

## ALLIED ADVANCE ON WESTERN FRONT

**British Capture German Positions on Wide Front**

**America's Entry May be the Turning Point in War**

**Teuton Trenches are Taken by French at St. Quentin**

### Strong Positions Are Taken by Both French and British

#### Heavy Fighting Results in Important Gains For Forces of Gen. Haig; Enemy Positions Taken

By Courier Leased Wire  
Bulletin, London, April 13.—1:45 p.m.—German positions on a wide front have been captured by the British after severe fighting, the war office announces.

The front attacked, extended from a point north of Hargicourt to the village of Metz-en-Couture.

It is nine miles from Hargicourt to Metz-en-Couture. This sector is on the new front between Arras and St. Quentin, where the Germans took up positions after their retirement.

The British captured the town and wood of Gouzeaucourt, Gauche wood and Sart Farm.

The announcement follows: "We attacked last night in the region between St. Quentin and Cambrai. After sharp fighting we captured the enemy's positions on a wide front from north of Hargicourt to Metz-en-Couture. We now hold Sart Farm, Gauche wood, Gouzeaucourt village and Gouzeaucourt wood."

#### U. S. RESOLUTELY FACES FOOD PRODUCTION PROBLEM

#### Domestic Army of Two Million Men and Boys, Over and Under Military Age Limit to be Raised For Work at Home

Washington, April 13.—Debate on the \$7,000,000,000 war revenue bill began in the House today with prospects of its passage before tomorrow night.

Majority Leader Kitchin had charge of the bill and only opposition of a perfunctory nature was looked for as most members of the House are said to favor the measure. No effort had been made to limit debate and discussion was expected to take a wide range, including possibly the question of sending troops abroad and conscription.

As soon as the bill is disposed of by the House members of the Ways and Means Committee will begin devising means for raising a part of the \$7,000,000,000 by taxes.

The Senate finance committee is expected to approve the bill in substantially the form in which it comes over from the House. It is hoped the first of next week. No strong opposition is looked for there.

#### Roosevelt May Raise and Lead Volunteer Army of a Hundred Thousand Men; London Hails the News

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Washington, April 13.—To permit Col. Roosevelt to raise and head a volunteer army of 100,000 men, a resolution has been introduced in the House by Representative Emmerson of Ohio.

New York, April 13.—A special cable to The Herald from London, dated yesterday says: "The prospect of the early participation of American troops fighting under the American flag on the western front has caused tremendous enthusiasm here."

Already the nucleus for a force is at grips with the Prussians in France, it being estimated that 32,000 American citizens are fighting in the Canadian units. It is surmised here that a request will be made to obtain the release of the 32,000 trained fighters from the Canadian units to enable them to fight hereafter under their own flag.

#### ENTRY OF U. S. MAY PROVE GREAT TURNING POINT IN WAR

#### Anglo-American Celebration in London Yesterday Acclaimed Throughout Britain; Sure and Final Triumph of Freedom

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, April 13.—(New York Times cable)—Accounts of the Anglo-American celebrations of yesterday are printed prominently in the morning newspapers, most of which devote their chief editorials to the events. The Daily Telegraph says that the two speeches made by Mr. Page explain once more in words of gold why the New World has come into the war and that America sees that there can be no security for the peaceful continuance of its ideal while the menace of German autocracy remains unbroken. It goes on:

"There have been several clearly marked turning points during this war, some favorable to the allies, others to the Central Powers, but President Wilson's address to Congress and its almost unanimous acceptance by the American people

#### Several Lines of Enemy Trenches Taken by the French Despite Desperate Resistance on Part of the Germans

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Bulletin, Paris, April 15.—Noon—The French made an attack this morning on the new front of St. Quentin. To-day's official statement says the Germans resisted desperately, but the French captured several lines of trenches, taking prisoners and a considerable number of machine guns.

The French also made further gains east of Coucy-la-Ville, taking prisoners and booty.

#### The Statement:

The statement follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise our troops this morning attacked German positions south of St. Quentin. Notwithstanding desperate resistance by the enemy, we carried several lines of trenches between the Somme and the St. Quentin railway. We brought back prisoners and a number of machine guns."

