

GERMANS GET READY FOR ANOTHER ATTACK ON WIDE FRONT IN EFFORT TO REACH AMIENS

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The Efforts of the Germans North of the Somme Have Been Solely to Capture Artillery Positions.

(By The Associated Press) Checked at most points along the front from Arras to Coucy north of Soissons the Germans are miffing on the Allied lines in an effort to find a weak spot. So far the enemy has been repulsed along the west ledge of the "Salient" along the Chauny-Coucy-La Fere triangle along the Oise on the extreme east end of the southern front of battle line the French have retired to higher ground.

Correspondents at the front in France say that signs are not wanting that the Germans are getting ready to launch another attack on a long front in an endeavor to reach Amiens. Enemy efforts north of the Somme recently have been solely in an endeavor to capture artillery positions but the Germans have not gained their objective. Aerial fighting continues heavy. French and British aviators have brought down 31 enemy machines while Berlin reports the destruction of 18 Entente airplanes.

On the Aisne to the Somme the British line still stands as it did ten days ago. Gen Petain's men still maintain their splendid defense east of the Ois-Paris railway. The Germans have tried to advance north of the Amiens-Roye road in the region of Hangard, but the French artillery fire was sufficient to break up the attack.

Berlin claims further advances in the region north of Coucy, and around the lower forest of Coucy. No mention of fighting here is made in Paris. South of Chauny the ground is low and marshy, especially along the Oise river and Oise canal.

Whether the German attacks on the front between the Oise and Coucy are designed as a fake to draw the French attention from a more vital point, or are the beginning of a strong effort to force the French back to the Aisne remains for developments to show. Up to the present the Germans have only gained the marshy ground along the Oise, and low lying ground between Chauny and Coucy, as well as the lower forest of Coucy, which was virtually denuded of trees in the German retreat of March, 1917.

American troops on the front northwest of Toul, have successfully countered German attempts to raid their positions. Two raids were made at two points Sunday, but each was dealt with efficaciously with machine gun and automatic rifle fire, the enemy advancing no further than the outposts.

On Friday the Americans also checked two raids. The first was taken care of easily, while the second time the Americans left the trenches, and pursued the Germans back to the first enemy trenches, and drove the Germans into their support positions. The American artillery silenced two German batteries.

Nothing hinders so much the progress of mankind as false convictions. The steeper a society is the more are the institutions for curing its disease, and the lesser thought is given to the necessary change of the whole life.—Tolstoy.

BRITISH LAND FORCES AT VLADIVOSTOK

No Resistance Either to the Japanese or the British Landed. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—News of the landing of British forces at Vladivostok which followed a Japanese party into the city, reached the state department today officially from the American consul at Vladivostok. No details were given.

Additional advice to the state department said only 50 sailors were landed from the British cruiser. They were sent ashore to guard consulate. The Japanese force was increased Saturday by 250 men. No resistance was offered, either to the landing of the British or the second Japanese force.

WARSHIPS BLOWN UP BEFORE GERMANS OPENED FIRE

Three Russian Battleships Blown Up on Finland Coast. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—The Russian warships sunk by their commanders off the southern coast of Finland to keep them out of the hands of Germans reported several days ago were blown up after the German warships had opened fire on them, according to a dispatch to the state department today from Stockholm. Three of the Russian vessels were battleships.

THE COTTON MARKET

Recovered Today Another 20 or 25 Points of Its Recent Losses. (By The Associated Press.) New York, April 8.—The cotton market recovered another 20 or 25 points of its recent losses during today's early trading. The opening was firm at an advance of 9 to 21 points in response to firm cables, and active months sold up several points more before the end of the first half hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. May, 34.50; July, 34.55; October, 32.10; December, 31.88; January, 31.78. Germans About Ready For Another Big Thrust? London, April 7.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France, telegraphing Sunday, says there are signs that the enemy is about to thrust again on a big scale. All the fighting north of the Somme during the last few days, says the correspondent apparently has been directed by the enemy at effecting and improvement of his positions and possible to secure a better "jumping off" place.

Between Mesnil and Bucuy, says the correspondent, the ground the Germans now occupy is very unfavorable to artillery movement should a big push develop and only by such a movement could a great concentrated attack upon Amiens be carried out.

German Activity Indicates Impending Attack.

