

British Troops Win Victory in Mesopotamia Huns Preparing For Another Verdun Drive Sir Sam Hughes Has Landed in New York

STILL A LULL AT VERDUN

Heavy Firing West of the Meuse and French Beat Off Small Attack East of the River.

German Attacks Soon to be Made With Fort Vaux as Objective.

GATHERING TROOPS
New York, April 14.—A special cable to The World from its Paris correspondent says:
Another lull has set in on the Verdun front, but in the opinion of the French military authorities, it will not be of long duration. The titanic cannonade against the positions about Fort Vaux is deemed a certain prelude to a further advance by German infantry upon the point which the Crown Prince evidently considers the key-note of his offensive on the east bank of the Meuse.

I learn from a person close to the government that at least three reserve divisions have been brought westward from the Russian front by the German high command since April 8, and that one, possibly two, of these participated in the fighting at the Le Mort Homme (Dead Man Hill) line April 11.

YOUTHS IN ARMY.
It also has been ascertained that
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SCENE OF ZEPPELIN RAID ON ENGLAND AND END OF TERROR BROUGHT DOWN BY GUNFIRE



ZEPPELIN BOMB EXPLODING IN AN ENGLISH VILLAGE

BRITISH AND FRENCH PRESS REGARD NEW NOTE DERISIVELY; HUNS, OF COURSE, SATISFIED

"The Last Straw" Claims the Daily News But the Lokal Anzeiger Points Out as an Example the Correct and Humane Attitude of Submarine Commanders.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, April 14.—The London morning papers which comment on the German note also declare it not worth serious discussion because "it is obviously farcical, especially when it refers to the Sussex."
HOOR A DECISIVE ONE
Paris, April 14.—The German note regarding the torpedoing of the Sussex and other vessels is commented on by the morning newspapers for the most part in derisive terms. Under the heading:
"Germany seeks to draw America into another tangle of chicanery," The Petit Parisien says: "The matter now lies between Germany and United States and in a few hours we shall know what decision President Wilson has reached. We believe it will be an energetic one. Germany wishes to begin another endless discussion like that which followed the sinking of the Lusitania, but it is probable that Mr. Wilson will speak out firmly and upset the German calculations. Congress has defined its attitude on the subject and American opinion, as well as Spanish, Danish, Dutch and Norwegian opinion, is aroused against the savage violence of Germany's submarine warfare. The American press calls for action. The hour is truly a decisive one."
"The German manoeuvre is so childish," says The Journal, "that it is impossible to admit that Washington can be deceived by it. President Wilson must by this time be fully enlightened. He cannot fail to realize that the German Government, either by set design or by its weakness in the presence of public opinion at home, is committed to the continuation and development of its implacable methods of warfare."
THE GERMAN VIEW.
Berlin, April 13, via London, April 14.—The view of the German newspapers is that the German answer to the American note regarding the Sussex and other steamers shows the bona fide and thorough character of the investigation conducted to clear up the cases, and also that there can be no talk of a violation by Germany of the assurances given the United States regarding Germany's manner of conducting her submarine warfare.
The newspapers say that three of the cases referred to by the United States have absolutely been cleared up, that the fourth is open to further investigation when more details are furnished and that a frank offer has been made to submit the fifth to arbitration.
The Lokal Anzeiger says:
"One should everywhere take as an

WHAT BANKERS THINK

New York, April 14.—A cable to the Tribune from Paris says: A member of a big banking firm—one of the largest three international bankers in New York—who is in Paris, received yesterday from his firm a cable saying:
"Return at once. Rapture with Germany imminent."
Another big New York banker also received an urgent cable calling him home for the same reason. Both men will sail on Saturday.

TURKS DRIVEN WELL BACK IN MESOPOTAMIA

British Forces Make an Advance of Nearly Three Miles.

