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FRENCH TROOPS IN BRILLIANT ATTACK CAPTURE HILL 82

Enemy is Driven From Most Valuable Position on the Somme Line

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS STILL DELAYED

Allied Commanders Expect a Renewal of Drive—Foch is Optimistic—Germany Occupies Sebastopol.

While a new German stroke on either the northern or southern battle front is still delayed, the French have taken the initiative in the latter field and have delivered a telling blow southeast of Amiens.

Attacking on a front of more than a mile between Haillies and Castel, General Retain's troops yesterday evening drove the Germans from Hill 82, an eminence of some 250 feet overlooking the Avre river and captured the wood to the east and southeast, immediately bordering on the Avre.

The ground thus gained is probably more valuable than any other of equal area which lies along the entire Somme line. It was at Haillies that the Germans effected their greatest westward penetration in their Amiens drive and at Hill 82 they were within less than three miles of the important Paris-Amiens railway.

The positions of the French at Haillies and those of the British on the Villers-Bretonneux ridge preserve the continuity of the line of commanding ground of virtually all the vital spots north to the Somme.

In the Villers-Bretonneux region as well there has been a further improvement of the Entente position, the French gaining ground in local fighting there last night.

The German offensive is not yet ended, in the view of military authorities, and the enemy is expected to make further attempts to reach the channel. The supreme inter-allied war council has completed a two days session with a meeting at Abbeville, northwest of Amiens.

Germany and Austria-Hungary apparently are meeting with difficulties in opposing the peoples of the occupied Russian territories and as a result there is grave uneasiness in Germany.

TWO SOUTHERN MEN IN TODAY'S CASUALTY

A Missourian and a Texan Among the 88 Names Given Out

Washington, May 3.—The casualty list today contained 88 names, divided as follows: Killed in action . . . 18 Died of wounds . . . 1 Died of accident . . . 2 Died of disease . . . 5 Wounded severely . . . 2 Wounded slightly . . . 68 Missing in action . . . 2

Lieutenants Thomas F. Mooney, of San Antonio, Texas, and Dinmore Ely, of Chicago, died as a result of accidents, and Lieutenant Louis M. Edens, Cahoon, Mo., is reported missing in action.

LIEUT. W. D. MEYERING GETS SERVICE CROSS

With the American Army in France, Thursday, May 2.—Lieutenant William D. Meyering, U. S. R., has been awarded the distinguished service cross. He commanded a platoon which was attacked by the enemy on April 6. He took measures to defeat the enemy and handled his men well under fire until he was wounded seriously.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

Washington, May 3.—Every one of the 5,000 officers on duty in the war department's ordnance bureau has applied for foreign service. High officers in the bureau today pointed to this fact as completely answering charges that the ordnance corps had been used to furnish large numbers of staff officers with "bomb proof" jobs.

STILL INVESTIGATING AIRCRAFT PROGRAM

Washington, May 3.—Reopening of the senate military committee's investigation of the aircraft program under consideration by members today depends, it is understood, upon the weight of additional information on the situation to be submitted by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor.

LIEUT. MEISSNER BRINGS DOWN HIS FIRST HUN PLANE

Saw the Boche at About 5,000 Metres and Sailed Into Him

BROOKLYN AVIATOR PROUD OF VICTORY

Enemy Smashed the Wing of American's Plane, But the Yankee Got His Man and Returned Safely

With the American Army in France, Thursday, May 2.—Lieutenant James A. Meissner, whose home is in Brooklyn and who brought down his first German airplane today on the American front northwest of Toul, returned to his hangar to receive the congratulations of his comrades and to make his report with a bashful grin on his face.

The story of his exploit having trickled in over the telephone wire, the correspondent went to the lieutenant's hangar. It has been reported that the wing of Meissner's machine had been torn off by his opponent's airplane.

"Impossible," said one of the members of Meissner's squadron before the young aviator had returned to his billet. "If the Boche really had scraped Jimmy with his wing, we would have called on the Red Cross to make inquiries through Switzerland as to what had happened to him."

Just at that time Lieutenant Meissner himself jumped out of an automobile and walked toward the group gathered about the hangar. All tried to grasp his hand at the same time and shake it while many questions were hurled at the young aviator. The lieutenant blushed and looked around as if at a loss how to begin. Then he briefly told an American story in an American way just as if bringing down a German was an every day trick.

"Well," he said, "I saw him at about 5,000 metres. There was another machine which I believe was a French one, headed in the direction of the German. I just sailed in first, but the Boche swung down toward the earth when I was just above him. I went down after him, firing all the time."

Then he straightened out and turning his wing point quickly, rammed my wing, but as that was happening, I cut loose with my gun again. Smoke came from the German machine, which headed for the interior of Germany and we both were soon over his territory.

