



BRITISH RECAPTURE VILLERS

MANY AMERICANS SUFFER WOUNDS IN BATTLE TO STOP GERMAN RUSH HUNS HURLED BACK TO LINES HELD BEFORE THEY BEGAN PRESENT DRIVE

One Hospital Receives 128 U. S. Soldiers from Fighting Lines; Casualties of Marine Brigade Total 278.

Paris, April 25.—American soldiers wounded in the great battle now being waged are already arriving at the rear. American wounded and sick to the number of 128 have reached hospital 25. They are from units engaged in fighting side by side with French and British in stemming the German advance. Hospital 25 is one of the new institutions established behind the line as it stood after the allies stopped the recent German drive in Picardy. Few of the Americans remain at the hospital very long, being taken further to the rear. Sixteen girl students of Smith college are working in day and night shifts at this point and are operating a well-arranged canteen at the railroad station for the soldiers coming through on the hospital trains. Mrs. Clark, the Misses Justice, Brogan and Scott and Ml. Ralthis and E.

IMMORALITY IMPUTED TO GERMAN MINISTER.

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 25.—Count Von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, is officially reported to have brought a suit against the Deutsche Zeitung of Berlin for an article published Wednesday in which Dr. Von Kuehlemann, German foreign secretary, and Count Czernin, former Austrian foreign secretary, were attacked. The newspaper asserted that the two statements during negotiations in Bucharest acted in a manner which abused their countries. Secretary Von Kuehlemann, it was represented, was seen often with a well-known member of the underworld, while Count Czernin every evening visited a theater where dancing girls were among the performers. The Vorwaerts says: "The entire affair is like an intrigue at the court of Louis XIV. The plotters went with their accusations about Dr. Von Kuehlemann's 'immorality' to a very highly placed lady who is well known for her strict moral code, through whose influence they hoped to achieve their object."

Australians and English Gain Ground and Take 600 Prisoners; French Lose Hangard; Britons Shift Line in North.

(By Associated Press.) The great double German drive, in the Somme and Armentieres sectors, which began Wednesday morning, has developed into a terrific struggle. The tide of battle has surged to and fro during the last two days, with the decision still in the balance. The British, having been forced back out of Villers-Bretonneux, launched a counter attack and swept the Germans back almost to the lines which were held before the present fighting began. The French have been driven back out of Hangard-En-Santerre, but are holding their positions close by, while on the line southwest of Ypres the British have been compelled to withdraw slightly before furious attacks along the Meteren-Bailleul-Wytschaete line.

W. Lowrey of the American Red Cross have rendered notable service at the hospital.

MARINES' LOSSES 278.

Washington, April 25.—Total losses of 278 in the brigade of marines with the American expeditionary force in France were announced today by Major General Barnett, commandant of the corps, as follows: Killed in action, 22; died from wounds, 10; died from accidents, 2; wounded in action, 244. All the dead are enlisted men, but eight officers, two captains and six lieutenants, were among the wounded. COMPANY CUT TO PIECES. Five of the enlisted men were slightly wounded, but General Barnett's statement did not show whether the officers and other men were severely or slightly hurt. Most of the casualties were in one company, which, General Barnett said, lost a total of 21 men killed and 140 wounded out of a personnel of 250. The dates on which the marines were killed and wounded were not made public, nor was it indicated what part of the line the "soldiers of the sea" are holding, or in what actions they have participated. Such information is withheld for military reasons. Held Front Line Trench. It is known, however, that the marines have been holding a front line trench sector for several weeks, having been moved up to the battle line after doing police duty along the American lines of communication since they first went to France with the vanguard of General Pershing's forces last summer. Today's list was the first marine corps casualty list made public and included all names reported up to April 23. Since the marines are considered an integral part of the army in France, officials of the corps had expected their casualties to be included in those of the army announced by the War department. Inquiry, however, developed that such was not the case and the compiling of a complete list was ordered by General Barnett. It was regarded as probable that some of the names announced today previously had been issued by the War department in the regular army lists made public daily.

