



ALLIED LINES STAND FIRM

OFFENSIVE IN WEST REACHES DEADLOCK; GERMANS ALARMED

Extraordinary Nervousness and Depression Prevail Beyond Rhine in Consequence of Reports That Army Is Unable to Continue March of Victory to British Channel Ports.

London, April 28.—A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says:

"Extraordinary nervousness and depression prevail in Germany owing to the losses in the western offensive, revealed with remarkable frankness in an article by Captain von Salzman in the Vossische Zeitung, in which he endeavors to restore their lost confidence to the Germans by emphasizing the importance of the character of Kemmel Hill.

ALARMING RUMORS CURRENT

"Captain von Salzman enumerates a few of the series of rumors current in Germany. All these stories are prefaced by the remark 'In the Reichstag it is said, and go on to say: 'Our losses have been enormous. The offensive in the west has arrived at a deadlock. The enemy is much stronger than the supreme command assumed. We are unable to continue the offensive owing to lack of horses. The region before Ypres is a great lake, and therefore impassable. The whole country between our Aemlens front and Paris is mined and will be blown up.'"

PEOPLE LOSING NERVE

"The people," continues Salzman, "have begun to lose their nerve. Repeating in the Reichstag, the minister of war said something like this: 'It goes without saying that there are big losses in such a struggle. Our losses in one part of the front have been very heavy. Two-thirds of the company leaders in many regiments have fallen. 'It is said that a certain deputy thereupon told his electors in a north German town: 'The minister of war has only declared our losses to be so heavy that the offensive must be abandoned.'"

EMPEROR ZITA'S MOTHER EXPELLED FROM AUSTRIA

Paris, April 28.—The Princess Marie Antonette, mother of Empress Zita, has been ordered to leave Austria within 24 hours and not reenter that country until the termination of the war, according to a dispatch from Geneva.

Harry Delamatre Given Commission as Lieutenant

Harry Delamatre, son of C. W. Delamatre, Omaha, has won his commission as second lieutenant at the Fort Omaha balloon school, having passed all his examinations successfully.

The Weather

Nebraska—Generally fair Monday and Tuesday, except probably showers in east portion Monday; warmer Tuesday.

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperatures and precipitation for various times of day.

Table with comparative local record for weather in Omaha, showing data for 1915, 1917, 1918, and 1919.

HARTY PRESIDES AT DEDICATION OF KNIGHTS' HUT

Archbishop Delivers Patriotic Sermon at Fort Crook, Where Order of Columbus Opens Building to Soldiers.

Solemn high mass and patriotic addresses marked formal dedication of the Knights of Columbus hut at Fort Crook Sunday. Archbishop Harty presided, delivering a short patriotic sermon. The opening words of the epistle were: "Every best gift and every perfect gift comes from God."

"We have this morning thrown the mantle of religion around this spacious building," said the archbishop. "If the Knights of Columbus succeed in this endeavor to show you that your bodies are the temples of God and that you must keep them clean and undefiled, they will have accomplished their object. This structure was built with a three-fold purpose, to promote the social betterment, to make for the mental development, and to effect the moral development of the boys at this post.

"I am satisfied that we are to win this war through the moral forces behind our physical strength. That explains our presence here today. Gratitude Expressed. "The archbishop wants to testify to his gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for this great work. You have the gratitude of parents; you have the gratitude of the army and navy, and you have the gratitude of the country for this edifice. It will help to develop the flower of our manhood quartered here, and from this altar the young men shall go forth with God backing them.

"The Knights of Columbus have helped to unify this country, and with the slogan of loyalty, self-sacrifice, devotion and intense interest in the war, have helped to show the men that we are with them. May God send on the president of the United States His blessed light; on our men in the blood-soaked trenches His spiritual strength, and may His divine grace follow those transports of men now on the way to the other side."

Following the mass, George F. Corcoran, York, presented the building on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Duty Is Done. "This is a red letter day in our order," said Judge Corcoran. "Last fall we started a campaign throughout the state for \$75,000 to build huts where the national organization deemed the forts too small. The result you know. The same results always follow an appeal to the patriotic citizens of this state. Everybody, of all sects, creeds, and nationalities gave their bit, with the result that we raised \$225,000. We built this building with a part of that money. We are building others. We now turn the structure over to you, colonel, our duty is done. No cast of creed or religion is to stop a man at its portals. It is open to all enlisted men at the fort, and may it aid you in the moral and physical uplift in the Forty-first infantry."

Colonel Hite responded, expressing his appreciation of the gift. "It's a godsend, and its benefits will be carried to the front rank trenches," said he.

