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AMERICAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS MEET HUN ATTACKS

Enemy's Fierce Drives Have So Far Netted Him Little Advantage

ARTILLERY PLAYING AN IMPORTANT PART

Germans Evidently Trying to Blast a Way Through the Allied Line Toward Amiens—Only Progress at Hangard.

American, British and French troops on a 20 mile front in Picardy are withstanding renewed German efforts to reach Amiens. Battling furiously and with the help of heavy artillery fire, the enemy infantry has gained but little and on most of the front his attempts are being repulsed by the Allies.

Having forced the Germans from Villers-Bretonneux, south of the Somme and 11 miles east of Amiens, the enemy is facing the British on hill positions west and northwest of the village. American and French troops to south of Castel are holding the Germans well in check. The only progress the enemy has made here has been in Hangard, where heavy fighting is progressing in and around the village.

South of the Somme, the Germans were hurled back by the British except on the center of the line around Villers-Bretonneux, while north of the Somme attacks near the river and north of Albert were repulsed, the British taking prisoners.

Against the Franco-American positions, the Germans, although in large force, had to be content with only a footing in Hangard and in the woods to the north. Assaults east of Hallennes and against Senecaut wood and Hill 62 in the region of Castel, were thrown back with no gains for the attackers. The line Hilles and Castel is but three miles from the railway running south from Amiens. Apparently the Germans did not resume the offensive with as heavily massed forces as were used in the previous battles in Picardy and last week in Flanders. Probably they are counting on the artillery to blast away for smaller bodies of troops, the British back with no gains for the attackers.

It is not yet clear whether the renewal of the fighting east of Amiens means another desperate attempt to reach that city or whether the Germans are carrying out attacks on a large front in an endeavor to straighten out their line. The German positions from Albert south to Montdidier have several small dangerous salients in them and the enemy may desire to sweep them out.

There has been some increase also in the fighting activity in Flanders, especially at the apex of the new enemy salient. The Germans attacked east of Robecq and were repulsed while the British made slight gains west of Marville and around Meteren. Northwest of Festubert, where the new line joins the old, the British have re-captured an advanced post, inflicting losses on the Germans.

On the Macedonian front Allied troops have gained new local successes in the continuation of the increased activity in this theatre. British troops west of Doiran penetrated Bulgarian defenses on a wide front and in the Cerna bend, French and Serbian troops repulsed enemy attacks. In Albania, west of Lake Prespa, Allied troops forced the enemy to retire from the heights along the Vrba and captured two villages.

Relations between Holland and Germany over demands made by Germany are still serious and it is reported that little progress has been made toward an agreement. According to an Amsterdam newspaper the Dutch minister to Germany and the German minister to Holland have left their posts and are returning to their respective capitals.

MARINES LOSE HEAVILY.

Washington, April 25.—Marines fighting in France have had a total of 274 casualties, marine corps headquarters announced today. The casualties were divided as follows: Officers wounded, four; enlisted men killed, 34; enlisted men wounded, 236. One company lost 21 men killed and 140 wounded out of a total strength of 250 men.

This was the first official announcement that the Marines are taking an active part in the fighting. The Marines were among the first to go to France, but it had been understood they were being used for police purposes in the fighting line.

GERMANS REPULSED BEFORE AMIENS.

London, April 25.—Three attacks made by the Germans on British positions east of Amiens have been repulsed, it is announced officially.

British Gain Ground.

London, April 25.—On the Flanders front late yesterday the Germans attacked French positions northeast of Bailleul and were repulsed. Early this morning, after an intense bombardment, they renewed their attacks in this sector and against British positions further east.

The British regained ground around Villers-Bretonneux by counter attacks and took prisoners.

Germans Capture Hangard.

Paris, April 25.—The Germans captured the village of Hangard, on the front southeast of Amiens, the war office announced today.

STEFFANSSON SERIOUSLY ILL IN THE FAR NORTH

Messenger Comes to Yukon for Medical Aid for Explorer

Fort Yukon, Alaska, April 25.—Bringing an appeal for a doctor by Vilhjalmar Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, who lies dangerously ill on Herschel island, a messenger reached here late yesterday, after a record-breaking trip from the north. In a message carried by the courier, Stefansson told of being ill 50 days after being stricken with typhoid and pneumonia followed by complications.

A northwest mounted policeman and two Eskimos have died of typhoid, while several others are ill, the messenger said.

A doctor is on his way to Herschel Island from here starting several days ago upon learning of Stefansson's illness.

Probably Passes En Route.

Seattle, Wash., April 25.—It is assumed that the messenger coming south must have traveled by a slightly different route from that taken by Dr. Burke, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, who left Fort Yukon April 16 to go to Stefansson's relief.

