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FRENCH DRIVE GERMANS FROM FIRST LINE

FOURTEEN THOUSAND MEN, 227 CANNON IS HAIG'S BIG CATCH

British Captures Since April Are Mounting Hourly as Noose Is Tightened Around Lens and St. Quentin.

(By William Philip Simms.)

With the British Armies Afield, April 18 .- Captures by the British army since April 9, in its great push, reached the vast total of 14,000 men and 227 guns today. There are still more streaming back constantly from the front.

Around Lens and St. Quentin, Field Marshal Haig is stretching a tight noose, and increasing the pressure every hour.

VILLERS-GUISLAIN TAKEN. WESTMINSTER HALL London, April 18 .- The British forces have made further progress north of St. Quentin and have captured the village of Villers-Guislain, according to an official statement given out by the war office today.

The text of the statement fol-

"During the night we made further progress southeast and MEANS TURNING POINT east of Epehy, and this morning captured the village of Villers- Bonar Law Declares Long Guislain with some prisoners. We also improved our position in the neighborhood of Lagni-

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NEW ENGLAND SHORE; MAY BE A BATTLE

point just outside of Massachusetts Bay at the end of Cape Cod. The reports to the navy yard did not state that any vessels had been sighted. Naval officials here explained that the firing probably indicated that a naval engagement was in progress.

U. S. Govt. Horses Found Poisoned In Horse Train

Syracuse, N. Y., April 18.—Ten horses were found dead and a number of others in a dying condition on a special east-bound horse train here last night. The horses, owned by the Government, were destined for military purposes. Officials in charge of the train suspect the horses were poisoned.

SPAIN AROUSED OVER SINKING OF SECOND SHIP

Tom Is Torpedoed Without Warning, and Eighteen Lives Lost.

STRONG PROTEST MADE

Madrid Is Said To Have Demanded Indemnity From Germany.

Madrid, April 18-Via Paris, 1:30 p.m. -The Spanish steamship Tom has been orpedoed and sunk without warning. Eighteen lives were lost. It is expected that news of this occurence will further inflame public feel-

The Tom, 2,400 tons gross, was owned Bilbao.

Recent news_dispatches from Spain FOR UNITED STATES aid that much excitement was produced by the torpedoing of the Spanish teamer San Fulgencio.

The Spanish Government sent an em-British Commons Expresses phatic protest to Germany, and is reported to have demanded an indemnity

JOURNALS REFLECT YEARNING FOR PEACE OF GERMAN PEOPLE

Picture Woeful Alternatives That Face the Nation.

LONG PERIOD OF HUNGER

ution, identical with one moved in the House of Lords, Mr. Bonar Law said: We deeply regret that the premier is mable to be present himself to move the resolution: Not only the members of parliament, but all the people of the British Empire and the Allied countries welcome the new ally with No Immediate Relief, Even Were Peace Declared at Once.

Coast Guard Vessels Report

Booming of Great Guns.

Provincetown, Mass., April 18.—
Heavy firing was heard off the tip of Cape Cod today. The regularity of the shots led to the suggestion that it might have been an exchange of salutes by naval vessels, although it was stated that vessels on active war duty are not permitted to this reveal their postlions.

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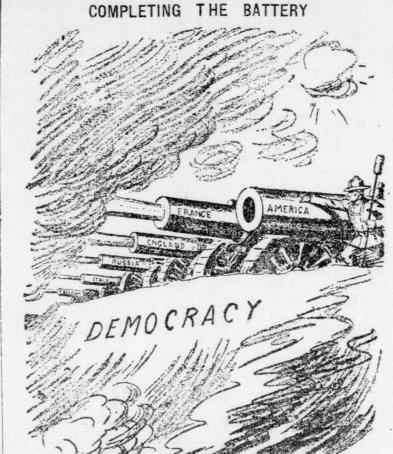
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CONGRESS DEBATING BILL TO CHECK GERMAN SPIES

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ANTI-GERMAN MOBS

Washington. April 18.—The Senate today planned to take up the administration espionage bill, which the judiciary committee reported with a number of amendments, including that to diminish restrictions on newspapers. The committee retained sections authorizing the closing of mails to anarchistic or treasonable publications, and giving the president power to forbid export of materials which might reach the enemy. The house committee continued work on the spy bill today and expects to report it in a day or two.



HINDENBURG'S BIG PLANS UPSET BY THE DRIVE

Paris, April 18.—According to information from a reliable source the double offensive of the British north of Arras and of the French on the Aisne, disarranged the German plans. Field Marshal von Hindenburg, it is declared, was preparing an offensive against Riga and another against Italy, while on the western front he was considering an attempt on Calais on the one hand and on Paris on the other. The Allied western offensive spolled all this by obliging him to bring back a large part of the effectives intended for the Russian and Italian frontts.