#### Further Gains

"South of the Oise our advanced troops made progress east of Coucy-la-Ville and took prisoners and material. There was artillery fighting in the region of the Aisne and in the Champagne. Near Verdun two surprise attacks were made by the enemy. They were broken up by our fire. The night was calm on the remainder of the front."

#### HOLLAND SUFFERS FROM WAR

#### A Victim of Sub. Campaign and the Blockade Policy

By Courier Leased Wire.  
The Hague, April 12, via London, April 13.—Premier Cort Van Der Linden, speaking in the First Chamber today, said:

"The longer the war lasts the more difficult becomes the situation, while the limits of international law grow continually narrower. We suffer from the submarine war and blockade policy, but we do not deviate from our policy of strict neutrality and readiness to defend our soil against anyone attacking us. The belligerents injure us by their warfare, and our neutrality injures their interests."

The Netherlands, said the Prime Minister, grants favors to neither party, but is doing what, according to the best judgment appears to be right.

"We become more lonely and by what we do we win the affection of neither party. But in any case we shall retain their respect," he continued.

He expressed the opinion that after the war the Netherlands may occupy a mediatory position, which would possibly lead to increasing prosperity. But, he added, "we should then refrain from a fiscal war."

#### HUMILIATION FOR RUSSIA NOT PLANNED

#### German Comment on Proclamation of Provisional Government

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Amsterdam, April 13.—via London.—The Berlin Vorwarts, commenting on the proclamation of the Russian provisional government urging support of the war, says:

"The account between Austria and Germany on the one hand and Russia on the other can be settled on the basis of the program drafted by the Russian Government without shedding more blood. Neither Germany nor Austria intend to humiliate Russia or to retain for themselves any portion of the occupied territory. The Russian manifesto shows the strength of Russian currents running in the same direction to be very great. To meet them is the duty of the German Government."

London, April 13.—A battalion of the honorable artillery company of London made a demonstration this morning before the United States Embassy. The soldiers, accompanied by a band, circled Grosvenor Gardens, where the embassy is situated, and cheered for the United States and Ambassador Page. They then halted before the embassy, while the band played American tunes. Ambassador Page, his naval and military attaches and secretaries, appeared in the balconies in acknowledgment of the compliment.

## ST. PAULS AVE SUBWAY APPROVED BY THE DOMINION RAILWAY BOARD

#### Hearing Conducted at Hamilton Yesterday For the Purpose of Determining Portion of Cost to be Borne by Grand Trunk Railway System; City's Case a Strong One, and in Capable Hands

Hamilton, April 13.—(By a Staff Reporter)—It was a highly pleased and elated deputation who returned to Brantford from attending the sitting of the Dominion Railway Board here yesterday afternoon, for after a protracted struggle, which originated back in 1905, relief has now been assured not only to the community at large but to all that section of the County of Brant, whose interests are affected, and indeed menaced, through the continued existence of the St. Paul's Avenue crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway.

After suffering grave inconveniences for the past twelve years, arising from the indiscreet action of the city council of 1905, in making unnecessary concessions to the Grand Trunk Railway, whereby St. Paul's Avenue was closed, relief is now assured to the city of Brantford, and the townships of Brantford and South Dumfries, as the result of the hearing of the case before the Dominion Railway Board in the City Hall here yesterday afternoon.

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## FATAL MISTAKE TO DISREGARD MILITARY STRENGTH OF U. S.

#### Capt. Persius, German Military Critic, Sounds a Warning to His Nation Against Under Estimating the Power of the Latest Recruit to Entente Ranks; German Embassy Blamed for Rupture

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Amsterdam, April 13.—via London.—Captain Persius, writing in The Berlin Tageblatt, criticizes those who treat America's entry into the war lightly. "It would be a fatal mistake," he says "to regard America's economic strength as the only important factor for an enemy. The military strength of the United States is not to be met with a shrug of the shoulders, otherwise, we shall make the same mistake as we did about the military strength of Britain."

