in charge of signal corps production, will be elevated to a higher and more authoritative post with similar duties. It was rumored today, too, that Henry Ford might be selected to handle airplane production much in the way that Charles M. Schwab has been placed in charge of ship building.

From reports of the battle progress, officers pointed to the appearance of French reinforcements in the northern sector of the Flanders line as indicating more than a defensive measure. The troops must have faced hard days of marching to reach their post, but it was said that had the movement been only to back up the British lines, it would have been more logical and quicker for them to have gone into the south, relieving British divisions to support their comrades in Flanders.

## The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair in west, unsettled in east portion Saturday; slightly warmer; Sunday fair and warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
5 a. m.	43	43
6 a. m.	42	42
7 a. m.	42	42
8 a. m.	42	42
9 a. m.	41	41
10 a. m.	40	40
11 a. m.	39	39
12 m.	38	38
1 p. m.	38	38
2 p. m.	36	36
3 p. m.	36	36
4 p. m.	35	35
5 p. m.	35	35
6 p. m.	35	35
7 p. m.	35	35
8 p. m.	34	34

Comparative Local Record.

Year	High	Low
1918	76	52
1917	75	52
1916	84	56
1915	84	56

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyenne, part cloudy	39	30	.04
Denver, cloudy	36	28	.00
Des Moines, cloudy	42	42	.00
Dodge City, rain	38	42	.04
Lawler, cloudy	30	38	.02
North Platte, cloudy	44	48	.02
Omaha, rain	34	43	.05
Pueblo, part cloudy	34	42	.00
Rapid City, cloudy	36	48	.02
Salt Lake City, rain	42	62	.07
Santa Fe, snow	34	44	.01
Sheridan, clear	38	44	.00
Sioux City, cloudy	42	42	.00
Valentine, cloudy	40	42	.01

## Miss Updike to Wed Young Army Man



MISS HAZEL UPDIKE

Betrothal cards for Miss Hazel Updike and Lieutenant Nathan Reasoner, stationed at Fort Omaha, were issued Friday. Miss Updike is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson B. Updike.

The romance is one of the Fort Omaha canteen where Miss Updike is an active Red Cross worker. She attended the Bennett school at Milbrook, N. Y., and was one of the princesses of Ak-Sar-Ben's court at the last coronation ball.

Lieutenant Reasoner is a Hastings man and was graduated from the University of Nebraska. No wedding plans have been announced.

## SNOW AND COLDER WEATHER AS FAR SOUTH AS TEXAS

Slight Dash of Beautiful in Omaha, But Southern States Feel Brunt of Cold Snap.

Winter yesterday paid a belated visit into the midwest and southwest and spread snow and falling temperatures from Nebraska and Kansas into Texas. It also brought, however, generous rainfall over the wheat belt and greatly benefited Nebraska fields.

At Dalhart, Tex., it was reported that snow was falling throughout that section and had extended northward into Oklahoma. Fruit growers of that portion of Texas and Oklahoma are said to fear considerable damage will be done to fruit trees.

Rain or snow was reported generally in Kansas. The heaviest fall was reported from Salina west to the Colorado line. Slight dashes of snow fell in Omaha during the evening.

## Minister Refuses to Sing National Anthem; Mob Burns His Church

Berkeley, Cal., April 19.—The Church of the Living God, a large canvas tabernacle, used by a religious sect here, was burned down tonight by a mob of men and boys because the pastor, Josiah Sykes, and his elders refused to lower the American flag at sundown and join with the congregation in singing the national anthem.

## Coming Next Sunday — IN — THE OMAHA BEE "SHELL-PROOF MACK"

A Thrilling, Fighting Story of a Fighting Yankee, Written By Fighting Arthur Mack.

The American boy who has served seventeen months in the trenches, buried alive in mud, gassed, wounded three times in one day, but he is still able to relate to the readers of THE BEE a remarkably human story of the great war.

Order the  
Sunday Bee Today

and don't miss a single chapter of this gripping War Story, which really depicts what a soldier goes through "OVER THERE."

## AMERICANS HELP CHECK RUSH OF FOE

How Engineers Aided British Told in Pershing's Reports; "Will Make Splendid Reading," Says Baker.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—General Pershing's report of the gallant conduct of American engineer troops with the British fifth army in helping check the German advance in the early days of the great offensive, reached the War department late today and was made public by Secretary Baker.

"It will make splendid reading for Americans," said the secretary.