GENERAL LAKE'S OFFICIAL REPORT

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, April 14.—Defeat of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia by the British was reported officially to-day. In an engagement on the Tigris, Turks were driven back from one and one-half to three miles.
The text of the statement says:
"General Lake reports that on the afternoon of April 12 our forces on the right (south) bank of the Tigris forced back the enemy's advanced lines over a distance varying from one and one-half to three miles.
"To do this they had to cross an inundated belt intersected by deep trenches from the Tigris to the Umm-el-Brahm marsh.
"On the left bank water from the marshes had been driven by a north-west gale into some of the enemy's trenches at Sannayat. The enemy was heavily punished, as he took refuge from the flood in the new position."
The announcement of the British victory came at a time when the publication was beginning to fear efforts to relieve the force of General Townshend at Kut-el-Amara were doomed to failure, owing to the check suffered by the relieving army a few days ago, and the difficult conditions brought about by floods.
Many military writers in England believed the floods had made the relief of General Townshend almost an impossibility, but to-day's official report shows that instead of hindering the British, the high water has helped the forces of Lieut.-General Goring in a task which is one of the most difficult that has been undertaken by the British army. Each mile the Turks are forced back makes the British operations easier for as they approach Kut-el-Amara, Turks are compelled to defend a wider front. From the bend of the Tigris at Umm-el-Henna, which Gen. Goring captured last week, to Sanna-

GEN. HUGHES LANDED TO-DAY; IS GLAD OF OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING CONTRACTS EXAMINED

Knows Only in a General Way What Charges are, He Says, But Whatever They are, is Glad of the Chance of Having Opposition Statements Investigated.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, April 14.—General Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defense for Canada, arrived here to-day on the American Line Steamer St. Paul from Liverpool on his way to Canada to answer charges of alleged favoritism in the expenditure of money for the purchase of munitions of war for the Canadian government.
He will appear before a Royal Commission, appointed to investigate charges made by G. W. Kite, a member of the Canadian Parliament, that middlemen's profits aggregating \$1,500,000 were made through the awarding of contracts by the Canadian shell committee to the International Fuse Company and the American Ammunition Company.
"I regret having to leave England at the present time," Sir Sam said, "but I am delighted with the opportunity to return and place each and every fact regarding contracts for munitions where they can be exposed to the closest scrutiny."
"I have been informed in a general way what these statements are, but let them be what they may, I am glad of the opportunity of having them all fully sifted and exposed to the full light of day."
"I have no comment to make on the conduct of those who, taking advantage of my absence and from the feeling of nervousness, almost bordering on panic in the minds of the general public on all questions since the war began, attempted to divert to side issues energy and time which should be devoted to the cause of the Canadian soldiers at the front and the empire in general. Such persons may be within their privileges."
"During my two weeks' visit in England, I had the opportunity of reviewing the Canadian troops at Bramshott and at Shortcliffe camps. The soldiers everywhere, from the front and in England, are filled with zeal and ardor for the cause. I am delighted to state, on the authority of Sir Archibald Hunter, under whose general command the Bramshott camp is placed, and of General Steele, in whose district the Shortcliffe troops are located—and the same good report is universally heard in England from soldiers and citizens alike—that the conduct and bearing of the Canadian troops while in London or in the camps or in the trenches is regarded as most exemplary and worthy of their commendation."
An automobile was waiting at the Pier to take Sir Sam to the Grand Central station, where a special car

PLENTY OF SHELLS FOR ARTILLERY

French Guns at Verdun Suffer From No Lack of Munitions and Reserve Stock Large.

Women of France Save Their Country by Making Munitions.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, April 14 (cable to the New York Sun).—The stock of shells for the French artillery at Verdun has been more than adequate so far, and it is declared that the output is so great that, in addition to supplying the daily needs of this terrific artillery, the daily needs of the other artillery are being increased daily when one shell is ordered.

The output of shells for the 75 millimeter guns has been increased thirty-three and one-third times since the first month of the war, and the output of the larger French guns has been increased forty-four times. The manufacture of 75's, and the heavier artillery has increased twenty-three times since August, 1914.

This tremendous increase is ascribed in a large measure to the work of the women of France, who, whatever their occupation previous to the war, are devoting themselves wholeheartedly to the making of shells and other necessities of warfare. Housewives, coarsieres, shop girls, factory girls, seamstresses, milliners, children's nurses, weavers, hair dressers, cashiers, typists and women of many other occupations are engaged.

In many cases small munition factories have been established with a single family as the operatives of a factory, its members working night and day in shifts. In the Paris district alone there are 1,800 of these small shops.

UNITED STATES WILL ACT IN NEXT 48 HOURS

Demands on Germany to be Final, But Not to be an Ultimatum.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Washington, April 14.—It was indicated to-day that the next step in the submarine crisis, probably the sending to Germany of the culminating evidence which the United States contends shows violations of Berlin's assurances, will be taken within the next 48 hours. Developments are expected to follow rapidly.

The President and the cabinet are understood to have agreed that the presentation of the facts shall be accompanied by a definite and final demand for evidence of Germany's good faith and observance of her guarantees, but probably will be accompanied by no time limit which properly could be described as an ultimatum.

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