(By The Associated Press) British Headquarters in France, April 8.—Intense hostile artillery work has been proceeding at various points along the British front throughout the night and this morning. North of the river Scarpe, and south of the Somme river, the German guns are conducting unusually heavy artillery bombardment such as heretofore has indicated an impending attack.

Every Day Finds Allies in Better Position.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 8.—Every day finds the allies in a better position to resist with definite success the great German offensive according to an official review today by the British military attaché here. French, British and American reserves are pouring in daily to defend Amiens, the review declares.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION SATURDAY

To Elect Delegates to the State Convention.—Election of County Chairman Postponed.

The Cabarrus County Democratic convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention was held in the court house last Saturday at 1 o'clock p. m. M. H. Caldwell was chosen chairman of the meeting and W. W. Morris secretary.

The election of a chairman of the county executive committee was postponed until the next county convention. The following resolution, offered by M. H. Caldwell, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the Democrats of Cabarrus county in convention assembled that in this momentous hour in our country history, we pledge ourselves first of all as loyal American citizens, proud of the record of our ancestors, prepared to follow in their footsteps even though it shall become necessary to make sacrifices in property for the support of our government, and we dedicate ourselves and our all to our country's call.

Resolved further, That without bitter partisanship, but with determined purpose we will support and uphold, by word and deed, the administration at Washington in all its various undertakings, not merely because it is Democratic but because it is true American, and the bulwark of American liberty for generations yet unborn.

Resolved, That we commend the records of our Senators, Simmons and Overman, and of all our North Carolina Congressmen in their loyal support of President Wilson in his Herculean task at helping our nation to speedily prepare for the great struggle for our nation's life.

The chairman was authorized to appoint the delegates to the State convention.

Little Hope Held for Dr. Hope Caldwell's Recovery.

Sunday's Charlotte Observer. Telegrams yesterday brought to Charlotte the distressing news that Dr. D. Stanhope Caldwell, of Charlotte, at a Richmond hospital, has little, if any, chance for recovery. Telegrams to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Sarritt, parents of Mrs. Caldwell, said that the physicians held out no encouragement whatsoever. Dr. Caldwell's trouble is stomachic. He went to Richmond a week ago last night, Mrs. Caldwell following Wednesday night. An operation was performed Friday. As soon as the result of the operation was wired home, Dr. Caldwell's father, E. V. Caldwell, of Concord, left for Richmond, Miss Ester Lottin, for years Dr. Caldwell's assistant in his dental office left Saturday, followed by Mrs. Morris Caldwell, of Wilmington, sister-in-law, and Dr. Anders, partner of Dr. Caldwell.

Dr. Caldwell had been in bad health for some time, due to overwork. He is one of the leading dentists of the city and state. Under the strain of work he broke down. Up to midnight no further news had come from him. Dr. Caldwell is greatly beloved in Charlotte, and news from his bedside will be eagerly awaited.

Deserters Taken to Camp Greene.

Deputy Sheriff W. F. Probst left last Friday for Camp Greene, Charlotte, having in his custody two deserters from the army who had been arrested in this county.

One of these, E. T. Burris, a white man, was arrested last Friday near Mount Pleasant, on the charge of having deserted from Camp Sevier. He lived at Mount Pleasant and was a recruit who left here with Company L when that organization went to Greenville.

The other deserter was Will Alexander, colored, wanted by the local exemption board in Roanoke, Virginia, for his failure to report there. Alexander lived in this county, but was registered at Roanoke, where he was working. Because of his failure to comply with the law governing the draft, he was also placed in the class of a deserter.

WHEAT PRODUCTION

Will Be About 550,000,000 Bushels, According to Estimate. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—The winter wheat production this year will be about 550,000,000 bushels the department of agriculture estimated today in its report showing the condition of the crop April first to be 78 and 78.6 per cents of a normal.

The rice production will be about 80,000,000 bushels its condition April first being 85.8 per cent of a normal.

To Eliminate Inefficient Men From Medical Reserve Corps.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—The elimination from the medical reserve corps of the army of all men who are not qualified for active service has been undertaken by Surgeon General Gorgas. It is estimated that about 1,500 commissions in the reserve will be revoked as a result of this action.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY ACTION LAST NIGHT

On the Left Bank of the Oise, Says the French Report.—No Infantry Action on the Principal Fronts.

FRENCH BRING IN PRISONERS

On the Southern Bank of the Somme the British Made a Small Advance, Says the Official Report.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, April 8.—Violent artillery engagements occurred last night especially on the left bank of the Oise river, says today's official report.

