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HUNS NOW SHIFT OFFENSIVE EASTWARD OF LE MORT HOMME

Attack French Line With Heavy Forces and Succeed in Entering French First Line Trenches—French With Vigorous Counter Attack Expel Invaders—Bombardment Northwest of Verdun Greatly Slackened

BELGIAN AND GERMANS EXCHANGE ARTILLERY DUELS

An German Infantry Attack on French South of Somme River Resulted in Failure—Decrease in Infantry Fighting on Russian Front is Reported as Well as Bad Weather on Austro-Italian Theatres of War

LONDON, April 1.—Having captured the village of Malancourt, the Germans have now shifted their offensive eastward to the sector around the famous Le Mort Homme. With heavy forces, the Germans have attacked the French line between Hill 295 and Le Mort Homme and succeeded in entering the French first line of trenches. A vigorous counter-attack by the French, however, almost immediately expelled the invaders. Another attack by the Germans delivered little later, is declared by Paris to have been put down completely. The Germans have made no attempt to debouch from Malancourt since their occupation of the village. The heavy bombardment of preceding days in the region northwest of Verdun, has greatly slackened. There also has been only moderate activity by big guns north and east of the fortress. Paris reports the failure of a German infantry attack against the French to the south of the Somme River, near Dompierre, the shelling by the French of German troops on the march in Argonne forest, and the battering of German positions in the Forest of Apremont. Violent artillery duels have been in progress between the Belgians and the Germans in the region of Dixmude.

There has been a noticeable decrease in infantry fighting on the Russian front, probably owing to the soggy ground, due to spring thaw. Artillery on both sides, however, have been carrying out bombardments at various points from the region of Riga southward. Bad weather is also hampering the fighting between the Austrians and Italians.

A German torpedo-boat or submarine, has been sunk in Black Sea by Russian ship "Portugal" according to the French Official Press Bureau. The vessel is said to have had a large number of wounded men aboard.

Big Liner Ashore Cape Good Hope

LONDON, April 1.—The large British steamship Rangitira, from London to New Zealand, is ashore on Robben Island, in a heavy fog, and efforts are now being made to get her off, says a Reuter's despatch from Cape Town. The Rangitira is owned by Shaw Seville and Albion Company, of Southampton. She is of 10,118 gross tons, is 478 feet long, and 61 beam, and was built in 1910 at Belfast. Robben Island is an isle off the Cape of Good Hope, at the entrance of Falz Bay.

Now Thought Both Strikes Will Collapse

Strikers Held Parade Yesterday in Glasgow—Were Jeered at and Hooted by Populace—3000 Strikers Have Returned to Work in Liverpool

LONDON, April 1.—To-night there were excellent prospects for a collapse both of the Clyde and Liverpool strikes. Demonstrations by strikers held in Glasgow this afternoon were hooted and jeered at by the populace. The day was made a sort of holiday, but so many strikers returned to work that the conference which Arthur Henderson, resident of the Board of Education, and other Government representatives were to attend on Sunday afternoon, has been postponed, and probably will be unnecessary. In Liverpool 3000 strikers returned to work to-day. It is expected the remainder of the men will resume work to-morrow, leaving the adjustment of their claims to be negotiated afterwards.

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Germans No Match for British

Battle of St. Eloi Was Most Important One—British Forces Again Prove Their Metal and Take Heavy Toll of Germans

LONDON, Mar. 31.—A correspondent of the daily Mail at the British headquarters in France, describes the action at St. Eloi on March 27th, as having been more important than is superficially apparent. A valuable position was gained, he said, consisting of rising ground which overlooked the British communication trenches. The British loss was small, and the German loss very heavy, the latter's being due mainly to artillery and bomb-throwers. It is a remarkable fact that during the whole of the fight not a single aeroplane was allowed to approach.

The correspondent writes enthusiastically of the dash and individual zest of the men. "The men complained he said, that the Germans, in some positions, would not half fight, but surrendered too soon. Nevertheless, there was much hard fighting. Some of the German bombers held their ground well for hours, and the German artillery was good."

The correspondent records several incidents of the fighting. In one of these a section of the British advancing was critically menaced by a German machine gun. A British subaltern and one soldier rushed forward, and attacked with bombs, wrecking the gun and killing the gunners. At another point of the fighting two men were astray in a German disjunct trench, which was almost unoccupied, but which led them far back into one of the principal communicating trenches, where they met a number of Germans. One of the British officers threw bombs, while the other fired his revolver over the former's shoulder. A majority of the Germans ran back, a few surrendered, and the trench was cleared. At another point an officer found two Northumberland Fusiliers, their rifles thrown on the ground, fighting for possession of a German prisoner whom both claimed. The prisoner was watching with amazement.