MUNGER DENIES STATE PROMISED IMMUNITY BATH

Mysterious Disappearance of Evidence in Banker's Trial at Tekamah Creates Sensation at Trial. Tekamah, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—Because of the mysterious disappearance of evidence of a very important nature, the state is laboring under a handicap in the prosecution of Cashier Elliott of the defunct DeCATUR bank. The trial of the case was resumed this morning. Attorney Munger, for the prosecution, was asked if Mr. Elliott had not been promised immunity from prosecution by Attorney General Barrett for testimony to the effect that he took the deposit of Frank Iams, horseman of St. Paul, Neb., for \$12,000 from the class of preferred claims. Munger replied: "No, not to my knowledge." Asked if the loss of important testimony was not due to friction in the office of the attorney general, Mr. Munger offered no reply, observing: "The loss was very unfortunate."

Speaker Clark Takes Senatorship Offer Under Consideration

Washington, April 25.—After a day of congratulations from democrats and republicans of both houses and of many conferences with his political and personal intimates, Speaker Clark announced tonight that he would not decide until tomorrow whether he would resign the speaker's chair to accept Governor Gardner's proffer of the senatorship to succeed the late Senator Stone of Missouri.

DUTCH HOLD OUT AGAINST HUN DEMAND

Chamber Told "Negotiations Are Not Progressing Smoothly," as Holland Is Unable to Increase Exports. The Hague, April 25.—Replying to questions from members of the first chamber of parliament, Jonkheer J. Loudon, minister of foreign affairs, said today that no ship would sail from Holland until a written guarantee had been obtained that there would be no further seizures of vessels. He said that he had gathered from an interview with John W. Garrett, American minister, yesterday, that the latter supposed that a written assurance had already been given. "The intention was that six ships should remain constantly in the service," he said, "and I have reason to assume that that number will be extended and that Germany will put no obstacles in the way. I believe it can be assumed that the allied governments will observe their obligations regarding the rationing of Holland. The negotiations regarding an economic agreement with Germany are delayed by difficulties. I am unable to give information at present as to the stage of the negotiations, but they are not progressing very smoothly, principally because Holland would be unable to export much more than she is at present." The foreign minister added that he had a written guarantee from England that ships which had left the East Indies since March 23, or might leave in the future, would not be seized.

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Country to Observe Holiday And Speed Sale of Bonds

Washington, April 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The White House will "listen in" when the big chorus on the court house square sings "America" at 1 o'clock tomorrow. Omaha time, or 2 o'clock, Washington time. The Bell Telephone company has made arrangements to connect the White House with Omaha for the celebration. In addition to the president, the listeners at the White House will be Secretary James Tumulty, Assistant Secretary of War Crowell and other officials. Washington, April 25.—Liberty day will be celebrated tomorrow by the nation with patriotic demonstrations in practically every city and town to speed the sale of Liberty bonds. Subscriptions by tomorrow night are expected to be well above \$2,000,000,000 or two-thirds of the minimum total. In big cities special efforts will be made to get banks and corporations

MORE AMERICAN WOUNDED FOUND ON TOUL FIELD

Soldier Buried Alive Three Days and Trampled Over by Enemy When He Crawled to Surface. With the American Army in France, April 25.—Further details received at headquarters of the engagement around Seicheprey show that the American troops were outnumbered, in some instances, eight to one. More of the American wounded were found today, one of whom was buried alive for three days and had been trampled over by the enemy when he had crawled to the surface, in the belief that he was dead. The American casualties are considerably less than the first estimates. When the complete story of this engagement is told the bravery of the regimental chaplains will be one of the outstanding features. One of them, Father William J. Farrell of West Newton, Mass., went to the assistance of a battery when four of the American gunners were killed and helped to carry ammunition and helped to keep the gun working all Saturday night. He was injured, but refused to leave his wounded dresser Sunday morning until he had carried Myron Dickinson, aged 19, of Bridgeport, Conn., one of his wounded comrades, to a dugout dressing station. Father Michael O'Connor of Boston and Father Osias-Boucher of New Bedford, Mass., took charge of the cooking and washing and carried on the work of serving hot soup and food to the soldiers. Fear Many More Captured. Washington, April 25.—The number of Americans killed in the German attack of April 20 near Seicheprey was less than a dozen, and the number of injured was about 20. These figures, made known today, appear to give support to the German claim that 183 Americans were captured, since it previously had been admitted that the American casualties were around 200.