COUNT VON HERTLING SUES A NEWSPAPER

Deutsche Zeitung Severely Criticized Chancellor's Negotiations with Rumania

London, April 25.—Count von Hertling, the Imperial German chancellor according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, is officially reported to have brought a suit against the Deutsche Zeitung of Berlin for an article published Wednesday in which Dr. von Keuhlmann, the German foreign secretary and Count Czernin, the former Austrian foreign secretary, were attacked. The newspaper asserted that the two statesmen during the negotiations a Buchares acted in a manner which abased their countries. Secretary von Keuhlmann, it was represented, as seen often with a well known member of the underworld while Count Czernin every evening while a theatre where dancing girls were among the performers.

The German Liberal newspapers, it is added, sharply criticized the Deutsche Zeitung saying that Dr Keuhlmann has not done anything worse than is often witnessed by the Berlin population when the annual meetings of peasants are held in the German capital.

Bombardment of Paris.

Paris, April 25.—The long range bombardment of Paris was resumed again this morning.

NECESSARY ROADS AND STREETS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

Council Will Co-operate in Every Way With Shipbuilding Companies

SPECIAL SESSION WAS HELD AT NOON

City Attorney Instructed to Draft Ordinance Covering Regulation of Jitney Service

Assurance was given government agents and officials of the Liberty Shipbuilding Company, holding contract for the construction of a model yard for the building of concrete vessels here, that all necessary streets and roads leading to their plant, which is being built within the confines of the city, will be constructed and kept in good shape through the adoption of a resolution to this effect at the Thursday noon special session of City Council, first called as a conference but later decided upon as a special meeting. By its action the city governing authorities put their stamp of approval upon the activities of the Liberty people and let it be known that the city is standing ready and willing to cooperate in every possible manner.

Other business pertaining to the unusual activities in progress here was also transacted. The city attorney was instructed to draft the proper ordinances covering the regulation of jitney service in event corporations and companies decide to institute service of this nature in the city. There is a feeling that ere long jitneys will be cutting back and forth across the city, headed particularly in the direction of the concrete yards, and City Council wants to have the proper legislation in working order governing activities of this nature.

Council also discussed the advisability of permitting operation of one-man street cars in event the Tidewater Power Company is unable to get the necessary number of men for car operation, but no action was taken on this matter. In all probability this will be acted upon at the next regular session of the board.

BOTH SIDES USED TANKS.

London, April 25.—Both British and German tanks participated in the fighting at Villers-Bretonneux. The British tanks, the correspondent says, got among a mass of Germans and did great execution.

Archbishop Ireland Improves.

St. Paul, Minn., April 24.—Archbishop John Ireland who recently suffered a relapse after recuperating from a physical breakdown, was somewhat improved today. It was stated at his home that the archbishop had had a very good night and was resting easily.

AGAINST LYNCHING OF SOUTHERN NEGROES

Protests Sent to Governors and Other Officials in the South

New York, April 25.—Telegrams protesting against recent lynchings in Louisiana and Tennessee were made public here today by John R. Shillady, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, after having been sent to Governor Pleasant of Louisiana, and the chamber of commerce of Baton Rouge and Monroe, La., and to Governor Thomas C. Rye and the chambers of commerce of Chattanooga, Nashville, Knoxville and Memphis, Tenn.

The telegram to Governor urges that lynchers be apprehended; that inquiries be made to determine whether sheriffs exercised their full powers; that the Governor issue a proclamation calling on citizens to obey the laws and that the Governor request President Wilson to "reinforce your appeal by a statement to the nation."

INVESTIGATING THREE MYSTERIOUS FIRES

Lima, Ohio, April 25.—Federal agents today are investigating three fires which broke out simultaneously in the Lake Erie and Western railroad shops here last night and practically destroyed the plant, valued at \$500,000. One arrest has been made and it is said others may be made during the day.

Property loss included at least 10 locomotives, a new train of troop coaches, just completed and a score of other coaches. Ten thousand dollars' worth of Liberty Bond subscriptions were burned in the office of the shops.

For some time a considerable part of Lima was threatened by the fire. The man under arrest is Will Pantius, who says his home is Cleo, Ind. He was an employe of one of the shops. Officials decline to say why he is held.

OYSTER ROASTS SUCCESSFUL.

People of Myrtle Grove Are Both Pleased and Appreciative.

Another oyster roast was held at Myrtle Grove school house Tuesday night, April 23, for the benefit of War Savings Stamps. This is the second roast held there within the last two weeks for the same cause and the War Savings Club of this community feel very much encouraged in their work and wish to thank the public for their many kindnesses and liberal contributions in various ways.