OFFICIALS ATTEND MINISTER'S FUNERAL

Washington, May 3.—President Wilson, members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps, justices of the supreme court and members of the foreign relations committee of the senate and house of representatives today attended the state funeral of Dr. Carlos De Pena, Uruguayan minister to the United States.

Socialist Measure Defeated.

Amsterdam, Thursday, May 2.—Votes taken in the Prussian lower house today involved the rejection of Socialist Bruan's proposal of the right to vote beginning with the twentieth birthday without distinction of sex, and the acceptance of a committee resolution providing for plural voting.

RANGE OF GREAT GUN WHICH IS SHELLING PARIS



The interesting map that is reproduced today shows the country that is traversed by shells from the big gun in the forest of St. Gobain. It is shown by the map that the actual distance is 116 kilometers or 71.92 miles. It will be observed that the flight is in a southeasterly direction, and the range will require an elevation that will take the projectile 18 or more miles high at the crest of its trajectory.

WEST OF MISSISSIPPI GOES OVER THE TOP

Every Western State Has Subscribed Its Quota—Nation's Total This Morning Was \$2,838,317,300—One More Day Left to Get in Subscriptions

Washington, May 3.—The liberty loan total today reached \$2,838,317,300, with partial reports from yesterday's business. The Chicago district is the fourth to go over the top, with subscriptions of \$453,640,850 to cover its quota of \$425,000,000.

Indications now are that every state west of the Mississippi has subscribed its quota, although official reports to substantiate this are lacking from the Dallas and San Francisco districts.

This is a complete reversal from the experience of the former loans, when the eastern districts were the first to go over the line, said a treasury review.

Especially encouraging was the report from Dallas, indicating that the drought-stricken counties in west Texas where little rain has fallen for two years have reached their quotas. The Dallas district has now started its battle for a heavy over-subscription.

Ohio has subscribed \$167,937,700 and exceeded its quota, according to dispatches today from Cleveland.

FIRST THREE MONTHS OF RAILWAY CONTROL

Washington, May 3.—During the first three months of government regulation 114 American railroads showed a net operating income of \$54,108,661 against \$144,011,399 last year.

SOUTH PROGRESSING IN SHIPBUILDING

Washington, May 3.—Wonderful progress in shipbuilding operations in the south was reported to the shipping board today by L. Prior, a special investigator, sent by the board on a tour of southern yards.

WORKING ON PLAN ENABLING ALL TO ASSIST IN WORK

All B. & L. Associations Are to Open New Series on June First

USE MONEY TO BUILD ADDITIONAL HOUSES

Meeting Held at Chamber of Commerce This Morning. Name Committee to Arrange Mass Meeting

New series of building and loan stock will be offered on the first Saturday in June by the 13 white and two colored associations operating in the city in an effort to give all an opportunity to contribute to funds that will be employed in erecting houses to take care of the influx of mechanics and laborers, attracted here by shipyard activities, and every person in Wilmington is expected to take as many shares of the proposed new series as they can carry in order to assure sufficient funds for increased building activities.

FOCH IS IN SUPREME COMMAND IN WEST

Paris, May 3.—The military authority of General Foch as a result of the Italian adhesion has been extended to all the western fronts and the general now becomes commander-in-chief of all the allied armies in the west, says Marcel Hutin, in the Echo De Paris.

Want a Monarchy.

London, May 3.—Finnish newspapers are calling for the establishment of a monarchy in Finland, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

FRICION ARISES BETWEEN HUN AND BOLSHEVIK HEADS

Ambiguous Wording of Brest-Litovsk Peace Treaty Starts Trouble

COMMISSION NAMED TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Barbarous Treatment of Inhabitants of Occupied Territory Stirrs Resentment—Sending Men to Germany

Moscow, Thursday, April 27, via Vladivostok, April 26.—The ambiguous wording of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty is causing considerable friction and a constant exchange of protests.

The provision relating to Russian warships, stipulating their transfer to Russian ports or their disarmament, Germany interprets as obliging them not to leave ports and not to cruise in territorial waters.

SURRY COMMISSIONER MUST AID GOVERNMENT

Ordered to Buy \$1,000 Liberty Bonds, Contribute to Red Cross and Y. M. C. A.

SOUTH CAROLINA NOW HAS WOMAN LAWYER

Columbia, S. C., May 3.—Miss James M. Perry, of Greenville, S. C., is the first woman to be admitted to the practice of law in South Carolina.

CHILE TO RELEASE THREE MERCHANTMEN

Santiago, Chile, May 31.—The agreement which has been pending with Germany for the release of three of the German merchantmen which have been laid up in Chilean ports during the war, has been completed.