FLOOD OF TALK AGAIN ENGULFS SENATE AND DELAYS ACTION

Washington, April 25.—Critics of the Overman bill renewed today their vigorous opposition to its proposed authority for the president to reorganize government agencies, and many speeches for and against the measure prevented the expected vote on pending restrictive amendments. A surprise of the day was the introduction of a new amendment authorizing the president to appoint a single executive officer to control the aircraft program, which Senator Overman stated he probably would accept. Senator Wadsworth of New York, republican, offered the new proposal. Senators Thomas of Colorado and Kirby of Arkansas, democratic mem-

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STEAMER ST. PAUL MYSTERIOUSLY WRECKED WHILE BEING WARPED INTO PIER AFTER REPAIRS; THREE WORKMEN DROWNED.

An Atlantic Port, April 25.—The American line steamship St. Paul, famous passenger liner, overturned and sank at its pier here today while being warped into a pier preparatory to loading for a trip to Europe. Three workmen were drowned. The St. Paul was not under steam, but was being brought by tugs from a dry dock, where for the last week it had been undergoing repairs. On board at the time were several hundred men—a majority of them employees of the dry dock—who had been sent with the vessel to complete their work while it was being loaded. The steamer now is lying on its port side with about 10 feet of its hull amidships above the water, and is completely submerged both fore and aft. Escape by Climbing Over Rail. A general alarm was sounded through the ship when it was seen that it was in danger and, as fully ten minutes elapsed before it turned over, it is thought nearly all the men reached the deck. A large number escaped by simply climbing over the rail and onto the exposed side of the vessel as it came uppermost, while others leaped into the water and were picked up by the tugs. Several possible causes for the accident were advanced, but owing to the uncertainty surrounding it no definite statement was given out and will not be, officials of the line said, until officers of the navy and federal officers and representatives of the company can complete an investigation. Twelve men were injured. One of the causes advanced, which was supported by experienced marine men, was that the ship listed so far that water entered open coal ports, this resulting in an overcoming of the center of gravity. Another explanation offered was that the ship's sea cocks might have been open, either by accident or design. Before leaving the dry dock the navy gun crew, which accompanies the vessel on its trips through the war zone, went aboard the St. Paul. All these men escaped, naval officers said. The St. Paul had no cargo and aside from the damage to the machinery and to her interior furnishings the loss will be confined to the cost of salvage operations.

AMERICAN NAVY IS ON ITS TOES, ASSERTS DANIELS

New York, April 25.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, while in this city tonight to attend the banquet of the American Newspapers Publishers' association, gave out the following message to the public through the Associated Press: "The American navy is on its toes. War was declared April 6. We had destroyers in European waters May 6, more on the 17th, more on the 21st and others later on. The co-operation between Admiral Sims and the four other American admirals and the British is perfect and the results speak for themselves." Secretary Daniels when asked if he would comment on the British naval exploit in raiding Zebrugge, said that he did not feel free to make any statement until he had received the official report of the British admiralty.

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GERMAN GAINS SLIGHT.

It is unofficially reported that four to six German divisions, or from 48,000 to 72,000 men, have been hurled at the British and French lines near Ypres. The retirement of the British in the sector must have been small, for there are no great gains reported by Berlin so far. It was rumored Thursday that Mount Kemmel, a dominating height north of Wulverghem, had been taken by the enemy, but this has not been confirmed. That only slight gains have been made anywhere along the two fronts under attack is proof that the allies are prepared to defend their positions. In the last three weeks the Germans have hurled up heavy cannon to the Somme battleground and have marched many fresh divisions to the points where they have been held for the moment of attack. Their failure to do more than gain almost insignificant bits of ground is one of the most encouraging features of the fighting that is now going on and which may be looked upon as the third phase of the great German offensive. Raiding operations are reported along the French lines east of Montdidier. Dutch Ire Excited. It is officially announced at The Hague that the negotiations between Germany and Holland "are not progressing satisfactorily." The Dutch foreign minister has declined to give the details of the situation between the two countries, which is admittedly delicate. Winston Spencer Churchill, British minister of munitions, speaking in the House of Commons said that notwithstanding the strain on production and the losses in arms and materials during the great battles of the last month, the losses had been made good almost twice over and that so well had plans been made that the British can continue the fight at its great intensity until next winter.

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