### CASUALTIES NUMBER 122.

Losses of the period from March 21 to April 3, during which the engineers consolidated and held a sub-sector of the British lines against repeated assaults, were given as two officers killed and three wounded; 20 men killed and 52 wounded, and 45 missing. It is believed by the British authorities that some of those reported missing were not captured, but that many were separated from their command and are now with other British organizations.

### Praised by British Officers.

General Pershing's report says: "The commanding officer of a United States engineers' regiment has received a copy of the following letter, commending the action of the troops of his regiment:

"I desire to convey to you and ranks under your orders my admiration of the splendid service which you and they rendered. Thanks to the untiring energy of officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who have risen to the occasion in a manner beyond all praise, and their gallantry, much of what might otherwise have fallen into the enemy's hands has been saved.

"I should like to add my own appreciation of the excellent service rendered by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the light railroad service of this army directed in connection with the present operation. Will you be good enough to acquire all ranks serving under you of the appreciation to their untiring service."

### Manned Sector of Line.

"Certain units of United States engineers serving with a British army, between March 21 and April 3, while under shell fire, carried out destruction of material dumps at Chauvine, fell back with British forces to Moreuil, where the commands laid out trench work, then proceeded to Demuin and were assigned a sector of defense line which was constructed and manned by them, then moved to a position in the line near Warfisee-Abancourt and extending to north side of Bois de Toulon. The command started for this position on March 27 and occupied it until April 3, during this time the commanding officer of a unit of United States engineers being in command of the sub-sector occupied by his troops. This command was in more or less continuous action during its stay in this position. On April 3 the command was ordered to fall back to Abbeville."

## American Army Aviator Meets Death in Battle

New York, April 19.—Word that Captain James E. Miller, United States aviation corps, previously reported missing, was killed in action in France, was received here today from the War department by the Columbia Trust company, of which he was vice president. Captain Miller, three weeks ago, was seen to drop with his machine behind the German lines. Miller joined the flying service in June, 1917. He was 36 years old.

### Hines Made General.

Washington, April 19.—Colonel Frank T. Hines of the general staff, national army, was nominated today by President Wilson to be a brigadier general.

## MUST SPEED UP TO REACH GOAL OF LOAN

Washington, April 19.—The third Liberty loan campaign will be half over tomorrow and indications are that half of the \$3,000,000,000 minimum total will be subscribed. This record, although better than that of the first or second loans does not satisfy treasury officials entirely, because they actually are aiming at a \$5,000,000,000 loan with twenty million subscribers.

Pledges will have to roll in much faster in the remaining two weeks than in the past to pass the higher mark.

The total reported tonight to headquarters here was \$1,204,714,250, an addition of \$114,979,350 within the last day, covering subscriptions received at banks together with the initial 5 per cent payment up to the close of business last night.

An encouraging element of the figures to date is the belief that many millions have been pledged without being secured by these first payments and consequently have not been counted by banks.

## GERMANS CEASE ATTACKS AFTER BITTER DEFEAT

Terrific Losses Sustained in Thursday's Fighting Necessitate Reorganization of Battered Forces.

(By Associated Press.)

With the British Armies in France, April 19.—Along the northern battle front at noon today the Germans were still resting on their arms after the bitter defeat they suffered yesterday in their great drive. Up to that hour they had not recovered sufficiently to make any further threats in this line and they were rushing the reorganization of their badly hammered forces.

Each successive report gives further confirmation of the terrific losses sustained by the assaulting infantry during yesterday's sanguinary struggle. Between Givenchy and Festubert, the ground this morning was strewn with German dead and at many other points on the long front of action excessive casualties were inflicted by the British artillery and machine gun fire, which mowed down the unhappy storm troops in countless numbers.

Swim Canal to Surrender.  
In the neighborhood of Rebecq, many Germans threw away their rifles and swap the canal to the British side to surrender when they could no longer bear up under the stream of machine gun bullets which was sweeping through them.

The British trench mortars also did great execution, throwing their high explosives into dense enemy ranks at close range.

The German artillery bombardment about Givenchy and La Bassee northward along the canal yesterday morning, perhaps, set a new high-water mark for intensity. Veterans of many battles declared they had never seen anything like it, although many records have been broken since the offensive began March 21.

## POLITICAL SHRAPNEL

Mayor Dahlman and Commissioners Hummel, Parks and Withnell have agreed to make the race to what will be the administration ticket for the election on May 7.

The other candidates on this ticket probably will be Roy N. Towl, Thomas Falconer and Tom Reynolds. The city hall political engineers believe that the personnel of their ticket will have been definitely decided before today's sun sinks behind the western hills.

