

GERMAN ARTILLERY IS BUSILY ENGAGED

Playing Heavily Against Positions of the French on the North Front of Verdun.

FRENCH GUNS ALSO ACTIVE

Associated Press Correspondent at Crown Prince's Headquarters Tells of Big Gains Made Against French in Fortnight.

Headquarters of the Army of the German Crown Prince before Verdun, March 27, via Berlin and London, March 30.—German artillery is playing heavily on the north front of Verdun. Vast clouds of smoke mark the site of the burning suburb behind Forts Belleville and Froideville, set afire by the bombardment of these two forts, which bar ingress to the city along the east bank of the Meuse.

Eight miles westward across the river a mass of smoke columns floating like a hazy forest of cypress above Bethincourt, Malancourt and Hill No. 304 testifies to the hail of high-calibered shells falling on this northwestern outpost of the French positions. Which of these two points will be the scene of the next phase of the German offensive is a question which doubtless is puzzling General Joffre and General Petain.

The Associated Press correspondent has made an inspection of the ground gained by the Germans on the Verdun front in the fortnight since his last previous visit. The French then retained the west bank of the river for a distance of three miles north of the line of Douaumont. Of the old positions, the French now hold only a narrow tongue of land between Dead Man's Hill and Avocourt woods. This position is naturally strong, but from the intense artillery fire falling upon them today from three sides, it appeared that they must abandon it whenever an earnest attack is delivered.

French Fire Accurately.

French guns are no less active than the German, although their fire is more scattered. They know the position of many batteries and shoot with uncomfortable accuracy, as the correspondent experienced personally when a shell dropped squarely in the battery by which he was standing. They wasted only three shells in obtaining the range. Two of these were slightly over, but in the exact line. The third landed right among the guns, but the softened clay allowed it and smothered its explosion, throwing masses of dirt on all sides, but not harming the gunners, who had dived like rabbits into the sheltered dug out on the hillside.

An officer from the headquarters of the crown prince expressed the operations leading to the occupation of the region west of the river. The French positions here were on Grosse Hill and in Cumieres wood, with strongly fortified supporting points for infantry in the villages of Regneville and Ethelincourt. Every house had been converted into a miniature fortress by walling the cellars with masonry and provided embrasures for machine guns and rifles. The position faced north and the bank was protected by the flooded river.

A frontal attack would have entailed heavy losses in charging up the steep slopes of the Goose Ridge and Dead Man's Hill, but a surprise crossing was completely successful. Several columns were thrown across the river and Goose Ridge was carried. Regneville was surrounded and the French garrison surrendered several days later.

Counter Attack Too Hurdled.

The first heavy resistance encountered in the ravine and in Cumieres wood was finally broken and the defenders were killed or captured almost to a man, fighting desperately to the last. The French counter attack was delivered too hurriedly, only three battalions participating instead of a brigade as ordered by General Petain.

The Germans then carried Dead Man's Hill. The attack then was transferred to Avocourt wood and succeeded in the first rush. The French now hold only the sack-like position, two and a half miles wide and of about the same depth, containing Hill No. 304. The contents of the sack are expected to pass into German possession when the period of artillery preparation has ended.

ROME CLAIMS AUSTRIANS WERE REPEATEDLY BEATEN

Rome, via London, March 30.—The war office communication issued today says:

"On the heights northwest of Gorizia, the artillery duel was intense throughout yesterday. At night fell the enemy, having been reinforced, he renewed his violent attack which commenced at the northern extremity of the Podgora height and extended rapidly along the whole front as far as Sabotino. Repeatedly repulsed, the enemy constantly renewed his sanguinary attack with fresh troops. These efforts were vain and the enemy eventually was defeated by a counter attack and forced to flee, leaving in our hands five officers and 156 men prisoners."

"On the Carso the artillery actions continue. East of Selz our troops, who for several days had pressed strong enemy entrenchments about midday yesterday again attacked in strong force and seized an entrenchment at the point of the bayonet. The enemy launched numerous counter attacks. The fighting continued into the night but all the Austrian attacks were repulsed."

Washington, March 30.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today suspended until further order effective April 1 requiring the Pennsylvania and other railroads to dispose of their steamboat lines on Chesapeake Bay in accordance with the Panama Canal act. The commission will further investigate to determine whether conditions warrant their operation by the railroads.

Johnstown!

A tale of fears that wither and hates that fear. "The Iron Claw," Bijou today.

BURNETT IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Favorable Action by the Senate Regarded as Assured.

Literacy Test and Asiatic Exclusion Provisions Unchanged—Votes on the Bill Recorded Without Party Lines.

Washington, March 30.—The Burnett Immigration bill, with its literacy test and Asiatic exclusion provisions unchanged, passed the House late today by a vote of 308 to 87. It now goes to the Senate, where favorable action is regarded as assured.

The literacy test about which the fight against the bill had centered was sustained 284 to 107. This provision has been the cause of vetoes of similar immigration bills by Presidents Cleveland, Taft and Wilson. The House passed the bill over the Cleveland veto but it failed in the Senate. Motions to over-ride the vetoes of Presidents Taft and Wilson were lost in the House by narrow margins. Representative Burnett, chairman of the Immigration committee, predicted tonight that there was sufficient strength to re-pass the bill in the event of another veto. The President has not indicated his purpose to the House leaders.

Both record votes on the literacy test and on the passage of the bill were without regard to party lines. Majority Leader Kitchin voted for the literacy test and for the bill. Minority Leader Mann voted against the literacy test and then for the bill.

During the debate today the Humphrey reciprocal exclusion amendment, adopted Tuesday, aimed at retaliation upon British Columbia because of its exclusion of unskilled labor from this and other foreign countries, was modified upon discovery that it operated against immigration from Russia. It was changed to make it apply only to a "contiguous" foreign country. The literacy test as adopted would exclude all aliens over 16 years old physically capable of reading, who cannot read English unless otherwise provided for by existing or future treaties, conventions or agreements.

Pacific coast members were satisfied with this provision, which gives legislative recognition to the existing so-called "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan for the exclusion of Japanese laborers, and the committee advised the House that there was nothing offensive in the language to the Immigration Bureau, the State Department or to any government.

Other provisions of the bill extend and strengthen the laws regarding smuggling and harboring of inadmissible aliens, increase the penalties imposed on steamship companies for illegal acts in connection with immigration traffic, require such companies to re-pay passage expense to rejected aliens, doubles the head tax from \$4 to \$8, and imposes restrictions designed to prevent alien seamen who leave their ships from remaining in this country.

DEMANDS OF RAILROAD EMPLOYES NATION-WIDE

Nearly 400,000 Ask for Working Day of Eight Hours

No Intimations That Demands Would be Granted Have Yet Come From Railroads—Railroads Also Make Proposals.

New York, March 30.—Demand for a working day of eight hours for nearly 400,000 locomotive engineers, conductors, firemen and trainmen was made today of railroad companies throughout the United States, representatives of the Big Four unions laying the matter before the general managers of the several roads. The men ask for reduced hours without a reduction in the present rate of pay and for time and a half for overtime. The railroads have until April 15th to answer, but another referendum vote of the employees will be necessary before a strike can be called.

In no instance so far as has been learned here tonight, were there intimations that the demand would be granted, and extended negotiations between the men and the railroad companies will probably follow today's action.

The only reply the Eastern railroad managers made was the submission of propositions of their own, stating that "what the railroads ask for is an open door."

When the railroad managers demand there shall be open for discussion those provisions in present schedules of compensation which are "in conflict" with the following principles: "No double compensation for the same time of service.

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