TERRIBLE "SEVENTY-FIVES" CAUGHT MASSED GERMANS, **DECIMATING LARGE BODIES**

positions the French now look down upon Moronvillieres and Nauroy. This Moronvillieres chain of hills was regarded by all French soldiers who had ever been in the section as virtually impregnable and its capture caused the liveliest satisfaction to the infantry rapidly and were soon in action. They caught large bodies of the enemy, massing with the object of making a diversion, and

Terrible Carnage. tion of Charme Gap at the beginning of the war. On the right wing the

struggle was equally to the advan-

which the left wing of the Cham-pagne offensive of 1915 broke, fell speedily as well as all the surrounding works. The French made espe-cially good progress north of Auberive. In the section east of Vaudeswell as a small wood east of the hill, which was a regular nest of German machine guns. Four Miles Deep.

Notion Harding

At certain points the advance was close on four miles in depth. Latest reports say the battle continued well into the night, the Germans counterattacking without success, and the systems under the cover of their

TUESDAY'S VICTORY FOR FRENCH

WILSON DETERMINED ON CONSCRIPTION AS ADVISED BY EXPERTS

Senate Fold He Will Not Com-

A Map of the War Area Direct From France

A war map par excellence showing every detail of the pres-ent fighting area, with the small-est village shown thereon, ap-pears on Page 9 of The Adver-As it seems that this section As it seems that this section will see the bloodiest and most decisive fighting of the war every reader should preserve the map. It is prepared from detail maps received direct from France a short time see.

FRENCH MOVING AHEAD CARRY 2 MORE TOWNS; STOP FURIOUS ATTACKS

ALLIED GUNS PULVERIZING HUN WORKS

London, April 18.—French forces smashed their way to within two miles of Laon today. British troops co-incidentally began closing in about Cambrai while still maintaining their strangling pressure about St. Quentin and Lens.

The fighting along the whole of this vast front was bitter, French and British guns roared unceasingly, literally pulverizing the German defences. The French apparently were the most active in the day's fighting.

BRITISH FORCE HOLDS LINE FOR MORE SUPPLIES

Operations On General Haig's Front Partially Held Up.

PREPARE FOR NEW WAVE

Captured German Documents Show They Expected the Defences To Hold.

British Headquarters in France, April 18, via London, 2:30 p.m.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—Operations on the British front may be said to have reached a temporary holding stage along the line of the recent advance. Towards Lens and St. Quentin the process seems to be one of absorption. Minor assaults here and there are improving the British positions but the general battle scheme is awaiting the development of its next stages. stages.

Bringing Up Supplies.

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War operations involving such numbers as are now opposed on the western front necessarily move in waves. The work of bringing up supplies, guns and munitions during apparent lulls often is more strenuous than the actual assaults and it is of equal importance. The British plunge forward in Easter week reached a greater depth in a shorter time than any attack on such a large scale since entrenched warfare began on this front. The total of 227 guns brought in, together with ammunition by the thousands of rounds and other supplies, exceeds any haul made during a similar period of the war.

Expected Line to Hold.

All German documents which have been captured show that the enemy knew an offensive was being planned

TUESDAY'S VICTORY FOR FRENCH

WAS WON IN MAGNIFICENT STYLE

Paris, April 18.—The latest French victory, while on a smaller scale than that of Monday, is an equally important success. Both of the sections attacked had been left alone hitherto on account of the exceptional natural strength of the German positions. The French command held that an assault could only be successfully undertaken when over well supported by a powerful mass of artillery. They swept forward in magnificent style, and in two hours the first line system had been captured show that the enemy knew an offensive was being planned about Arras because of the massing of troops and batteries, It is evident, however, that the Germans expected their first or second lines to hold. This was successfully undertaken when over was given to attack. Punctually at 4:45 the French infantry "went over" well supported by a powerful mass of artillery. They swept forward in magnificent style, and in two hours the first line system had been captured. Later news came back that the French sodiers were carrying all before them, and taking prisoners by the score. They sevized Mont Carlies of the right centre had been plantanting the region.

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The general who commands the armies of the right centre had been plantanting district which straddles for miles in all directions. It is an ideal place to defend against or by building being an individual forters.

The weather continues to be miserable, with a winter downpour.

TEUTONS ATTACK RUSSIAN POSITIONS ON THE SOMME,

Petrograd, April 18—Via London.— Teuton forces yesterday made a violent attack on the Russian positions on the Danube River, northwest of Braila, ac-cording to the official statement issued by the Russian war department today. The attackers were repulsed by rifle and artillery fire. The text of the statement

Nivelle Extends Battle Front Another 12 Miles, Driving Enemy From First Line Between Soissons and Rheims--German Loss Estimated at 30,000.

made last night by the French in their attack east of Soissons. The war office announces the capture of Chavonne and Chivy. The French pushed on north of these points, reaching the vicinity of Braye-En-Laonnis. The Germans made three desperate counter-attacks in

Paris, April 18-2:15 p.m.-Important progress was

the Champagne last night. They were checked by the French, who inflicted heavy losses on the attacking troops. Since Monday the French have captured upwards of 14,000 unwounded Germans. In the Champagne large numbers of machine guns and trench mortars have been captured, and also twelve cannon, including three of large calibre.