T. J. Doyle, Lincoln, delivered a patriotic address, says: "I'm going to talk to you from my heart. The doings of this day have brought home to us wonderful lessons in patriotism. The holy sacrifice of mass signifies that faith in God is still alive. The singing of the national anthem at its close proves religion and patriotism to be inseparable. No American can be a true Catholic and not be 100 per cent patriotic. This flag has stood for exalted ideals. Have you ever stopped to think what we are fighting for?"

Assisting Archbishop Harty at the mass were Bishop McGovern, Cheyenne, and 10 priests of the Omaha diocese. A mixed choir sang the mass under the direction of Mary McShane. The hut was taxed to capacity with soldiers and civilians. Fifty young women from Mount St. Mary's academy were present.

Archbishop Ireland's Condition Improves

St. Paul, Minn., April 28.—Slight improvement in the condition of Archbishop John Ireland was reported by his physicians this evening.

JAPAN EXTENDS ITS CONTROL IN CHINESE NATION

Country Virtually Turned Over to Japanese by Acceptance of Demands, Declares Shanghai Gazette.

(By Associated Press.)

Shanghai, Wednesday, April 28.—The statement is made in the first issue of the Shanghai Gazette that the Chinese government has agreed to new demands made by Japan, which are of such a nature that the country has virtually been turned over to the Japanese. The Gazette asserts it has been informed by a high official at Peking that the Japanese demands are far more serious than those in group V of the famous 21 demands made by Japan in 1915.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the utmost secrecy is being observed," says the Gazette, "it may be stated safely that the following is not far from the true terms of the agreement: 'Chinese expeditionary forces sent to Siberia shall be commanded by a Japanese. 'Chinese police shall be organized by Japanese officers. 'Japan shall control all of China's arsenals and dock yards. 'Japan shall have the privilege of working mines in all parts of China. 'Special privileges shall be granted to Japan in Outer and Inner Mongolia and the whole of Manchuria.'"

AMERICANS STOP FIERCE ATTACK ON TOUL SECTOR

With the American army in France, Saturday, April 27.—The enemy laid down a heavy barrage in front of the American trenches in the Toul sector at 3 o'clock this morning, the bombardment lasting an hour.

After an interval of silence, he repeated the performance and half an hour later the German infantry started for the American lines. So intense was the American counter attack that the enemy was repulsed without getting close enough to be engaged by the American infantry.

The Germans have been stripping the bodies of dead French soldiers in other sectors, and wearing their clothes, have come over at the point where the French and American lines join.

Safe at Troy Laundry Blown; \$200 in Cash Stolen

The safe at the Troy laundry, 2117 Cuming street, was blown open Saturday night. More than \$200 in cash, \$25 worth of thrift stamps and several papers were stolen. The robbers escaped.

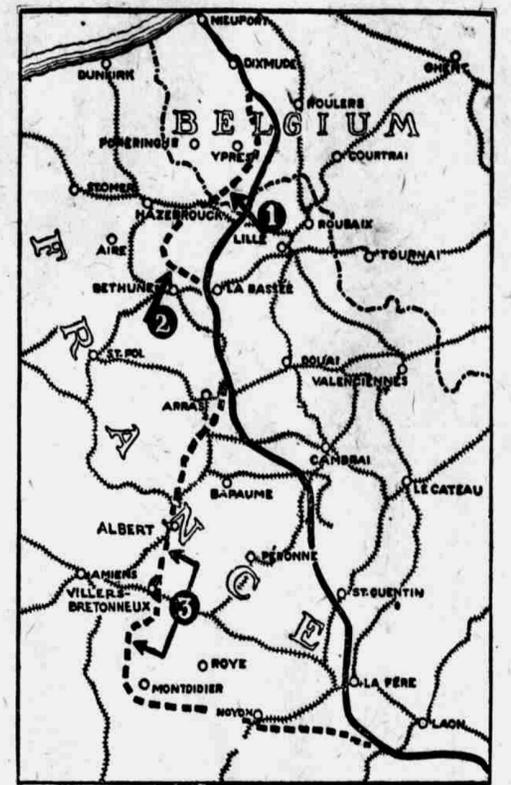
Democracy and Autocracy Now In Death Grip, Declares Lloyd George

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 28.—In a special preface to a volume containing extracts from the prime minister's war speeches, Mr. Lloyd George says: "I never believed that the war would be a short war or that in some mysterious way, by negotiation or compromise, we could free Europe from the malignant military autocracy which is endeavoring to trample it into submission and moral death. 'I always believed that the machine which has established its despotic control over the minds and bodies of its victims and has then organized and driven them to slaughter, in order to extend that control to the rest of the world, would only be destroyed if free peoples proved themselves strong and steadfast enough to defeat its attempt in arms.

