

OBSERVERS IN AMERICA NOT SURE IT'S BIG PUSH

Even Word From London Has
Not Convinced Experts That
Offensive Has Begun

IT MAY BE HOPEFUL SIGN

Washington, March 21.—Even word from London that the drive launched today by the Germans on the west front is on a larger scale than any undertaken there since the war began, has failed to convince American military observers that the long-heralded German grand offensive is at hand. They are waiting for the full scope of the enemy action against both British and French fronts to be made clear, and still believe that the logic of the situation points away from a German offensive in the west at this time.

There was a distinct feeling tonight that the tumult of the German guns might cloak some other purpose than to commit the issue of the war to desperate onslaughts against the all but impregnable allied lines in the west. Supreme confidence in the power of those lines to resist the shock, characterized the expressions of all officials here.

Some high army officers, heretofore confident that the German position on all fronts made a defensive attitude in the west almost mandatory, hailed with eagerness the possibility that a great thrust at Paris or the channel ports had been actually set in motion. They believed only some internal pressure that would not brook wise counsel could force the general staff to risk such a venture. They believed, too, that a German assault in the west now would bring ultimate triumph of the allied cause closer because their confidence in the resisting

power of the allied armies is unshakable.

"If this is in fact a German drive," said one general officer, "I will look upon it as the most hopeful sign in the war thus far. Defeat of the movement is certain."

"But I cannot believe that it is a real drive. Every requirement of reason would direct the Germans to press their exploitation of Russia's resources and Russia's man-power to the limit while they held the west front locked against our efforts."

Reports from Holland that a peace offer had been made semi-officially to the entente by Germany, caught immediate attention. There was nothing at the state department to confirm this report, but some observers saw the possibility that the menace of the German guns had been turned loose to play a thundering prelude to such an offer for the effect upon the French and British people.

Others saw possible significance in the fact that the German onslaught comes quick on the heels of the acquisition of Dutch shipping by the United States and the allied. It was noted that the war college statement of this week had predicted that no German offensive in the west was to be expected unless forced by the general strategic situation. There was speculation as to whether the incident of the Dutch ships might not have created a motive for the drive.

The purpose might be, it was said, to overawe European neutrals, or it might be that realization that the submarine campaign had failed to block the movement of American troops to France led to resort to a desperate effort to reach the channel ports.

From a purely military standpoint, the launching of an offensive this early in the year is an innovation in the war. Experience would indicate that the ground is yet too soft with the winter rains for extensive troop and transport movements necessitated in pressing home a great thrust. The spring appears to be early in Europe, however, and the German experts have certainly gauged every factor before undertaking an extensive operation. It may well be that prolonged bombardment, covering many days of constant gun fire, will follow the initial rush in the Cambrai sec-

tor, paving the way for greater efforts by the infantry later.

The situation at Cambrai has menaced the security of German lines ever since the surprise assault by the allies last year gave them certain strategic advantages. It was thought here early today that the Germans were seeking to restore their old lines in preparation for possibly more extensive operations later. As reports indicated a movement of wide scope today, however, this view was abandoned.

One thought occurred to all officers here. If this is indeed the great German offensive, the supreme military council at Versailles has had ample time and notice to perfect plans to meet it. It has been officially indicated already that the general reserve, composed of surplus troops of all allies' armies and probably including a very heavy proportion of big guns, has been placed under the authority of the Versailles council.

The plans of that body have contemplated an assault on any part of the line in France and a co-ordinated scheme for massing men and guns at any certain point is believed to have been worked out. This means that even where the standard three line defense on the British front is forced back by the Germans, additional armies would be available immediately to block their further progress.

LAUNCHING OF BATTLE YESTERDAY MAY MEAN GREATEST OF THE WAR

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sector, if that part of the battle line should show any signs of bending back. Nothing has been reported as to attacks on the lines held by the Americans. It had been expected that the Germans would make an assault on the American-held trenches in the Lorraine and Toul sectors, acting on the theory that troops which have not had experience in engagements of the first degree, might be found to yield easier than veterans. That such an attack may yet be launched, and with only slight artillery preparation, is within the possibilities.

The activity in the American sectors during the past three weeks would indicate that the Germans have been concerned with the disposition of General Pershing's legions, their probable strength and the locations of the batteries supporting the infantry holding the lines.

