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French Hurlled Back Twelve New Teuton Divisions

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GERMANY IS DIVIDED

Torn by Internal Dissensions and Discontent

AMERICA IS OF AID

U.S. Entry Has Added Final Impetus to Allies

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, April 19.—Noon.—The Germans threw twelve new divisions against the French between Soissons and Auberive last night. The war office announces that they were unable to check the successful offensive of the French.

The French continued to make progress north of Vailly and Ostel, notwithstanding violent German counter-attacks. The successes of the French in the Champagne were followed with further advances in the region of Moronvillers. Several important heights and strong positions were taken. Two more batteries of German artillery were captured on the front between Soissons and Auberive.

Twelve German divisions, at war strength, constitute a force of about 226,000.

Paris, April 19.—That section of von Hindenburg's granite wall which runs from Soissons to Rheims has been shaken to its foundation by the terrific blows of General Nivelle. The French have the whip hand now and the Germans are still staggering from the great rebuff dealt to them on Monday. The French soldiers, who won the first line, have been relieved by fresh formations and the second phase of the battle has begun with renewed vigor. Unaffected by counter-attacks in some places and the sturdy resistance offered everywhere, the French have gained substantial advantages and have driven forward with such speed that the Germans have been obliged to abandon many guns. The enemy made a desperate effort to stem the tide between Juvin-court and Berry-au-Bar. This is the weakest point of his line, being devoid of natural defenses. Thirty thousand of the best German troops were hurled forward here in a furious counter-attack but the move had been foreseen and the French guns were ready. Artillery and machine guns smashed wave after

Tanks of the British Armies Contributed Largely to Successes of Arras Battle--Gave Most Practical Aid to Advance of Infantry and Cavalry

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, April 19.—One of the correspondents at British headquarters in France, referring to the work of the "tanks" says they were one of the undoubted successes of the battle of Arras.

"The Germans claimed to have destroyed twelve tanks, and it is true some of them lie stranded about the battlefields," says this correspondent, "but they have saved hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives and have won strong places and knocked scores of the enemy down. Their successes vastly outweigh failures. Their deeds gave the most practicable aid possible to the advance."

Berlin, via London, April 19.—The Cologne Gazette prints a despatch from Professor Wegener with reference to the Battle of Arras in which he says British "tanks" were used in masses. Nine of them, he says, were destroyed at Bullecourt.

Professor Wegener admits that they are important weapons. "But since such a large number of them have been successfully disposed of," he adds, "they have lost a great part of the impression they made on us."

ter wave of the green clad soldiers until finally the attempt was given up after awful carnage.

Paris, April 19.—Further details of yesterday's battle from Soissons to Auberive show that the French infantry tactically outclassed the Germans. The first army, operating from Soissons to Craonne, had established itself on the front, running from northeast of Margival and Vaux-Aillont to the south of Craonne by

Vregny, Chivres, Chavonne, Chivy, and Allies. North of the Chivres-Chivy line, the enemy retained all the heights, and a footing had to be won thereon, before the operation, so auspiciously begun, could be properly completed.

Two simultaneous attacks were decided upon, with Nanteuil-la-Fosse on the left and Chivy and Brayo-en-Laonois on the right as the re-

spective objectives. The attacks succeeded perfectly, notwithstanding the determined resistance of the enemy, who had all the advantages of the ground. Driven out of Nanteuil and Brays the Germans never theless still clung to the intermediate positions, comprising Vailly and the important bridgehead on the Aisne by which they could threaten the French flanks.

The movement was then extended to the bridgehead, which was soon carried, and the attacking troops scaled the slope of the plateau north of Vailly. They advanced rapidly as far as Rouge Maison farm and a country house to the right, gaining several hundred yards of ground on the summit of the plateau. Substantial progress was also made east of Nanteuil and by the afternoon only one narrow gap was left through which the Germans could withdraw the troops in the region of Conde, Celles and Sancy. These detachments are in serious danger of capture.

The violence of the French attack threw the enemy into such disorder that he was unable to bring up reserves quickly enough and consequently lost several guns. Toward the end of the day, the French made further progress between the plateau of Vailly and Brays, all villages south of the famous Chemin des Dames being taken.

