

German Fighting Machine Postpones Its Attempt on Amiens Temporarily

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(By Caspar Whitney.)
Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.
Paris, April 8.—Germany is making her supreme desperate effort and not winning, even though she makes important and serious advances. Newspaper maps with their lines indicating advances and retreats do not fully measure this battle. The gauge to study is not geographical lines but the Boche death roll. Keep in mind that really the plan is to kill Boches, to smash German divisions, and the Allied plan is being carried out. The two important facts to hold on to when fears and doubts come lurking are that the Boche is being killed by such thousands as to thrill the heart of freemen and that the utmost endeavors of the German armies are being parried by smaller and not the main forces of the Allies. It is the punch at the end that is going to win this fight.
This is not to suggest that the danger is past. Now is no moment for over-confidence, as the battle is a long way from finished and terrible, anxious days are coming, but it is the moment for unshaken and unshakable faith, grim, burning determination, and the uttermost effort of every individual man and woman who values liberty and the sanctity of the home. Therefore, stand fast, as the superb troops of Great Britain and France and your own sons are standing on the blood reeking soil of the west. (Continued on page 2)

Days of Aristocracy And Titles Are Over

General Expression of Sentiment Against Honorary Decorations, Particularly Hereditary Titles by Members of Parliament—House Unanimous on Subject.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, April 8.—The days of the aristocracy are over, all titles, hereditary and for life, will be swept from the British Empire, democracy and democratic modes will prevail. This was the general opinion of most members who took part in the debate in the House of Commons today upon W. F. Nickle's resolution to abolish hereditary titles, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier went further than any when he declared his readiness to join with other holders of life titles and burn them in the market place if it could be done without insult to the crown.
Titles have never been very popular in Canada, but they were never so unpopular as today. This feeling is one of the outcomes of the war. There has been a great leveling and leavening of classes and masses.
Change Coming.
The old baronial superiority has gone, not because perhaps the barons of old England did not make impossible autocratic kingship, but simply because men's minds have changed. Ancient usages are going by the board, and titled aristocracy goes with them.
The unanimity of the house today upon the point was remarkable. There was no division of opinion. The premier voiced as plainly as he could very well do, the sentiment that the time has come.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that Great Britain was on the eve of a revolution.
The matter has been left in the hands of the government which will adopt such a course as will immediately conclude the granting of hereditary titles in the Dominion.

GERMANS ARE TRYING NEW MANOEUVRE

Following Utter Repulse Enemy Eneavoring to Broaden Field of Action.

HUNS LET LOOSE THEIR ARTILLEY

Canadians Likely to be Embroiled in New Teutonic Offensive.

ATTACK ON FRENCH LINES CONTINUE

Assault Still Going On And It Has Made Some Progress.

Facing American, French and British troops strongly entrenched and well equipped for battle, the German army has for the moment given up its direct drive against Amiens. Following utter repulse in his efforts to smash straight through to his objective, the enemy is now attempting a new manoeuvre which is intended to broaden the field of action and reduce the menace of a counter offensive which would nullify all the gains made by the Teutons since March 21.
Reports from the battle line in Picardy disclose the first stages of this new German offensive aimed at either side of the salient in the allied lines. From La Bassée Canal, in the north, to the sectors east of Leon, the great artillery forces of the enemy are thundering with the bombardment deepening at places to the intensity of drum fire.
The length of this front is approximately 120 miles. North of Lens, east of Arras, along the new front running through Buequoy to Albert, south to Montdidier and thence eastward past Lassigny and Noyon to a point far beyond Chauny, the Germans are hammering the allied lines in an attempt to break the defences and prepare them for the infantry assault which may be expected at any moment.

VIENNA ANSWERS PARIS.

Vienna, April 8, via London.—Premier Clemenceau in January of this year took up discussions with Austria respecting the possibility of peace negotiations, says an official statement issued here today in reply to the official denials at Paris that France had taken the initiative in the exchanges. The statement says the negotiations were begun when Alexandre Ribot was premier of France, that they were broken off, and again taken up by M. Clemenceau.

TEXAS BATTLE.

Marathon, Texas, April 8.—An engagement between Texas Rangers and twenty Mexican bandits, was reported in a message received here today from Captain Bates of the Ranger force who telegraphed from San Helena that his men there killed two of the bandits, wounded several others and chased the remainder into the hills.