Latest Re Sinking of Hospital Ship

PETROGRAD, via London, April 1.—The sinking of the Russian hospital ship "Portugal", in the Black Sea, is thus described in news from M. Golubonof, Delegate General of the Red Cross with the Caucasian army: "Yesterday at 8.30 in the evening, near Sitaffe, our hospital ship 'Portugal' which was at anchor, was sunk by an enemy submarine with two torpedoes, from a range of 60 yards. At the second torpedo was fired, which struck the engine room, the ship sank in less than a minute."

Lifeboats from trawlers and from a torpedo boat, which came up, rescued 26 Sisters of Charity, who were aboard. They also saved three Commanders, including French Commander Duvent, two Doctors, one Priest, 125 men of the Russian Naval Medical Corps and 43 men of the French crew. The missing include Count Tatistchoff, Delegate of the Red Cross, a Doctor, the senior Sister of Charity, Baroness Mayerdorff and 14 other sister of Charity, 50 men of Russian Medical Service and 29 of the French crew, according to the Commander. The Portugal had 273 persons on board, of whom 158 were saved. On receiving news of this outrage I proceeded to the spot and interviewed the survivors at the Red Cross hospital on shore. We are exploring the nearby coast in search of missing bodies."

"Chiyo Maru" Refloated

LONDON, April 1.—A despatch from Hong Kong to Reuter's Telegram Co. says the steamer Chiyo Maru was refloated, after she stranded on one of the Lema Islands. She will be surveyed.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

LONDON, April 1.—A British official statement issued this morning says: "Yesterday, there was much aerial activity on both sides. A great deal of successful work was carried out by our airmen. Three of our machines are missing."

"Thursday night the enemy exploded a mine near Neuville St. Vaast and endeavored to attack with infantry, but were easily repulsed by our bombers. We exploded a strong mine near the Hohenzollern Redoubt, wrecking hostile posts at two old craters. "On Friday there was continued artillery activity north and south of Angres, south of Hulluch, north of Ploegsteert Wood, about Mikelm and south of St. Eloi. An enemy attack on Friday morning broke down under our fire."

FRENCH

PARIS, Mar. 31.—In the Argonne district we have repulsed two attacks with hand grenades directed against our positions to the north of Avocourt. To the west of the River Meuse, the bombardment of Marancourt has gone on with redoubled violence. Last night the Germans delivered a series of attacks in massed formation. They advanced from three side at a time upon the village, which formed the advanced salient of our line, and which sheltered one of our battalions. After furious fighting all night long, which entailed considerable sacrifices on the part of the enemy, our troops evacuated the ruined village, but we still hold all the outskirts. To the east of the River Meuse the night passed quietly. In the Woevre district the Germans endeavored on three separate occasions to capture from us the works to the east of Haudromont, but all their advances were repulsed. There has been no occurrence of importance on the remainder of the front.

Gets Great Reception in Rome

Premier Asquith Arrived at Rome—Is Met by Premier Salandra and Other Cabinet Members—Crowds Cheer Him as he Drives to British Embassy

ROME, April 1.—Premier Asquith, of Great Britain arrived here to-day. He was met at the station by Premier Salandra, Foreign Minister Sonnino, and other members of the Cabinet, and the British Embassy Staff. He was cheered loudly by crowds as he drove to the Embassy. Among the spectators were several hundred British soldiers, who were passing through Rome. The British Premier was obliged to come out on the balcony and bow acknowledgements to the crowd. The Press attaches great importance to Premier Asquith's visit, seeing in it a further confirmation of the unshakable decision of the Entente Allies to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

TRADE EXPORT FIGURES

Exports From London to States During First Three Months of 1916 Are \$45,186,037 Against \$32,202,700 For 1915

LONDON, April 1.—Robert P. Skinner, American Consul-General in London, is the authority for the statement that the total exports from London to American ports during the first three months of the year were \$45,186,037 and exports during the corresponding period last year were \$32,202,700.

ROME, via Paris, April 1.—The Duke of Avarna, who was Italian Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, when Italy declared war on Austria, has died.