No infantry actions on the principal battle fronts are reported. The statement follows:

The night was marked by violent artillery actions, especially on the left bank of the Oise.

French patrols were very active in bringing in prisoners.

On the left bank of the Meuse, in the Argonne, German raids were repulsed.

Everywhere else the night passed quietly.

The British Report.

London, April 8.—On the southern bank of the Somme the British last night made a small advance. It is announced officially.

The statement follows: We advanced our line slightly during the night on the south bank of the Somme, east of Vaire-Sous-Corbic.

North of the Somme a few prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us in the neighborhood of Neville-Vitasse.

The enemy's artillery has shown increased activity during the night on the whole British front. Heavy hostile gas shelling has taken place also between Lens and La Bassée Canal and East of Armentieres.

Second Phase of Great Battle Has Died Down.

The second phase of the great battle along the Somme, which the Germans began on Thursday last, has died down. It lasted less than three days, and the fighting has resolved itself into more or less isolated engagements, in which the French and British allies have more than held their own.

The attention of the Germans for the present is mainly directed at the lower end of the battle zone, which apparently they are attempting to enlarge for the purpose of getting elbow room in which to move their vast masses of troops.

Meanwhile, General Foch, the commander-in-chief of the allies, is biding his time, meeting the German assaults with powerful resistance, and there and there conforming his lines to the necessities of the battle. It is confidently stated in Paris that Foch will not be drawn into any false movement—each move is of such vital importance—but will strike with his reserves at the moment chosen by him.

There may be some significance in the report that the German emperor after a conference on the western front on Saturday with his chiefs, Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff, intends to proceed to Rumania. At the outset of the great German offensive when it was sweeping the allied forces before it, notwithstanding their tenacious resistance, Emperor William was announced officially from Berlin, was in supreme command. That announcement was regarded at the time as evidence that the emperor expected a complete and decisive victory. Since then, however, British and French and American reinforcements have come up.

All the justice in the world has been attained by struggle; every important rule of right has had to be wrung from those who have opposed it, and every right, that of a people as well as that of an individual, pre-supposes the constant state of vigilance to assert it.—Mirabeau.

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MOUNT ZION REFORMED CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire Occurred About 5 O'clock Sunday Afternoon.—Only \$2,000 Insurance

Mount Zion Reformed Church, situated on the national highway just this side of China Grove, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. It was a brick church and only the walls were left standing.

Service was held in the church yesterday morning, the congregation leaving about 1:30 o'clock. There was fire in the church, but as the fire was first discovered in the tower on the front and as the stove flue went up in the center, it is improbable that the fire originated from this cause. Some parties in a machine which broke down in front of the church discovered the fire in the tower and gave the alarm. The flames had gained such headway, however, that nothing except the organ and the pulpit could be saved.

The church was an excellent brick structure with slate roof, and worth about \$10,000. There was only \$2,000 insurance. Rev. W. H. Keller is pastor of the church.

ALLEGED BANK ROBBER IS HELD AT CHARLOTTE

Thomas Frazier Charged With Getting \$10,000 From San Francisco Bank, Arrested on Street Sunday.

Charlotte, April 7.—Thomas Frazier, alleged to have robbed a bank in San Francisco recently, getting away with over \$10,000, was arrested while walking along one of the principal streets of Charlotte late today, by Detective Bradley, of the city police department, who recognized the man from photographs sent out from the California city. Frazier had been stopping at a leading hotel here, with his wife and two children. Detective Bradley said tonight that Frazier had made a confession to him, admitting that he was the man wanted in San Francisco and telling him where a majority of the \$10,000 could be found. The police officer did not divulge the alleged location of the money. Frazier's wife and children expressed great surprise that he was implicated in any crime.

San Francisco officers were advised of the arrest and Frazier is being held in jail pending instructions from them. Data in the hands of the police concerning the robbery shows that a reward of \$250 was offered for the apprehension of Frazier and 10 per cent of whatever part of the stolen money might be recovered.

BOLO PASHA IS GRANTED A REPRIEVE

Action Based on Statement That He Had Revelations to Make.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, April 8.—Shortly following the action of President Poincare in refusing clemency to Bolo Pasha, convicted of treason in acting as agent of German propaganda in France which caused expectation that his execution would be long delayed, it was announced today that the military judicial authorities had granted Bolo a reprieve. Their action was based on representation of his Attorney Albert Salles that the convicted man had revelations to make to the authorities.