"The events of the last few weeks must have made it plain to every thinking man that there is no longer room for compromise between the ideals for which we and our enemies stand. Democracy and autocracy have come to the death grip; one or the other will fasten its hold on mankind. 'I have no doubt that freedom will triumph. But whether it will be soon or late, after a final supreme effort in the next few months, or long drawn agony, depends on the vigor and self sacrifice with which the children of liberty, especially those behind the lines, dedicate themselves to the struggle. 'There is no time for ease, delay or debate. The call is imperative; the choice is clear. It is for each free citizen to do his part."

Map Showing Ypres Region Where Germans Advance



The Germans attacked on a front of thirteen miles between the linked arrows (3) in the renewal of their drive. They have been repulsed with heavy losses on the flanks, but in the center succeeded in taking the little strip in solid black, including Villers-Bretonneux, which they lost later after bitter fighting. At (1) Germans captured Kemmel hill.

The advances of the Germans in the last few days on the northern side of the salient created by their drive in Flanders, and particularly the capture of Kemmel hill, have rendered it more difficult for the British to maintain their position on the front between Ypres, as high ground to the south as well as to the northeast now is in possession of the Germans. It has been expected that if the allies did not recapture Kemmel hill they would evacuate Ypres.

NATHAN MERRIAM, PIONEER GRAIN DEALER, IS DEAD

Aged Member of Leading Firm and Long Time Resident of Nebraska Succumbs to Attack of Grippe.

Nathan Merriam, who has lived in Omaha 40 years, died Sunday afternoon at his home in the Beaton apartments after an illness of two months. Two months ago he took a severe cold that developed into grippe. He partially recovered and was out and at his office. A relapse followed and he failed rapidly. He was 68 years old.

At the time of his death, Mr. Merriam was the head of the Merriam and Millard Elevator company. He had been in the grain business since his arrival in Omaha and was one of the first men to operate a grain elevator in Nebraska. He was the first man to erect a grain elevator in Omaha and was always successful in his business. He was one of the incorporators of the Omaha Grain exchange and was one of the association directors for many years.

Mr. Merriam was prominent in republican politics and was a leader in the Roosevelt wing of the party. He was a delegate to the last national convention of the progressive party, held in Chicago. He was a candidate for congress on the progressive ticket in 1912.

Mr. Merriam was born in New Hampshire in 1849. He was graduated from Dartmouth college. In Omaha he was prominently connected with club affairs, being a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Omaha club, University club and Country club.

Mr. Merriam is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Barton Millard, Omaha, and Mrs. Harry Diehl, wife of a British naval officer. She lives in London.

Funeral of Mrs. John M. Brady To Be Held This Afternoon

The funeral of Mrs. John M. Brady will take place at the family home, 3628 Jackson street, at 2:30 this afternoon, Rev. T. J. Mackey officiating.

The following will be pall bearers: W. H. McCord, G. W. Wattles, Luther Drake, F. H. Davis, C. N. Dietz, J. H. Wakefield, C. L. Deuel and A. B. Warren.

BAILEY WAGGONER, MISSOURI PACIFIC SOLICITOR, DEAD

Widely-Known Railroad Attorney and Leading Citizen of Atchison, Kan., Passes Away at His Home.

Bailey P. Waggoner, first citizen of Atchison, Kan., and for 40 years general solicitor for the lines of the Missouri Pacific railroad company in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado, died at his home yesterday in Atchison.

Bailey Waggoner attracted the attention of Jay Gould 40 years ago and impressed the great railroad manipulator with his legal acumen. He was given a responsible place in the legal department of the Missouri Pacific system and figured in important cases for that corporation.

When the populists were in power in Kansas, Waggoner, by his popularity prevented much discriminatory railroad legislation.

He has been an invalid for eight years or more and several times his life has been despaired of. He was a great lover of children and his birthday, annually, was observed as a holiday in Atchison. He chartered circuses, engaged picnic grounds and brought his small guests in from all over that section in chartered trains. Everything from soda pop to lunch was free. One birthday celebration was held when he felt that he was on his death bed.

His death was reported in this city by J. A. C. Kenast, assistant solicitor of the Missouri Pacific, with notice that his funeral would take place Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

New U. S. Aircraft Chief Assumes Duties

Waggoner had a large audience among leading attorneys business men of Omaha.

Starved Mexican Troops Gathering on Texas Border. Maria, Tex., April 28.—Mexican federal troops continued to arrive in the Ojinaga district, opposite the Big Bend today, reports to military headquarters showed. Four regiments of federal infantry arrived at San Antonio Viejo, near the American border. A cavalry force in command of General Pablo Gonzales reached Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex., late yesterday and General Gonzales has assumed command of the Ojinaga district. Federal troops from the Casas Grandes district of western Chihuahua were also reported today to be moving into the district opposite the Big Bend and forces from Juarez are known to have been ordered east toward Ojinaga.