The advance toward Courson, during the last three days, has been even greater and amounts to more than three miles in depth. In the centre the battle raged most fiercely in the region of La Ville-aux-Bois. The wood east of the village, two thousand yards long by five hundred in depth was very strongly held by the enemy, no less than 180 machine guns were crowded into it. All these were captured, together with 1,700 men, by a clever manoeuvre, which cut off the wood from the rest of the line.

The army on the right, from Prunay to Auberive, by skillful manoeuvring, cleaned the Germans out of most of the heights in front of the village of Moronvillers. One of the crests several guns were captured.

On the whole when the wretched weather and the difficulties of the terrain are considered, the days' (Continued on Page Two)

PRAISE FOR THE CANUCKS

Sir Henry Horne Expresses High Appreciation of Fine Work

SOUNDNESS OF PLAN

And Determination of Purpose Are Testified to

BY CAPTURE OF VIMY

Congratulations to the Canadian Troops

(By Stewart Lyon, Canadian Press Correspondent in France.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 19.—Having heard somewhat of their achievements from the outside world the Canadian troops have now had an opportunity of hearing, in an order of the day, the opinion of their army commander on the operations last week.

The general commanding the first army, Sir Henry Horne, says that he desires to express his high appreciation of the splendid work carried out during the days immediately preceding. "By the troops of the first army," he adds, "the Vimy ridge has been regarded as a position of very great strength, impregnable. To have carried this position with so little loss testifies to soundness of plan, thoroughness of preparation, dash and determination in execution, and devotion to duty on the part of all concerned. The ninth of April will be a historic day in the annals of the British Empire."

This statement read to the troops in orders, has been even more welcome than congratulations from a non-military quarter, welcome as they are too. The order represents mature judgment of an army commander on the operations on the Vimy ridge last week. It has produced in the ranks the smile that went come off.

There is little change in the situation on the front to-day. In the region of south of Arras, a suburb of Lens, a detachment of the Fifth Prussian Guards attacked an outpost during the night. The attack was repulsed and this morning the bodies of several members of this regiment were discovered in front of our position.

EMPEROR SELLS JEWELS
By Courier Leased Wire.
Copenhagen, via London, April 19.—The Berlin correspondent of the Tidende says that among the jewels of the German Emperor which have just been sold in Copenhagen was a magnificent diamond necklace, a gift of the late J. Pierpont Morgan. The necklace consisted of three hundred and seventy-five large and small brilliants. Another jewel was a bow-shaped diamond hair ornament which was worn by the Emperor at court functions.

NO SUBS IN ATLANTIC
Germany Denies Story of U-Boat's Attack on U.S. Destroyer
By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, April 19.—It is officially announced that there is no submarine as yet in the western part of the Atlantic.

The statement follows: "The Reuter telegram regarding an attack by a German submarine on the American destroyer Smith can be described only as a frivolous means of attributing to Germany the opening of hostilities. In fact, no submarine is yet in the western half of the Atlantic."

FIREMEN INJURED.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Troy, N. Y., April 19.—Battalion Chief Bailey and two other firemen were killed and eight others including Chief Patrick Byron were seriously injured yesterday by the explosion of an ammonia tank during a fire in the Mohican Grocery Company's building. The fire caused a loss estimated at \$50,000.

