

# GERMANS GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER BIG BLOW

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**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Paris, March 28.—Gen. Pershing, called on Gen. Foch at headquarters yesterday, according to L'Information placed at his disposal the whole resources of the American army for employment in the battle now in progress.

"I come," L'Information quotes Gen. Pershing as saying, "to say to you that the American people will hold it a great honor to be engaged in the present battle. I ask of you in my name, and in that of the American people.

"There is at this moment no other question than that of fighting. Infantry, artillery, aviation—all that we have are yours to dispose of them as you will. Others are coming which are as numerous as will be necessary. I have come to say to you that the American people would be proud to be engaged in the greatest battle in history."

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**FRENCH HOLDING ON TO THE VILLAGES TAKEN.**  
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**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Paris, March 28.—Violent fighting continued last evening and last night in the region of Montdidier the war office announced today. In spite of the German counterattacks the French held on to the villages which they took yesterday in this region. Monchell was taken by the French troops. North of Montdidier French and British troops help up the German thrust. The German losses have been extremely heavy.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 The battle was continued fiercely yesterday evening and last night near Montdidier. Notwithstanding repeated counterattacks the enemy was not able to eject the French from the villages which they captured yesterday. The French troops followed their success, and took possession of Monchell after a short fight.

"In front of Plessier-de-Roye there has been violent fighting. All German attacks against this village broke before the indomitable resistance of the French troops.

"Statements obtained from prisoners confirmed the reports that the losses suffered by the Germans, without bringing them success, are extremely heavy. The number of corpses found in the vicinity of Montdidier and Plessier-de-Roye also confirms this statement.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 To the north of Montdidier Franco-British troops continue to hold the Germans along the line of the Aisne river, and in front of Neuville-St-Bernard; Meesiers Marcellave and Hamel.

"Certain columns of German infantry and convicts reported on the road between Leon and Les Peres were brought under fire of our long range artillery and dispersed."

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Penetration Marcelcave. Only by means of Heavy Massed Attacks Late Yesterday.

British army in France, March 29.—The Germans were able to penetrate Marcelcave, 12 miles east of Amiens in the region south of the Somme only by means of heavy massed attacks late yesterday, which gradually forced the British back.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Bas-Prize Fight Because of Sentiment Against It.

Baltimore, March 28.—On the ground that public opinion in this city was against the holding of a heavyweight prize fight here, the police board today declined to issue a permit for the proposed William-Fulton championship bout, for which application had been made earlier in the day by James Jung, a local sporting man.

**Fifty Additional Workmen Wanted at Once For Large Furniture Plant**

30 Machine Room Men, Skilled and Unskilled.  
 30 Cabinet Room Men, Skilled and Unskilled.  
 20 Finishing Department Men, Skilled and Unskilled.  
 10 Trucking Room Men, Skilled and Unskilled.

Wages from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day with steady employment in the new Furniture Factory in North Carolina. Apply in person, without delay.

THE CONTINENTAL FURNITURE COMPANY.  
 HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA.

## GEN. BELL SAYS THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW COTTON MILL COMPANY

British Withdrawal Was According to Pre-Arranged Plans, He Tells the Senate Committee.

### RECENTLY CAME BACK FROM FRONT

The Allies Knew of the German Preparations for the Present Drive Soon After They Were Begun.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
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**STILL EXPECT ALLIED COUNTER-ATTACK SOON**  
 Likely Substantial American Forces Will Take Part; Haig's Report Relieved.

Washington, March 28.—Announcement by Field Marshal Haig tonight that the German war machine along the whole British front has been beaten off today with heavy losses, gave new zest tonight to speculation here as to the allied counter assault with officers feel certain will not long be delayed.

War department officials generally appeared to be satisfied that substantial American forces would enter the battle lines with the French when the signal for the counter blow is given. Major General March, acting chief of staff, stated flatly, however, that he was not advised as to the numbers or dispositions of American units which may be employed with the French army of attack.

The new outbreak of the German thrust at Arras, reported early in the day, caused some apprehension here lest the allies might find it necessary to further delay their effort to seek victory after bitter days of steady fighting.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Mr. Dan Barringer Died Last Night at His Home Here.