The total amount realized for the two nights after all debts were paid was \$200.62, which will be used to purchase War Savings Stamps. The amount of Thrift and War Savings Stamps sold was \$217.75, making a total of \$418.37, stamp money for which the club is credited.

This club was organized April 5th, it being the last of its kind organized among the whites.

FORTY-NINE NAMES ON CASUALTY LIST

Two Killed in Action, 6 Died of Wounds, 6 of Accident, 7 of Disease

Washington, April 25.—The casualty list today contained 49 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, two; died of wounds, six; died of accident, four; died of disease, seven; died other causes, one; wounded severely, five; wounded slightly, 24.

Lieutenant Laurence S. Ayer is included among the killed in action. Lieutenant James Calder Marquard died of an accident.

The list follows: Killed in action: Lieutenant Laurence S. Ayer, Private Frank McCall. Died of wounds: Sergeant Emil Senger, Privates Clarence S. Eaton, Giuseppe Molinari, Frank Alanko, Horace P. McDermott, Samuel Roach. Died of disease: Private Charles H. Clough, Elmer B. Joanson, Albert Kelly, Harvey A. McPeak, George Moore, Earl Burton Rathburn, Elmer George Zuschleg.

Died of accident: Lieutenant James Calder Marquard, Corporal Daniel J. Scanton, Privates Donald R. Under, Robert Sammons. Wounded severely: Corporal Carl W. Simmons, Privates Omer A. Godin, Charles W. Simmons, Napoleon S. Ch. W. Williams.

Wounded slightly: Sergeant George F. Dolan, Corporals Till Samuel Buckingham, Fred D. Christianson, Edward P. Joyce, Bugler Nicholas Angelo, Privates Earl W. Barrows, Walter F. Berry, Walter E. Birklund, Everett E. Bristol, John M. Corbit, Charles F. Goodnow, Roy Gulickson, Nash Haddad, Harry A. Kane, Leonard V. Le Gall, Theodore Rand McCabe, Steve E. Meluck, Arthur R. Moulds, William J. Mullaney, Harry A. Murray, Andrew J. Nett, George M. Powers, John E. Seifried, Patrick M. Stanton.

Died of other causes: Private Jesse W. King, Private Hector E. Rollman, previously reported missing, now reported prisoner in Germany.

TWO KILLED WHEN CAR JUMPED TRACK

Birmingham, Ala., April 25.—Two men were killed and six injured when an outbound street car in the Owen Sound line of the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power Company, jumped the track today after descending a long hill near Tuxedo Junction, at a high rate of speed and plunged into a ditch. The car was demolished.

TWO MORE QUAKES AT SAN JACINTO

San Jacinto, Cal., April 25.—Two more earthquake shocks occurred during last night, one at 8 o'clock and another at midnight. No damage was done, but the severity of the earlier tremor caused many people to run out of buildings and houses.

FEW AMERICANS KILLED

Washington, April 25.—The number of Americans killed in the German attack of April 20 near Seicheprey was less than a dozen and number of injured was about 20. These figures made known today, appeared to give support to the German claim that 183 Americans were captured, since it previously had been admitted that the American casualties were around 200.

AMERICAN LINER ST. PAUL OVERTURNED AT HER PIER TODAY

GERMANY WAS NOT AS SURPRISED AS LEADERS CLAIMED

Evidence Indicates Preparations Long Before the Actual Outbreak

SOUGHT INFORMATION ON WRECKING ROADS

More of Capt. von Popen's Correspondence is Revealed. Claim of Germany is Shown to Be Untrue.

Washington, April 25.—Repeated declarations of the German Emperor and Hindenburg and Ludendorff that the war was forced upon Germany, and assertions from the same sources that Germany was taken by surprise by the Russian mobilization, attaches particular interest to certain papers taken from Captain von Popen, late German military attache at Washington.

Among the papers which have been published by the British government in a white book appears a letter from R. von Wild, of the German war ministry, in Berlin, to Captain von Popen seeking information regarding the best means of blowing up railroad trains "in the event of a European war." The significant point is that this letter was written March 12, 1914, about five months before the outbreak of war. This letter says: "According to newspaper reports several railway trains were blown up by revolutionaries during troubles in Mexico. In order to form an opinion of the value of this kind of warfare, explosions of this kind would have to be reckoned with in the event of a European war." The significant point is that this letter was written March 12, 1914, about five months before the outbreak of war. This letter says: "According to newspaper reports several railway trains were blown up by revolutionaries during troubles in Mexico. 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