The length of the reprieve is not given in the official announcement, which in making public the fact of the reprieve, states that it is granted "for the moment."

\$250,000,000 FIRST DAY

This is Estimate of Sale of Liberty Bonds Saturday.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 8.—Unofficial reports to the treasury today put the first day's subscription to the third Liberty Loan campaign at \$250,000,000. Officials said this was probably somewhat high, though, as first reports are unusually optimistic.

After planning system of gathering the reports of the subscriptions day by day, officials are now considering withholding reports, or giving them out weekly or bi-weekly. One proposal is to make public only figures reported by Federal Reserve Banks based on receipts of initial payments on subscriptions.

TRAVELING MAN DIDN'T LIKE THE KAISER PICTURE

Fired Two Shots at the Screen in a Picture Show at Davenport, Iowa.

(By The Associated Press) Davenport, Ia., April 8.—During a performance here last night of a photoplay depicting German atrocities, a man who gave his name as E. J. Kelly and said he was a travelling salesman, fired two shots at a screen when an impersonation of the German emperor was shown. Kelly was taken into custody, but today it was announced he would not be prosecuted.

Empire State Express Wrecked.

(By The Associated Press) Albany, N. Y., April 8.—The Empire State Express which left New York this morning for the west, and train No. 16 east bound from Buffalo, collided with a freight wreck near Amsterdam shortly after noon. The east bound train is reported to have overturned into the Mohawk river. Doctors and relief trains have been ordered from nearby points.

The first reports received in Albany said no one was killed.

Later—Several Said to Have Been Killed.

New York, April 8.—Several persons said to have been killed and many injured in the collision on the New York Central just west of Amsterdam today.

Courtesy makes friends and sometimes fortune for the dispenser.—Vlett.

PROMINENT CITIZEN HANDCUFFED TO POST

J. W. McNabb, of Bessemer, Ala., Draped With Red, White and Blue Streamers and Placarded on Back.

REMAINED AT POST FOUR HOURS

Is Alleged to Have Made Pro-German Remarks, and Was Discharged From Mill For His Utterances.

(By The Associated Press) Bessemer, Ala., April 8.—Draped with streamers of red, white and blue, and with a placard on his back bearing the inscription "disloyal to the U. S. A.," J. Will McNabb, a well known citizen, was handcuffed to a post on the principal thoroughfare of the city Sunday night by unknown parties. He remained fastened to the post for four hours.

McNabb is alleged to have made pro-German remarks and is said to have been discharged from a rolling mill last week because of his utterances. McNabb denied any disloyal statement, and says he has two brothers in the army, and another subject to draft.

CAPT. WHYTOCK'S DAUGHTER KILLED BY AUTO TRUCK

Child of Eight Lets a Street Car Pass, But Does Not See Other Vehicle.

New York World, 6th. Helen Whytock, eight, of No. 511 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, started to cross Seventh Avenue at Fifth street last night when she saw a car approaching. She waited until it passed then resumed her journey, but was struck by a northbound auto truck owned and operated by Dominick Russo, of No. 286 Hamburg Avenue.

Private Walter Trout of the Marine Corps, convalescing at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, a block away, was out for a walk and saw the accident. He carried the child to the hospital, where Dr. Wilson pronounced her dead.

Helen was the only daughter of Capt. Roslyn D. Whytock, a well-known newspaper man. He was connected with The Evening World when the war broke out. He enlisted and soon received a commission.

(Capt. and Mrs. Whytock and the little girl are well remembered here, having visited at the St. Cloud last September, when Capt. Whytock represented the New York Evening World in the investigation of the death of Mrs. Maude A. King.—Editor.)

Says Clemenceau Took Up Peace Negotiations in January.

(By The Associated Press) Vienna, via London, April 8.—Premier Clemenceau in January of this year took up discussions with Austria respecting the possibility of peace negotiations, says an official statement issued here today, in reply to the official denials at Paris that France had taken the initiative in the exchanges. The statement says the negotiations were begun when Alexander Ribot was Premier of France, that they were broken off, and again taken up by M. Clemenceau.

Variety's the very spice of life, that gives it all a flavor.—Cowper.

Announcement

The 41st series in the Cabarrus County Building, Loan and Savings Association is now open.

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