Mr. Dan Barringer, the young man who had a case of spinal meningitis, died last night of the disease at his home on Franklin Avenue. He was about 16 years of age. The funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

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**BEN WILSON AND NEVA GERBER IN "The Rescue"**

AT THE  
**NEW PASTIME TODAY**  
 ALSO HEARST-PATRICK NEWS SERVICE

## BRITISH MAINTAIN POSITIONS ON SOMME

Also Have Gained Ground in Places By a Successful Counter Attack, the War Office Announces.

### GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

British Held Their Line All Day Yesterday in the Face of Repeated Assaults of the Enemy.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 London, March 29.—On the Somme the British have maintained positions and gained ground in places by successful counterattacks the war office announces.

After holding their line all day in the face of repeated assaults but numerically superior forces, the British retired a short distance from their advanced positions at some points.

The Germans again suffered exceedingly heavy losses. The British took prisoners.

The statement follows:  
 "Further strong attacks were made by the enemy yesterday afternoon and evening at several points along the battle front. North of Somme our troops have maintained their positions, and have gained ground as some places by successful counterattacks. A number of prisoners and machine guns were captured by us in this fighting.

"The enemy again suffered exceedingly heavy casualties. His frequent attacks which were pressed with great determination throughout the day gained only our outposts lines after several hours of severe hand to hand fighting. His reserves were then sent forward against our battle positions, and were everywhere thrown back with great loss. Our machine gun, artillery, and rifle fire did great execution upon his ranks.

"South of the Somme also heavy and continuous fighting took place until late in the evening. Our troops after maintaining the line all day in the face of repeated assaults by superior enemy forces have withdrawn a short distance from their advance positions."

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Solemn Services Mark Good Friday Observed in New York in a Manner Customary to the Occasion.

New York, March 29.—Good Friday, which marks the close of the penitential season which precedes the great Christian festival and holiday of Easter, was observed in the metropolis today in a manner customary to the occasion. The stock exchanges, schools and many public offices remained closed for the day. The churches were thronged for the services, particularly the three-hour session services at Old Trinity and St. Paul's Chapel in Broadway, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Fifth Avenue, and St. Francis Xavier's church in Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets the crowds gathered to attend elaborate services and enjoy the notable programs of religious music.

"That the great conflict in which the nation is now engaged has had the effect of turning the popular mind to serious thoughts is indicated by the fact that never within the memory of the present generation has Holy Week been so generally observed in New York as it has been this year. Churches of nearly all denominations have observed the occasion in some special manner. There have been daily services in all the Roman Catholic and in most of the Episcopal churches, and different sacred cantatas have been given, and in other Protestant churches there have been special organ recitals. Great crowds have been present at these religious services while, on the other hand, the theaters and places of amusement and entertainment in general report a week of unusually poor business.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Death of Mr. R. L. Young. Occurred Today at Noon at His Home on North Union Street.

Mr. Robert L. Young, after an illness of several weeks, died at noon today at his home on North Union street. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Young, both of whom died some years ago.

The deceased was born in Concord on February 22, 1848, and was, therefore, 70 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret C. Young; and three children, Mrs. Robert Corinne of this city; Mr. J. R. Young, of Greensboro; and Mr. Joseph C. Young, who is in the American army in France.

On Sunday following last Christmas, Mr. Young had the misfortune to sustain a broken hip, when he met with a hard fall. From that time he had been an invalid, but his health had been fairly good until only a few weeks ago.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Ten Mexicans and One American Killed (By The Associated Press).

Marfa, Texas, March 29.—Ten Mexicans and Private Theodore K. Albert, an American cavalryman, were killed yesterday in a fight between U. S. Cavalry and Mexican bandits near Pilin, Mexico, southeast of Valentine, Texas, according to official advice today. The fight followed a pursuit of the Mexicans who raided the Nevill ranch killing Glenn Nevill.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Big Gun Again Turned on Paris. (By The Associated Press).