"You may state that we will have a full ticket of seven men," stated Tom O'Connor, speaking for the administration.

Towl, who is being considered by the administration, is on the ticket of the anti-Falconer and anti-Reynolds race as an independent candidate and was put over by an organization which was devoted exclusively to his candidacy. Reynolds was high man of the Working Men's Nonpartisan and Economic league's primary ticket.

Commissioner Jardine will not be on either the administration or anti-Falconer ticket. He was elected three years ago as an anti-administration candidate, the late John C. Drexel going in with him at that election.

The so-called citizens' combination of candidates has decided to make the race with a complement of six men, namely: Harry B. Zimman, J. Dean Ringer, W. G. Ure, Roy N. Towl, Ed P. Smith and Henry F. Wolf. They could not agree on a seventh candidate to make the ticket a clear-cut anti-administration proposition. Commissioner Jardine, who seems inclined to break away from the city hall alliance, was considered for the seventh place, but he was not taken on. Thomas Falconer and Commissioner

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## HAIG WINS IF HE CAN HOLD LINE INTACT

Ludendorff Beaten Unless He Advances. View at London; Early Resumption of Great Struggle Expected.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

London, April 19.—(Special Cablegram to New York Tribune and Omaha Bee.)—The news from the battle front is the best for a month.

Since Tuesday the situation has been steadily improving and today Haig is able to report that his lines are intact, that the Germans have stopped their hammering tactics, and that the British hold the hills covering the northward advance to the coast.

It is safe to say that the first phase of the battle of Arrmentieres is ended. Ludendorff Taking Stock.

Ludendorff is taking stock of the situation and he is finding that the great thrust for the coast has losses as well as gains.

Great Britain has bucked up. She views the future confidently, she believes her gallant forces have weathered the worst of the hurricane and that death and destruction are what Ludendorff has gained for his investment of 150,000 casualties and gigantic supplies of ammunition.

He has driven the British off hard-earned Passchendaele Ridge, he has made a deep indentation to the west of Arrmentieres, he has captured 150,000 prisoners and a hundred or so guns and forced the destruction of a large quantity of stores, but his effort for a break through has succeeded no better than Haig's long campaign for Passchendaele Ridge.

Both fell short of their real objective. Both are so-called "near victories."

Time Haig's Ally.

Ludendorff's troops are further from their bases and are forced to run their communications through the barren, shell-torn areas east of Ypres and west of Arrmentieres.

This is Haig's ally and Ludendorff's great enemy.

The French reserves are now where they are most needed and Ludendorff has lost some of the initiative.

The Germans are a little nearer the coast, but nothing matters if they are held where they now stand.

Ludendorff is beaten unless he advances, Haig wins if he holds. No sane person believes the Germans have not more powerful blows to deal, no observer is so optimistic as to forecast a sudden turning in the tide in favor of the allies.

The fighting season has just opened and Ludendorff has figured on a long campaign.

Rain, sleet and a bitterly cold wind are driving across the northern plains of France, but when the weather changes, there is sure to be a resumption of operations on a gigantic scale. In the last great enemy attack between Rebecq and Givenchy on a 10-mile stretch, 60,000 bayonets were employed, but the British bent them back, exacting a heavy toll and yielding only a few outpost positions.

The same story comes from the battle-front south of Kemmel, where the enemy came in waves which were broken before reaching the British lines.

From the hills forming the Arrmentieres amphitheatre the British and French guns are pouring high explosives among the enemy forces, a feature Haig emphasized in today's report.

When the second phase begins it is expected Ludendorff will have guns across the Ypres-Comines canal and will try to develop an enveloping fire upon the Mount Kemmel positions and the enemy will aim at out-flanking the Ypres positions.

## Burglars Frightened Away.

Burglars for the second time in a week last night entered the store of the Powell Supply company, 2051 Farnam street. The combination of the safe was bent but nothing was taken.

## Mrs. Charles H. Aull of Omaha New Vice President General of D. A. R.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 19.—Election of seven vice presidents, general featured tonight's session of the annual continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The new vice presidents, who will hold office until 1921, are:

Mrs. William N. Reynolds, North Carolina; Mrs. Frank B. Hall, Massachusetts; Mrs. Charles H. Aull, Nebraska; Mrs. Andrew Fuller Fox, Mississippi; Miss Stella Pickett Hardy, Arkansas; Mrs. Benjamin F. Purcell, Virginia; Mrs. William A. Guthrie, Indiana.

## "Johnny" Lynch Reported In Improved Condition

Former County Commissioner "Johnny" Lynch, who is ill of pneumonia at the home of his mother, 822 Forest avenue, is reported greatly improved.