AUSTRALIAN AID.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 8.—The governor-general has convened a conference to consider the imperial government's appeal and to endeavor to get all parties to co-operate in a supreme effort to provide adequate reinforcements.

U. S. TROOPS BEING RUSHED TO FRANCE

Washington, April 8.—Transportation of American troops to France already is proceeding at the accelerated rate contemplated by the speeding up measures taken after the battle of Picardy began. Acting Secretary Crowell made this statement today, but would give no details.
The opening of the third week of fighting east of Amiens finds the position of the Allies steadily improving.
The Germans are gloating today over the capture of Pierremande and Folembray, in the neighborhood of Chauny and the Forest of Courcy. As a matter of fact, these "successes" are valueless, such advances as they imply is at the extreme south of the battle zone, somewhere forty or fifty miles from Amiens, its tactical value is no greater than its strategic value. Pierremande and Folembray are only outposts of the real French position in that neighborhood and there is no reason to believe that they were more than lightly held.
Doubtless the Germans will make further great efforts before they acknowledge the failure of their great spring drive, but it is safe to say that each day that passes finds the Allies in a better position to resist with definite success. Each day their reserves, which are already considerable, are being swollen by fresh contingents from their own armies and that of the United States.

GERMANS BUY PEARL SUPPLY

Nearly 100,000,000 Francs Worth Sold by Agents of Paris Jewellers.

Paris, April 8.—Nearly 100,000,000 francs worth of pearls were sold in Germany through agents in Switzerland of Parisian jewellers, according to a Geneva despatch to the Petit Journal. The Germans sought, and but for the action of the French judicial authorities, would have succeeded in cornering the Paris and London market in pearls, after the war.
The clandestine trading, the despatch adds, has been going on unhindered since early in 1915. All intermediaries are said to have been known to Swiss police who were astonished at the ease with which they were able to purchase stones in Paris.
A Paris despatch on April 5, said that eighteen Parisian diamond dealers were under prosecution on charges of trading with the enemy. They were said to have sold precious stones to Germans through Swiss agents.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE MEASURE BY HON. JAMES A. MURRAY

Leader of Opposition Surprises Government by Giving Notice that He Will Move on Thursday Afternoon for Leave to Introduce Vote for Women Suffrage Bill—Premier Foster Gets Up, Says Nothing and Sits Down—Budget Debate Will Commence Today.

DRASTIC CHANGE COMING IN LIFE OF G. T. BRITAIN

New Draft Law Will Remove Bulk of Men Now in Business.

OLDER MEN WILL TAKE UP BURDEN

Labor Members Will Support Government on Man Power Bill.

CONSCRIPTION NOT TO AFFECT IRISH PEOPLE

Lloyd George Expected to Make Very Important Speech Today.

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PRESIDENT SISE ILL.

Montreal, April 8.—C. F. Sise, president of the Bell Telephone Company, of Canada, is dangerously ill from pneumonia at his residence, 468 Sherbrooke street West, this city. He was taken ill last Saturday while out in his automobile. Mr. Sise is 84 years of age.

TEUTONS DID NOT EXPECT CHECKS WHICH WOULD MAKE AMIENS THE GOAL OF BLOODY AND UNDECISIVE BATTLES—GERMAN COMMAND EXPECTED OPEN WARFARE.

Washington, April 8.—Statements of German prisoners have convinced French military critics that the real objective of the great German offensive was Paris, and that so far from expecting checks which would make Amiens the goal of bloody and undecisive battles, the Teutonic high command sent its forces forward prepared for rapid advances in open warfare.
"In order to alleviate the march of the troops," says an official despatch received today from France, "the order was given to prepare for their departure and to organize the convoys in such a way as only to carry with them what was indispensable. The remainder was to be stored at a depot designated by the divisions.
The loading carriages, the munitions to be carried, the equipment and arming of the men all had been carefully planned as well as the distribution of maps of the country to be invaded, the men to carry reserves of food, enough to last two days, and two flasks, the usual food for a day, following them in rolling kitchens and provisions for three days in company convoys.
"In short, every arrangement shows that the German command had decided to resort to open warfare. It is certain that the military situation after more than fifteen days of operations is one of extreme disappointment to the German command."

CONCRETE SHIPS.

Washington, April 8.—Fifty million dollars will be asked of congress tomorrow by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, for development of concrete shipbuilding. The plan is to establish at once, five government yards, two on the Pacific coast and three in the south.
Sites for the plants already are under consideration and will be announced shortly.

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