U.S. Troops Hot on Trail of Villa

American Cavalry Swoop Down on Ranch Where Bandit Chief and Forces Were Having a Rest—Villa Wounded but Escapes to the Mountains

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 31.—Four hundred American cavalry men, under command of Colonel Dodd, galloping down from the granite slopes of the Great Continental divide, have fallen on the main body of Francisco Villa's bandits at San Geronimo ranch, scattering them in many directions and driving the bandit chief, wounded and crippled, to seek a hiding place in the mountains. Villa was hurried from danger in a carriage. The fight opened at six o'clock on the evening of March 29th, and lasted several hours. Colonel Dodd, with picked troops of the Seventh and Tenth Cavalry, fell upon the unsuspecting Villa camp, where 500 bandits had effected a massacre of 172 Carranza soldiers, two days previously at Guerrero. Villa, shot through the leg, with one hip shattered, hurried from the scene barely in time to escape the onslaught of the Americans, and the bandits made a brief, but fruitless stand, before Col. Dodd and his troopers. They broke and fled, leaving 31 men killed on the field, including Commander Gen. Hernandez. Two machine guns, and a number of horses, rifles, ammunition and equipment fell into the hands of the Americans.

War Department Commandeers all Stocks Oats, Hay

All Stocks Now in Stock Whether Threshed or Unthreshed Are Taken Over by War Department.

LONDON, April 1.—An Army Council notice issued to-night says, that all hay, oats, wheat or straw, threshed or unthreshed, now standing on farm or other premises in bulk, in Britain, is requisitioned by the War Department.

Farmers and stock dealers are authorized to use a normal quantity of straw for their livestock. The amount allotted for private consumption is to be restricted on the monthly average for the preceding three months.

Brilliant Work Italian Brigade

Repulse Violent Counter Attacks of Enemy—Resolve at Any Cost to Take Whole Fortifications Which They Did in Splendid Manner

ROME, Mar. 31, via London, April 1.—The following official statement was issued to-day by the War Department: "In the Daone Valley, during an encounter between small detachments on the slopes of Mount Mellonon on Wednesday, the enemy was put to flight and abandoned his arms and munitions. In Suga, Valley our artillery dispersed a supply column marching from Calceranica toward Caldonasesso. Our artillery has done some good work in the Upper Cordovole against barracks, at the head of Selvaza Brook and in Upper Berte, and against enemy camps near Sompanese, north-west of Podestagno."

"On the Isonzo front, intermittent artillery actions were hampered by driving rain. Later advice regarding the success won by our troops at Bas Selt is emphasized by the excellent work of an Acqui brigade. On Monday, this brigade, by vigorous offensive operations, took by assault about 150 metres of enemy fortifications. After repulsing violent counter attacks, our soldiers resolved at any cost to take the whole fortifications, and they succeeded in doing this, on Wednesday afternoon, after three days of continuous conflict. They captured many prisoners and important booty."

THOUSANDS SEEK SHELTER OF POLICE STATIONS FROM RAID

One of the Zeppelins is Brought Down—Raid Commenced at 8 O'clock Last Night—Thousands Were Unable to reach Their Homes

CROWDS LINED THE STREETS AND WATCH THE SKIES QUIETLY

Handling of Precautionary Measures in London Worked Well—Proving That Machinery for the Protection of Metropolis is in Efficient Shape—One Zeppelin Passes Over London at Great Height

LONDON, April 1.—It is reported that one of the five Zeppelins which raided the eastern counties of England last night was brought down off the East Coast. The approach of the raiders was first noticed about 8 o'clock last night. They arrived from different directions and took individual routes across the country. It is rumored that they were quickly forced by anti-aircraft guns to turn about. Although no formal warning was issued to the population, the usual signs of approaching air raids were manifested in London by the calling out of special constables, by darkening of streets, and by stopping of train service above ground. Even omnibuses and street cars in many sections, either discontinued service, or ran in a limited way. Thousands of persons were unable to reach their homes and for the greater part of the night the police stations were crowded with wayfarers seeking shelter.

An exceptional feature of last night's raid was the fact that the weather was fine and clear, there was no moon, but the stars were bright. Towards midnight a slight haze came up, but it was not sufficient to obscure the landscape from the view of aviators or anti-aircraft gunners. It was such a night that experts thought would oblige airships to keep at a very high altitude, if they hoped to escape damage. The handling of precautionary measures in London worked more smoothly than ever before, showing that the machinery for the protection of the metropolis was in efficient shape.


All Raiders Crossed the Coast at Different Places—90 Bombs Were Dropped on Various Localities—Zeps Also Raid North East Coast. LONDON, April 1.—Five Zeppelin airships raided the eastern counties of England last night, according to an official announcement just issued. Thus far, it has been ascertained that about 90 bombs were dropped by the invaders. An official statement regarding the raid says: "An air raid took place last night over the Eastern counties, in which five Zeppelins are believed to have taken part. All the raiders crossed the coast at different places and times and steered different courses. At present about 90 bombs are reported to have been dropped on various localities in the Eastern counties. "The result is not as yet known. It was further reported that hostile aircraft visited the north-east coast, but no details are yet received."

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