

# HUNS SCORE GAIN AT ONE POINT IN RENEWAL OF DRIVE

### British Driven Out of Villers-Bretonneux, General Haig Reports; American and French Desperately Defending Hangard-en-Santerre After Yielding Ground in Woods Northward.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 24.—Field Marshal Haig reports that the Germans have taken Villers-Bretonneux.

The text of the statement reads: "About 6:30 this morning after a violent bombardment the enemy attacked our whole front south of the Somme and the French on our right and was repulsed."

"Later in the morning an attack on our positions in this sector was renewed in strength, and although repulsed with loss on the southern and northern position of the front, made progress at Villers-Bretonneux, where the fighting has been severe throughout the day. By evening the enemy had gained possession of the village, and the fighting was continuing."

#### NORTHERN LINE HOLDS.

"Other attacks by the enemy this morning on the north bank of the Somme and north of Albert were repulsed; we secured a few prisoners."

"By a successful local operation carried out this morning northwest of Fesubert a post captured the enemy in this locality on the 22d was regained. The hostile garrison offered strong resistance and lost heavily. We captured a few prisoners and four machine guns."

"Early in the morning the enemy delivered a strong local attack, without success, against our new positions east of Robecq. Our line was maintained intact and 84 prisoners were left in our hands. Additional prisoners were secured in successful minor enterprises in the forest of Niseppe and in the neighborhood of Meteren."

"French Shatter Assaults. Paris, April 24.—The battle on the whole front south of the Somme and on the Avre lasted all day and still continues, according to the war office announcement tonight."

"The Germans gained a footing in the woods to the northward of Hangard-en-Santerre and also in the eastern outskirts of the village, which the French are desperately defending."

"Several enemy assaults were shattered near Hailles, and attacks at Senecat wood and hill 82 also failed."

"An intense bombardment of the Franco-American positions south of the Somme and on the Avre was followed by a German attack, carried out all along this front by considerable forces at 5 o'clock in the morning. The efforts of the enemy were directed against Hangard-en-Santerre, the region of Hailles and Senecat wood."

"South of the Avre the battle, which lasted all day, continues at the

present hour. It was particularly stubborn in the region of Hangard. After a series of furious assaults the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing in the wood north of Hangard as well as in the eastern outskirts of the village which our troops are desperately defending."

"The fighting was less violent in the neighborhood of Hailles. Several enemy assaults directed against the ridge east of the village were broken down by our fire and counter attacks."

"Further to the south the Germans were similarly checked in their attempts against Senecat wood and hill 82, which remained entirely in our possession."

"On the right bank of the Meuse the artillery was quite active."

"Bulgarians Driven Back. Eastern Theater, April 24.—Very spirited fighting activity has continued in the various sectors. The day was marked by a series of new successes for our troops. West of Doiran British detachments penetrated the Bulgarian trenches on an extended front; they destroyed shelters and inflicted very serious losses on the enemy. In the region west of the lakes a mobile reconnoitering column, operating north of Davoli, drove the enemy from the line of heights which dominated the right bank of the Vrba valley, and pushing beyond, occupied the villages of Sals and Strelca, taking prisoners. On both sides of the Cerna Bend and on the Serbian front we repulsed enemy attacks, notably a new attempt by the Bulgarians to retake the work which the Serbians captured on April 21."

"Nothing New," Berlin Reports. Berlin.—(Via London)—April 24.—There is nothing new to report

## Spain Holding Up Supplies for U. S. Forces in France

Washington, April 24.—Difficulties again have arisen in the operation of the economic agreement between the United States and Spain. It was learned tonight that because of delays in the licensing of shipments from Spain to the American forces in France, steps have been taken to restrict, temporarily at least, the movement of American products released for export to Spain. The recent change in the Spanish cabinet is believed to be responsible for the trouble and officials here hope to have a satisfactory understanding reached soon through negotiations now under way.

from any theater of the war, says the official statement issued by the war office tonight.

#### Fighting Lively in Italy.

Rome, April 24.—Quite severe fighting in the Asiago basin west of the Brenta river is reported in the official statement issued by the war office today. The statement reads:

"In the Asiago basin British reconnoitering patrols attacked enemy detachments which attempted to oppose them. Before our lines at Canove the enemy was forced to retire. Later on, hostile groups advancing toward Mount Kabrelaba were repulsed in disorder by our rifle fire. Another party, approaching our lines south of Stoccardo, was attacked and dispersed by hand grenade fire."