GERMAN LOSSES, 32,000.

Paris, April 18-Midnight.-The great western battlefront was extended for another twelve miles today when the French drove the Germans from all their first-line positions and part of their second line from Rheims to the Champagne front. The victory was staged on the ground which saw the great offensive of 1915, and the German loss is estimated at 30,000 killed, wounded and

THE WAR SITUATION

Continuing their great offensive along the Aisne and in the Champagne, the French have made further important gains. More than 14,000 prisoners have been taken in the two days' attack. Twelve cannon, including three of large calibre, were among the large quantities of

war material captured.

The battle, described, as the greatest since the Battle of the Marne, and considered a logical continuance of that struggle after an interval of ing last night heavy fighting in the region northeast of Soissons, where Gen. Nivelle's troops made their most notable progress.

Two Points Occupied. Pushing far north of the Aisne, the French completed their occupation of Chivy, east of the Oise-Aisne Canal, and pressed on to Braye-en-Laonnois, which was entered by French patrols. On the Aisne further west they occupied the village

To the east of this region several fortified positions were wrested from the Germans in the neighborhood of Ville-au-Bois, three miles southeast of Craonne and on the main highway leading northwest from Rheims. Counters Failed.

Momentarily halting in the Champagne district to organize their positions the French were attacked in the process by the Germans. Three counter-attacks were delivered at Mont Cornillet, ten miles southeast of Rheims. All these German reac-tions were beaten off with heavy losses to the attacking forces. While the French are delivering their heavy blows in the Aisne-Champagne battle, the British are organizing their forces for a renewal of the struggle in the Arras region. The process of envelopment is being ontinued about Lens, and the sim

istering progress.
Halg Straightening Line. In their operations northwest of St. Quentin, Gen. Halg's forces last night straightened out their line by an advance of more than a mile lain and made further progress eas f Epehy toward the St. Quentin-Cambrai railway opposite Le Cate-They also improved their posinorth of the Bapaume-Cambrai road which the Germans made a desper-ate but vain attempt to hold after entering it in their attack on a sixmile front last Saturday.

BUT MEET WITH REPULSE THREE THOUSAND COLLIERS OF ALBERTA ARE STRIKING, BUT SETTLEMENT IS NEAR

PATTERNATION BOTTON AND THE WATTERN THE WA

The invaders were exceptionally well placed along a series of wooded heights, varying in height from 600 to 800 feet, and running north along the main road from Rheims to St. Hilaire Le Grand. The Germans were well aware that an attack was coming, and had made full preparation for it. The French attack, however, was delivered with such skill and vigor that the defenders, disheart ened by a long and furious promission, bembardment, broke ground after a reasonably stiff resistance, and the whole line fell into the hands of the French. South of Moronvilliers the impetus of the attackers carried them clean through the first line into the second-line system, which centred at Mont Haut. This

nit 850 feet high wa Preparing For New Drive. In the meantime on the Soissons-Rheims front the French troops are busy organizing the captured ground won in the first day of the battle and repulsing a storm of artillery fire is preparing the mans in the positions to which they retired vesterday. The text of the communication fol-

Quentin last night was characterized by great activity on the part of the opposing artillery forces, together with numerous encounters between patrols. Similar conditions prevailed south of the Olse, in the sector to the east of the lower forest of Coucy.

"Northeast of Soissons a surprise at-tack upon the enemy lines north of Laffaux resulted in our bringing back about twenty prisoners A Brilliant Movement.

"Between Soissons and Auberive French troops last night conducted at various points of the front operations which resulted in operations which brought us distinct advantages. A particularly brilliant movement result Chavonne, and in completing the occupation of the village of Chivy. To the north of these locations we have taken possession of ground as far as the suburbs of Brayve-en-Taonnols, Our patrols have gone into this village, We took here 250 prisoners. "In the sector of Ville-au-Bols we have captured several fortified posi-

tions, as well as the wood to the east f this Ville-au-Bois. We took 400 prisoners. "In the Champagne district three counter-attacks of the enemy upon our positins at Mont Cornillet were checked by our fire. The enemy gain-

ed nothing, and suffered sanguinary "Artillery fighting has been violent along a large portion of the front attacked. The war materials found in the territory taken by main force from the enemy includes a considerable number of machine guns and numerous

rench mortars. The enemy drew back ehind his second positions his heavy artillery as well as his field pieces. Nevertheless we captured twelve canon, including three heavy pieces, Most