The Germans have called upon the Austrian army for assistance in their effort to carry the battle to the entente allies, for the official reports from Berlin say that Austro-Hungarian artillery is engaged along the western front. It is probable that the great Austrian howitzers or skodas have been used against the stronger sectors of the British line.

The French official reports state that the Germans have been sanguinarily repulsed in a number of engagements, notably on the Verdun and Lorraine fronts. The city of Kherson, 92 miles north-east of Odessa, has been captured by the Teutonic forces. This is an important commercial town and possesses a fine harbor.

Two German destroyers and two torpedo boats are believed to have been destroyed in a naval battle off Dunkirk. The Germans came out of one of their bases in Belgium and commenced an attack on the city of Dunkirk. French and British torpedo boats trapped the enemy ships and visited sound punishment upon them. One British boat was damaged in the fight. Ostend was bombarded by British monitors on Thursday and British seaplanes dropped shells on Helgo land.

The British embassy at Washington has announced that since the beginning of the war 11,827,572 tons of British shipping have been destroyed. During the year of 1917, 6,725,623 tons, or over half the total loss during the conflict, were lost.

American forces have engaged in a raid east of Lunerville and at one point fought hand to hand with the enemy. A brief artillery fire preceded the raid, which was made in conjunction with the French.

Reports from Amsterdam are to the effect that semi-official negotiations for peace, are on foot between Germany and the entente allies, and that Germany has evinced a "strong inclination for peace." This report does not coincide with the reported telegram from Emperor William to the Schleswig-Holstein provincial council, in which the emperor said "the price of victory must not and will not fail us—no soft peace, but one which corresponds with Germany's interests."

Reports from Buenos Aires are to the effect that the Amazon, a 10,000-ton liner of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company, has been sunk by a submarine. It is said that all on board were saved.

**GERMAN LOSSES DECLARED
TO HAVE BEEN VERY HEAVY**
London, March 21.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France describes the German offensive as comprising an intense bombardment by the artillery and a powerful infantry attack on a front of over 50 miles. Some of the British positions were penetrated, but the Germans' losses are declared to have been exceptionally heavy.

On no part of the long front of the attack did the Germans attain their objective.

STOKESDALE HAPPENINGS.
Hazel Knight and Edward Vaughn Win Prizes at School Closing.

(Special to Daily News.)
Stokesdale, March 21.—The Stokesdale school commencement exercises have just ended and were attended by large audiences on all occasions. Hazel Knight won the medal in the girls' contest and Edward Vaughn in the boys' recitation contest.

The play given by the school Monday night was exceptionally good.
Monday evening Summerfield high school came over for a game of ball, and the game was a real contest until the seventh inning. Summerfield scored in the fifth inning and the score stood 1 to 0 in favor of the visitors until the home lads jumped on Pitcher Smith and knocked him out. C. Moore pitched good ball for Stokesdale, striking out the first eleven out of twelve to field him and fanning 21 in all.

Both teams played a fine fielding game, Pegram and Isley making fine catches in the outfield for Stokesdale, while Summerfield's infield played airtight.
Score—
Summerfield 000 010 000—1 3 3
Stokesdale 000 000 031—2 1 1
Batteries—Smith, Johnson, Fadd; Moore and Simpson.

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Not a Friday of Odds and Ends But of Special Values in All the Beautiful New Fashionable Things of Spring and Easter

**Easter Sale
Silk Crepe
de Chine
Bloomers
at \$3.95**

Flesh color, plain tailored with hemstitched ruffles, made with sachet pockets.

**Easter Sale
Hosiery
An Extra Good Value At
\$1.00**

Full length, pure silk hose. True Shape, with lisle top and sole reinforced heel, sole and ankle, with cross stitch to stop garter runs. All sizes; black, suede, navy, bronze, pink, grey, white, brown and sky.

Easter Sale Coats at \$19.95

Fifteen different models, all wool material, velours, dehl, serge and mixtures; these new colors and shades: Pekin, navy, Sammie, clays, greys, Copenhagen, tans, rookie. Some of these in smart military effects. All sizes, \$19.95.

**Easter Sale of
New Hand
Bags at \$4.50**

Combination suede and shirred silk hand bags with suede tassel and silk handle. A new covered metal frame bag that is worth at least \$5.50. Silk lined and with two fittings; grey, purple, brown or navy. Also Cirassian walnut frame silk bags, black only. Bags retailing regularly for \$7.00; special Easter price\$4.50

**Friday Sale of the New Style
Frame Knitting Bags
at 98c**

The new shapes as well as the new styles. They are made up from a variety of high grade satteens and cretonnes and are prettily lined. A good variety of bright colors, Art Department.