Paris, March 29.—The long range bombardment of Paris was resumed shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Foreign Spies Admitted Free Today.

All spies upon presenting their credentials duly signed by the Kaiser, will be admitted free at this theatre, and by seeing that

**"Madame SPY"**

—they will see what is coming to them. All good Americans will get a hundred dollars' worth of thrills and entertainment at the regular admission prices.

**THEATROM TODAY**

## SOUTHWEST THRUST OF GERMAN WEDGE INTO ALLIED LINES HAS BEEN DEFINITELY HELD

Despite Continuous Counter Attacks Last Night, Germans Were Unable to Dislodge Petain's Men.

### GERMANS ARE 57 MILES FROM PARIS

Germans Continue to Sacrifice Their Men Recklessly in Efforts to Break Anglo-French Barrier.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 The southwest thrust of the German wedge into the allied lines has been stopped short of Montdidier. The enemy seems definitely held there, 57 miles from Paris, by the enclosure of the town within a pocket formed by a series of villages valiantly captured and held by French troops. Despite continuous counterattacks last night, the Germans were not able to dislodge Petain's men from these hamlets on the hills above the town.

Between Montdidier and the Somme the Germans seem to have gained some ground since yesterday in their westward push toward Amiens, the great allied supply base, but Paris declares the Anglo-French forces are holding the enemy firmly along a well defined line which at no point is less than 12 miles from this objective.

The German purpose now that the thrust to the southwest has been checked, apparently is to close in within the angle formed by the rivers Aisne and Somme, with its point at Amiens. It is in this triangle, therefore, that further fighting of most intense nature is to be looked for in the immediate future.

The Germans continue to sacrifice their men recklessly in their desperate attempts to break the Anglo-French barrier, as the reports from both the French and British war offices testify. North of the Somme, the British front has not only been stiffly maintained, but have been advanced in places. Today's statement from London war office emphasizes the success of the British in foiling the Germans efforts to embroil the allied defense by establishing a movable line in the Arras region through great assaults. The German reserves were thrown in after the penetration of the outposts, were crumpled up in the battle zone by the devastating fire of Field Marshal Haig's artillery and machine guns, and thrown back with great losses.

Attention is divided between German attacks along the Scarpe toward Arras, and the probability that the French movement in the south is beginning of a counter offensive on a large scale.

On other battle fronts there has been no change. Northwest of Toul the American artillery keeps up a strong bombardment of the enemy lines, but there has been no infantry action.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 At the Theatre. Ben Wilson and Neva Gerber at the New Pastime today, "The Rescue." This is the tenth episode of the great serial, "The Mystery Ship." Also the Hearst-Patrick News Service.

"Madame Spy," the Jack Muirhall production which comes to The Theatre today, is a timely subject. It deals with the subject of German propaganda and secret services in this country, and with its defeat through a clever female impersonation scheme. Tomorrow "Hell's Ringers," starring William S. Hart, will be shown.

**(By The Associated Press)**  
 Two More Flyers Killed. Fort Worth, Texas, March 29.—F. J. Dwyer and J. Scott Rowan, both members of the British Flying Corps were killed in aviation accidents today.

**Announcement**

The 41st series in the Cabarrus County Building, Loan and Savings Association will open on Saturday, April 6, 1918.

Office in the Concord National Bank.

**PRICE OF ICE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1.**

FAMILY TRADE — 20 to 100 pounds, 50 cents per hundred. Less than 20 pounds, 60 cents per hundred.  
 MERCHANTS, HOTELS, AND CAFES—100 lb. lots, 45c per hundred. Less than 100 pounds, 50c per hundred.  
 SPECIAL PRICES TO MEAT MARKETS AND WHOLESALE ICE CREAM DEALERS.  
 Price/Coupon Books.  
 200 lbs. book, 10 lb. coupons \$1.25  
 100 lbs. book, 10 lb. coupons \$2.50  
 500 lbs. book, 25 and 50 lb. coupons \$2.50  
 1000 lbs. book, 25 lb. coupons \$5.00  
 A discount of five per cent. on all books for cash.  
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