ENEMY REPULSED IN HARD FIGHTING ON YPRES FRONT

Vormezeele Retained by British After Changing Hands Several Times; Germans Obtain Foothold in Locre, But Are Defeated in Attempts to Pierce French Line at Several Points.

(By Associated Press.)

The entire allied line in France and Flanders still stands firmly. Nowhere have the Germans been able to make a further dent in it.

Hard fighting has been in progress on the Ypres sector around Vormezeele and to the south of Locre. Both places have several times changed hands, but at last reports Vormezeele had been retained by the British, but the Germans had obtained another foothold in Locre.

Vormezeele was taken by the Germans Saturday, but the British in a counter attack won it back and since have held it, inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans in renewed efforts to take the place.

BRITISH RETIRE IN FLANDERS, SAYS GERMAN REPORT

Teutons Closing in on Ypres, Berlin Claims; French Defeat Attacks near Rheims, St. Mihiel and Luneville.

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Saturday (via London), April 27.—The British have made a retirement on the Flanders front before Ypres, it was announced officially this evening. The statement says the Germans have advanced their line from a point southwest of Langemark (four and one-half miles northeast of Ypres) to Verlorenhoek (two miles to the northeast of the city), Hooge (two miles to the east) and Zillibeke (two miles to the southwest).

The statement follows: "The English have left in our hands further parts of the territory in Flanders. We have reached a line from the southwest of Langemark to Verlorenhoek, Hooge and Zillibeke." British Occupy New Line.

Berlin (via London), April 28.—The official communication from German headquarters today reads: "On the battlefield of Flanders the enemy has withdrawn to lines behind those which he had been occupying. South of Langemark, he withdrew over the Steenbach, east of Ypres, into his positions of Autumn, 1914, and near Zillibeke, still further behind these.

"In close pursuit we forced the enemy many times to fight. As a result we captured Belgians and many hundreds of English. "We have reached the line southwest of Langemark, on the western bank of the Steenbach, of Verlorenhoek, Hooge, Zillibeke and Vormezeele. "The double hill 60, so heavily contested in past years, is in our possession. "There has been strong artillery activity in the Kemmel sector. After the repulse of counter attacks carried out by the French on the evening of April 26 against the western slope of the mountain, our infantry, on its own resolve, pressed forward. "On the northern bank of the Lys the enemy's thrusts failed. Here, as in a successful engagement northwest of Festubert, we took English prisoners. Strong British attacks near Givenchy were repulsed. "On the battlefield on both sides of the Somme the fighting activity was restricted to reconnaissances and temporarily reviving duels. At Han-

HOLLAND YIELDS TO GERMANY ON GRAVEL QUESTION

London, April 28.—Holland has yielded to Germany's demands concerning transport and the supply of sand and gravel, although it is understood that the amount of sand and gravel will be limited instead of unlimited, according to a dispatch from The Hague to the Daily Mail, dated Sunday.

It is added that a general undertaking will be required from Germany that the sand and gravel will not be used for military purposes. Rumors are current in the Dutch capital, the dispatch adds, that Dr. John Loudon, minister of foreign affairs, will resign. These it is said, are based on the supposition that he could not retain office now that his undertaking respecting the gravel must be revoked.

In summarizing the situation, the dispatch continues, it is felt that the crisis with Germany has passed, although the solution is in no wise an ideal one for Holland.

Alliance Wins Honors in State Oratorical Contest

Fremont, Neb., April 28.—(Special Telegram.)—In the state high school oratorical contest held at Meade Friday night Jordan Robinson of Alliance won first place and Sturdevant of Chadron was awarded second place. Robinson's subject was "Wilson's Tribute to Lincoln."

Woman Suffrage Bill Defeated in Sweden

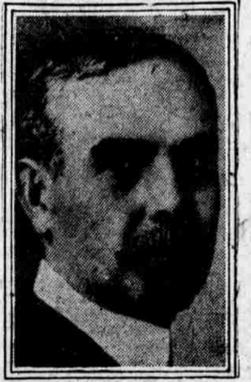
Stockholm, April 28.—After a long debate the first chamber of parliament has rejected a bill calling for woman suffrage. The vote was 62 to 36.

Carmelite Head Dies

Englewood, N. J., April 28.—The Very Rev Pius Mayer, general of the Carmelite order and one of the most widely known Catholic clergymen in the country, died here today of paralysis, age 70 years.

Meets Death in Race

Paris, April 28.—The French bicycle rider, Darragon, fell during a race at the Velodrome today and was instantly killed.



JOHN D. RYAN John D. Ryan of New York, has been appointed director of aircraft production for the army. Mr. Ryan is a copper magnate and financier. He developed the Anaconda and other big properties.