**Fancy Pearl Buttons
For Dress Trimmings**

A special assortment worth up to 30c dozen, as a Friday special at 19c. Real mother of pearl in plain or novelty shapes, including some very pretty new smoked buttons. A few cards of iridescent rainbow styles. These are not from our regular stock and on today's market cannot be duplicated at nearly twice the price, so we will be unable to reorder. Buy what you need today.

EASTER SALE

A hundred beautiful Boudoir Scarfs, lace trimmed in attractive new styles; about 18x50-inch in size; on sale at50c



**Easter Sale of
Suits
at \$25.00**

Plain tailored suits, Norfoks, ripple back and pleated suits; suits with boleros and pony jackets. Materials are all wood poplin, men's wear serges and Poret twills. The latest Easter and spring styles shown in wonderful variety in greys, rookie, Sammie, navys, tans and black. Scores and scores of other beautiful suits in stock up to \$85.00.

**Easter Sale
Blouses
at \$4.95**

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe, white, flesh, navy, mais, black and reils. Sizes 38 to 46 in plain tailored effects or dainty embroidered and beaded styles.

**Easter Sale
Petticoats
at \$5.00**

All silk taffeta, also silk Jersey top, solid and changeable silk, six different styles and ten beautiful colors to select from. All lengths, at \$5.00.

**Easter Sale Silk Dresses
at \$17.50**

Plain colored taffetas, check taffetas, plain silk gingham and a variety of the new smart foulards. A color assortment that will give the widest choice. All sizes, \$17.50.

**Easter Sale of Gloves
Special Value at \$1.50
French Kid Gloves Worth
\$2.50**

White, embroidered in pink, sky, navy, green lavender or purple.

FRENCH KID GLOVES \$2.50

Over seam Paris point and embroidered back; black, browns, greys, butter, white, champagne and shades of pearl.

ENGLISH WALKING GLOVES \$2.75

Paris point, also embroidered back; khaki, tan, brown and grey.

**Easter Sale Boys' Wash
Suits at \$1.50**

Sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years. Of good quality washable cottons, solid colors, white lined in colors, solid white and stripes. New real boy styles, sailors, Norfoks, military, middy and Russian.

**Girls' Gingham Dresses
at \$1.50**

Special showing of eight different styles, all large plaid Anderson gingham, sizes 6 to 14.

Easter Neckwear at 48c
Special Values in Very Charming Easter Neckwear at 48c

We group under this head about a hundred pieces of the very newest of the season's styles. Special selections that vary in value up to 75c, but are on sale Friday at the above low price.

Included are two-tone organdy, roll collars, flit lace roll collars, flit and net sailor collars, check organdy collars, lace edge satin collar and cuff sets, georgette collar and cuff sets, edged with flit, roll over foulard silk collars, etc.

No prettier styles in Easter neckwear than are here today at \$1.00 up to \$2.30.

**Received Yesterday
Brocaded Jacquand
Ribbons**

Exquisite, all pure silk ribbon in rose, pink, sky blue, and white that are extremely good values at 30c and 50c yard. The wide 50c width makes a delightful camisole ribbon and is a child's sash ribbon as well. The narrow widths may be used double for camisole purposes or as a hair bow ribbon to match the sash. The price of these beautiful ribbons have not been advanced since last summer.

Easter Sale Ready-to-Wear Veils and New Pattern Veilings at 50c Yard

Black, taupe, brown in plain border and fancy meshes, all newest and latest. Also a new assortment of Easter veilings up to \$1.50 yard.

**Easter Sale of
Shoes**

**Special Price Today For
Grey Cloth Boots**

Made of fine close woven Casco Cloth. Have the style and fitting qualities of kid boots.

Today, \$4.98



**Meyer's
DEPARTMENT STORE GREENSBORO N.C.**

**Easter Sale HATS
Pre-Easter Special
Values Friday**

\$4.95, \$6.95, \$7.50

All the spring colors and beautiful combinations you will find in this collection. The newest shapes, artist designed and featuring the best Easter ideas in lovely hats.



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\$7.13

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\$7.13 for this large four passenger lawn swing. It is built of heavy material and the seat is finished golden oak and the frame is painted red. It is built and finished so that it will stand the weather. Get one of these swings and enjoy the outdoor air.

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