"On the other sectors of the front there was patrol activity on both sides. Our forces captured machine guns and rifles in the Alano district. Four enemy airplanes were shot down by British aviators."

#### Publishers Pledge Support To Government in War

New York, April 24.—Declaring that "our material and financial resources are at the call of the nation," the American Newspaper Publishers' association, embracing 497 daily newspapers, pledged the support of its members to the government's war program, at the opening of the annual convention at the Waldorf Astoria hotel today.

#### Strike Ties Up Street Railway Lines in Detroit

Detroit, April 24.—Street cars remained in the barn tonight despite efforts of officials of the union and the Detroit United Railway company to end the strike of 3,500 motormen and conductors who refused to make their regular runs today, pending a decision of the wage dispute between the men and the company. The men demand wage increases of 13, 14 and 15 cents an hour, depending upon length of service, and improved working conditions.

## GERMANS DENT BRITISH LINE IN VIOLENT ATTACK

### Storming Infantry, With Aid of Three Tanks, Gain Footing in Villers-Bretonneux Following Bombardment.

(By Associated Press.)

With the British army in France, April 24.—Hard fighting developed this morning on the southern battle front, the enemy attacking south of the Somme along the line of Villers-Bretonneux, Hangard-En-Santerre, Hailles and Castel. Early developments indicated that the Germans were trying only for limited objectives.

On the British sector Villers-Bretonneux, which nestles on a ridge overlooking the long stretch of the Somme valley, was the storm center and here the enemy for the first time since the war began had tanks in action. Three of these engines of war accompanied the storming infantry, which at latest reports had battled forward into the eastern outskirts of the town, where severe fighting took place.

From the French sector came word that the Germans had made very slight progress.

#### First Attack Thrown Back.

The assault was preceded by a heavy bombardment about Villers-Bretonneux. At the conclusion of this preparation the Germans surged forward along the whole British front south of the Somme, although it seemed evident that they had Villers-Bretonneux as their ultimate goal because of its dominating position.

The first attack was thrown back, but the enemy immediately came forward again, and this time met with more success.

In the face of heavy machine gun and rifle fire, the Germans pushed on toward the town, their tanks leading. The British gave way slightly and the enemy got a footing in the eastern fringe of the town.

#### Northern Front Firm.

Further north, a little above the Albert region, the British infantry

## DEATH SENTENCE OF NEBRASKA MAN UPHELD BY COURT

Syracuse, N. Y., April 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The New York state court of appeals has affirmed the sentence of death on Frank Driggs, alias Alvah Briggs, Lincoln, Neb., man, who last June murdered James and Henry Ladue, their sister, Mrs. Josephine Rodgers, and Dr. Herbert Jenkins, wounded a third brother, Johnnie Ladue, and wound up his carnival of crime by assaulting Josephine Ladue, 18-year-old niece of the murdered people. Driggs when arrested confessed, but later repudiated his confession and stood trial. He was convicted in two days.

put up an S. O. S. for artillery protection about 4 a. m. and what appeared to promise a serious attack began to show. It turned out to be nothing more pretentious than an attempted raid, however, and the British artillery smashed the enemy infantry as they were leaving their trenches.

Between Robecq and Givenchy-Lez-La Basse there was also considerable enemy shelling this morning and the Germans made a small attack in an attempt to take a post near Givenchy. But this movement was quickly stopped by the British fire. The British carried out minor operations at Givenchy which resulted in the re-capture of a strong post which the enemy held.

South of the Clarence river, four German companies which essayed a local attack were repulsed.

## JOHN D. RYAN TO BUILD AIRCRAFT FOR U. S. ARMY

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time has been confined to an active part in the work of the Red Cross war council, but those who know him declare he is amply equipped for the big job now entrusted to him. He is now president of the Anaconda Copper company, of the United Metals Selling company, of the Montana Power company. He is a director of many industrial enterprises and banks and of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. One of the big things in which he has played a part was the electrification of the

mountain division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, probably the greatest undertaking of the kind ever attempted.

Brigadier General Kenly, chief of the new military aeronautics division recently returned from France, where he had charge of aviation under General Pershing.

Includes Balloon School. Change in the aircraft service will include the control of the balloon school of Omaha, in the view of those in a position to know of affairs here. This will place the school directly under the charge of General Kenly and place the signal corps where it was in 1900, under the charge of General Squier. General Kenly is of the artillery branch of the service.

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