Otto Hoetsch, a prominent political writer, reviewing the German-American clash in the Kreuzer Zeitung contends that Germany has a perfect right to make her own international law as far as submarines are concerned and also in regard to neutrals, for whose future interests, he says, Germany is fighting. Herr Hoetsch charges that America was never neutral from the beginning of the war, which he says, would have been over long ago if the United States had not abetted the Entente. He continues:

"Germany, in always trying to avoid a German-American conflict, played into the hands of her opponents. The German embassy in Washington should be blamed for this. It was the weakest spot in the whole diplomatic service. Apart from its glaring mistakes the embassy lacked an understanding of American psychology, the best proof of this being the failure of the whole German propaganda. It is to the Kaiser's lasting merit that he made every effort to hold America's friendship. We cannot blame him because America is against us, but we do blame the German-Americans, who must realize that the fatherland is deeply disappointed in them."

#### GREAT NAVAL BATTLE NOW IS FORECAST

#### Presaged by Entry of U. S. Into War, Says Swiss Expert

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, April 13.—The military critic of the Basel Nachrichten believes that the entrance into the war of the American fleet will "sooner or later lead to a revival of an aggressive sea policy against Germany, and will probably culminate in a gigantic battle, which will put the Dardanelles fight in the shade."

The writer says that the allied fleet will find behind the German coast defenses, "an opponent who knows what disastrous results the success of such an Anglo-American undertaking would have for his fatherland."

"This observer further believes that if America attempts to transport troops to Europe, Germany will abandon her submarine campaign in the Mediterranean and mass all available U-boats against the American transports. He is dubious of the present value of America as a military aide, and says that the standing army, the only present force fit for modern war, is needed at home to watch Mexico. He calculates, however, that the United States has 15,000,000 men of military age whom it can equip and train and that the Entente has acquired an ally who may prove the decisive factor in the war."

#### BRAZIL IS READY FOR WAR

#### Brazilians in Germany Urged to Leave Country at Once

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Rio Janeiro, April 13.—Foreign Minister Lauro Muller has cabled the Brazilians in Germany to leave the country within 24 hours. A decree has been issued withdrawing the exequaturs of the German consuls. The ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy conferred at length with Dr. Muller.

An official inspection of the German ships seized in Brazilian ports shows that important parts of the engines are missing, rendering the vessels practically useless.

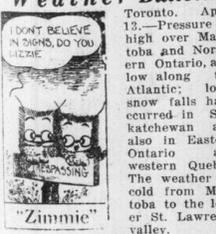
Renewed anti-German demonstrations occurred last night. Crowds gathered before the German club and booed after which they proceeded to the legations of Chile and Argentina and cheered the ministers of the two sister republics. The League of Friends of the Allies has approved the following propositions which have been placed before the president:

First: The disarming of the confederated German rifle societies in southern Brazil; second, the prohibition of correspondence between German subjects through either foreign or domestic mails and a rigorous surveillance of all Germans resident in Brazil; third, the suspension of German newspapers and publications which spread ideas calculated to alarm or confuse the public mind, fourth, to offer the allies and the United States the co-operation of the Brazilian fleet; fifth, to sequester all German ships until more radical measures can be taken; sixth, the dismissal of Dr. Lauro Muller as foreign minister and the appointment of Ruy Barbosa as his successor.

#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, April 13.—Pressure is high over Manitoba and North-western Ontario, and low along the Atlantic; local snow falls have occurred in Saskatchewan and also in Eastern Ontario and western Quebec. The weather is cold from Manitoba to the lower St. Lawrence valley.

Forecasts  
Fresh to strong northerly winds, fair and decidedly cool to-day and on Saturday.



#### THEATRE

Clark's Gypsy Girls  
Singing Novelty  
Dreams  
Voiced Contralto  
Ulrich  
Own People"  
Chapter  
Vernon Castle  
Patria"  
Comedy  
Mon., Tues., and Wed.  
Charlie Chaplin  
Susy Street

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#### OPERA HOUSE

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#### BARRY'S DENIAL

April 12.—Jack Barry, who the Red Sox, denied to report that he had been dickie Mack to trade for Boston players for \$100,000.

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#### GET AN OUTFIELDER

April 12.—Outfielder Elwood Latham, who was released last night by the Boston League baseball club, of the International League.

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#### STORIA

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Over 30 Years  
Chas. H. Hitchcock