HOME RULE ACT TO GO INTO FORCE

Lloyd George to Announce To-day Solution of Irish Issue

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LITTLE OPPOSITION

Looked For From Either Irish Party

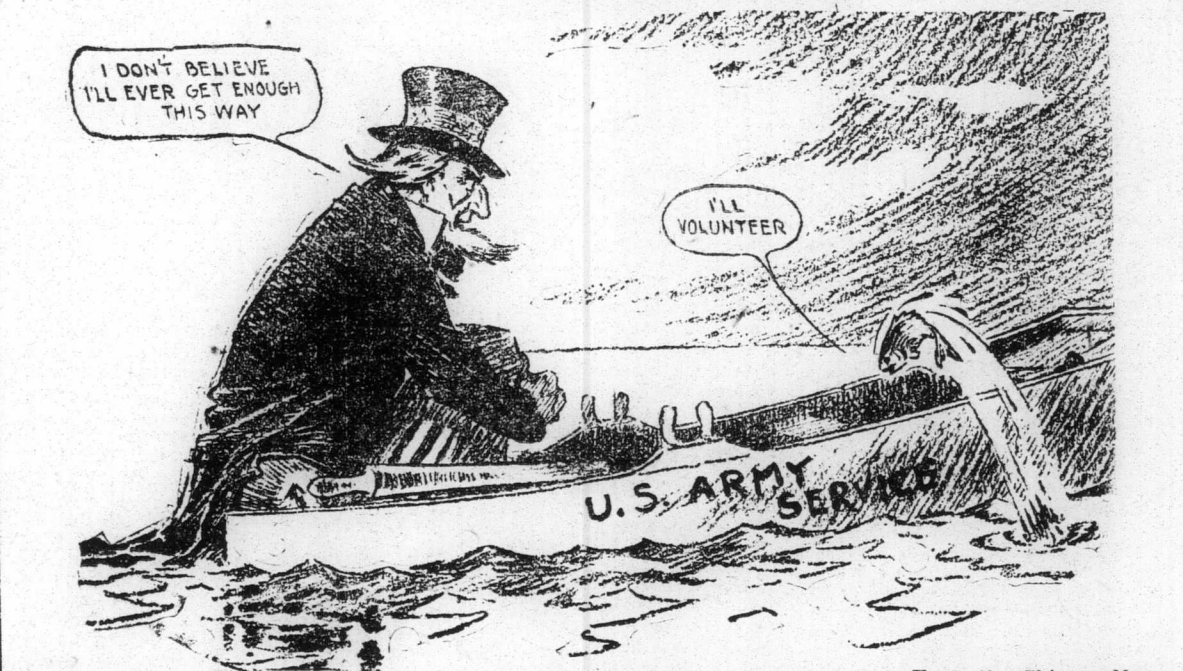
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, April 19.—The Manchester Guardian says it is virtually certain Premier Lloyd George will announce the government proposal for the solution of the Irish question on Thursday. The scheme will be based on county option, with some arrangement for keeping the counties voting against home rule in orderly relation to the legislation of the Dublin parliament.

The proposal will put the Home Rule Act into force at once, and while it is expected both Irish parties will oppose the scheme, it is believed neither will persist in their resistance. The Guardian says it seems probable Sir Edward Carson has yielded to the Premier's solution.

SHIPPING LOSS.

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, April 19.—The weekly report of British shipping loss, issued yesterday, shows 19 vessels of more than 1,500 tons sunk and 9 vessels of less than 1,600 tons. Twelve fishing vessels also were sunk.

MORE WATCHFUL WAITING



CAPITULATION MADE TO THE MUNITION STRIKERS IN BERLIN

Principal Demands of the Enraged Workmen Granted by Government; Adequate Food Rations Assured to All and Pardon Granted to All Those Taking Part in Uprising and Disturbances

By Courier Leased Wire.
Copenhagen, April 17.—via London, April 19.—The latest German newspapers to arrive here including the Socialist organs, confirm the semi-official announcement that the Berlin strike has ended. A settlement was reached after an almost unanimous decision by the metal workers to resume work following the granting of their principal demands.

Among the concessions made by the government are compliance with the demands of the union for the establishment of a standing commission of labor representatives which will have a voice in the food distribution in greater Berlin a promise that strikers will not be punished by being sent to the front, explicit assurances of adequate food rations and effective measures against evasions of the food regulations by the rich.

Incidentally the German papers throw an interesting light upon the accuracy of semi-official reports. A censured account, which was telegraphed abroad, declared, for instance, that the munition industry had not been affected. The Vorwaerts to-day, less hampered by the censorship, heads its account of the strike "Berlin munition workers on strike." The paper says that work ceased completely on Monday in about three hundred munition plants and that 2210,000 strikers reported to the Metal workers union alone. This number was further swelled by strikers who failed to report and by participants in other trades. As against these figures the official news bureau, in a statement for home consumption, asserted that the number of strikers was about 125,000.

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Weather Bulletin Toronto, April 19.—An important area of low pressure is spreading over the Great Lakes from the West. Rain and sleet have fallen over Manitoba and over the larger part of Saskatchewan. The temperature has risen considerably in Ontario and in Quebec. Forecasts Easterly to southerly winds, mostly cloudy with showers or thunderstorms in some localities today and on Friday.