## OPPOSING ARMIES REST IN DEADLOCK ON BLOODY FIELDS

French Do Not Follow Up Blow Aimed at Apex of Foch Line in Picardy; Britons Hold La Basse Front After Fierce Fight; Lowlands Made Nearly Impassable by Rains.

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, April 19.—German torpedo craft bombarded the coast between Dunkirk and Nieuport behind the allied lines in Flanders yesterday morning, says an official statement from Berlin today.

Over the battlefields of France and Flanders, where terrific struggles have been waged almost without intermission since March 21, there has come what appears to be a lull.

Official reports say that the situation is unchanged, which may indicate that both sides are exhausted by their exertions in the engagements that have been fought or that they are busy bringing up artillery and fresh troops to renew the struggle.

### MOVEMENT DIFFICULT.

Correspondents at the front tell of the miserable weather—cold and rain and sleet—to add to the already known bad condition of the lowlands, which are virtually quagmires, through which the men and materials can be moved only with difficulty.

The opposing armies have been fighting in a flat, marshy country since April 9, and this ground, difficult enough under normal conditions, has been made still more nearly impassable by rains and the tempest of high explosive shells that has blasted roads and fields.

### GERMAN THRUST FOILED.

It appears, however, that the Germans have not repeated their thrust along the line running north of Bethune, where they met with a sanguinary repulse Wednesday and Thursday. They employed about 75,000 men along a line variously reported to be from six to 10 miles in length, but gained little or no ground. The La Bassee canal front is still in British hands and bridges flung across it by the Teutons have been swept away by artillery fire.

### French Advance Halts.

The blow aimed by the French at the very apex of the German lines in Picardy, in front of Amiens, apparently has not been followed up. It is doubted that the allied counter-offensive, when it comes, will be launched in this sector. Advances from France would seem to indicate that the blow would be struck at another part of the battle line.

The southern end of the battle front in France has shared in the quiet that has enveloped other sectors of the line. Only raiding operations and artillery duels are reported there.

Italy Sends Reinforcements.  
An interesting dispatch tells of the moving of Italian troops to France. This would point to one of two developments. Either the Italian front is in no particular danger at the present moment or else General Foch is calling every available man to swell the army he will hurl at the foe when the moment for battle arrives. It is probable, however, that the force of Italians en route to the French front is comparatively small.

The German torpedo boat flotilla has been active along the coast sector of the battle line and has shelled Belgian positions there. This may foreshadow a German attempt to drive westward through Nieuport.

### Paris Again Shelled.

Long-range bombardment of Paris had ceased for two days and it was hoped that the French had found the exact location of a heavy German gun and put it out of action. This hope, however, failed when the bombardment of Paris was resumed Friday evening.

The Turks are continuing their advance and are approaching Kars, the leading city of one of the districts given to Turkey under the Brest-Litovsk treaty. They are already in control of Batum, where they captured 3,100 men, of whom 600 were officers.

In Italy, Macedonia, Palestine and Mesopotamia no recent fighting has been reported.

## Davison Red Cross Party Feted at Bologna, Italy

Florence, Italy, Thursday, April 18.—H. P. Davison, chairman of the American Red Cross war council, and his party visited Bologna today. They were received at the station by the city authorities, a band and an enthusiastic crowd.

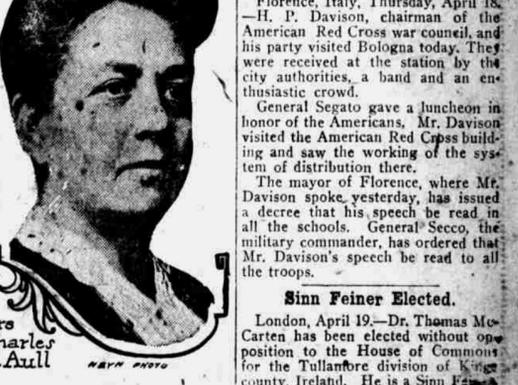
General Segato gave a luncheon in honor of the Americans. Mr. Davison visited the American Red Cross building and saw the working of the system of distribution there.

The mayor of Florence, where Mr. Davison spoke yesterday, has issued a decree that his speech be read in all the schools. General Secco, the military commander, has ordered that Mr. Davison's speech be read to all the troops.

### Sinn Fein Elected.

London, April 19.—Dr. Thomas McCarty has been elected without opposition to the House of Commons for the Tullamore division of King county, Ireland. He is a Sinn Fein.

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