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GENERAL FOCH NOW IN SUPREME COMMAND

TAKES CONTROL OF WESTERN FRONT -- ENEMY THROWN BACK WITH BIG LOSS

BRITISH HAVE SITUATION WELL IN HAND. ENEMY THROWN BACK WITH GREAT LOSS

REPORTS GROUND GAINED NORTH OF RIVER SOMME AND POSITIONS HELD.—FREQUENT ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED WITH HUGE CASUALTIES.—HEAVY FIGHTING.—FRENCH HOLD STEDFAST

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 29.—Field Marshal Haig reports "North of the line, we have gained ground at several points and held positions. The enemy attacked frequently, but when he got through our outposts and French Reserves, he was thrown back with heavy losses. South of the Somme, heavy fighting took place. We withdrew a short distance from some of our advanced positions."

Germans Held Up.

Paris, March 29, (Official).—Heavy attacks were made by the enemy in the region of Montdidier last night, but the French troops in the villages they had taken yesterday, and retaken Montdidier. British troops held the German thrust causing considerable losses of life to the enemy.

Counter Offensive at Once.

Washington, March 29.—The Washington Observer thinks that the United States forces will take part in the fighting when the counter offensive of the Allies is launched, which they expect at once.

General Bell, just back from the front, told the Washington Committee today that the British withdrawal was made on a pre-arrangement, and all is now over.

Well in Hand.

London, March 29.—A report from the British Headquarters in France indicates that the Allies are holding the extreme right. The latest report from the front indicates that the British situation is well in hand.

ENEMIES MAKE BATTLE

A GERMAN REVERSE

London, March 25.—Commenting on the results of the German offensive in France, the Daily News says:

"Assuming that the German losses are at least 150,000, the Allies have suffered a reverse, for they have not obtained a strategical success directly conducting to a battle while he has lost eight per cent. of his effectives without similarly lowering the morale of the Allies."

This matter is of the greatest importance for Germany, who at present is at the critical moment in the man-power pendulum swinging in favor of the Allies. The weakness at the Anglo-French front has yet disclosed and the before the enemy in the next days of the battle is more formidable than that already accomplished."

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BUT WILHELM HIMSELF DISPLAYS NO CHANGE

Amsterdam, March 29.—The Volks Zeitung of Cologne says that according to General von Ludendorff, Emperor William has been deeply impressed by the terrible devastation in the battle area, remarking:

"How glad we should be that our country has been spared such terrible things. Why did we succeed in keeping the fighting beyond our frontiers? Because before the war we always urged the need of armaments. When mankind changes, these things also will change, but first mankind must begin to change."

BOLSHEVIKI ARMY BEING REORGANISED

Moscow, March 29.—Bolshevik troops, an official statement says, have been successful in fighting the Austrians in the southern Ukraine. The cities of Kherson, Nikolayev and Zmanka have been recaptured by the Russians.

The Bolshevik Ukrainian Rada, which fled from Kiev to Kharkov before the Germans, is now at Ekaterinoslav, where it has adopted resolutions refusing to endorse the peace treaty between Germany and Ukraine, unless the Central Powers withdraw all troops from the Ukraine. The Rada decided to oppose the Central Powers by means of armed forces, strikes and boycotts.

The Bolshevik organ Izvestia publishes an appeal signed by Leon Trotsky calling upon the people to co-operate in the organization of any army to defend the revolution, and announcing the coming publication of a decree for universal obligatory military service. All former officers are to be called to active service in the capacity of instructors under control of the national commissioners.

MEATLESS DAYS ARE NOW SUSPENDED

Washington, March 30.—The Food Controller today has ordered the suspension of meatless days for a period of thirty days, beginning today.

"THE STOLEN PARADISE" AT THE WESTHOLME

Ethel Clayton, one of the best known of the English actresses, is the star to appear at the Westholme theatre this evening. The play is one of the best, called "The Stolen Paradise." It is in five parts, with an all star cast of players. There is an atmosphere about this photo-drama which makes a strong appeal, and the play is one which everybody will like. In addition, there is an official War Gazette, showing some of the latest of the scenes among the soldiers, who are now holding Hindenburg up. And there will also be a fine comedy, of a most laughable kind.

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BELIEVES HUN DRIVE WILL BE SHORT LIVED

U. S. Major General Back from Front is Confident Wants Five Million Army and U.S. Speeded Up.

Washington, March 29.—Back from a visit to the Western front, Major General Leonard Wood, in a confidential statement before the Senate declared that Allied military opinion is unanimous that the German offensive will fail, and urged a great increase to 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 in America's army.

It was General Wood's opinion, according to his auditors, that the Germans on the Western front are now numerically superior, both on the ground and in the air, but that the Allies are in a better position. While confident that the German offensive will be halted before the enemy has gained any material objectives, Gen. Wood suggested that the offensive may change the warfare into a more open contest. For that reason he recommends the training of American forces for open warfare as well as for trench fighting.

In urging that the American war program of men, ships and munitions be speeded up, Gen. Wood said no American artillery or airplanes are yet available to Gen. Pershing's men and that, although 1,000 American aviators are ready they are without planes. Use of Liberty motors in bombing instead of fighting machines was recommended by General Wood.

Gen. Wood said that although the initial success of the Germans probably had been greater than expected, either by the Allies or the enemy, judging by the number of British guns reported captured, he and Allied Officers believed that the drive will be short-lived.

There is no possibility, he said, of the Germans attaining their apparent objective, the channel ports or threatening Paris.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Easter Service in the morning at 11 a.m. for the young. Juvenile choir will render special Easter music. Evening worship at 7.30 p.m. with special Easter selections by the choir. A baptismal service will follow the regular services. Everyone is welcome.

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GENERAL FOCH IN SUPREME COMMAND OF ALLIED FORCES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, March 30.—Extraordinary official information has reached Washington that General Foch has been appointed to the supreme command of the allied forces on the Western front. This includes the United States Expeditionary Force now in France.

Congratulations.

Washington, March 30.—The

ALLIES CONTINUE TO SLAUGHTER GERMANS

British Army Headquarters in France, March 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The appalling slaughter of the attacking masses of the German troops has continued since the first days. All the prisoners have much the same story to tell of the great losses suffered. Undoubtedly the Germans expected some such result, and it is probable all their cards have not been played yet.

The resistance which has been offered by the Allied troops to the German advance constitutes one of the finest pages in the annals of the war. The gallant sacrifices which those hardy warriors made in covering the withdrawal and delaying the German advance undoubtedly will have an important effect on the final outcome of this greatest of all battles.

Continued to Attack.

The Germans last night continued their furious onslaught southward against the Allied defenses in the region of Montdidier and Noyon, having slowed down in their attempt to cut through the British line farther north, where such desperate resistance was offered.

Hard fighting occurred about the town of Albert. Large enemy forces pushed forward toward the place, but at last accounts the British were holding them doggedly at this possible gateway to Amiens.

The conflict in the sector around Montdidier and Noyon appears to be of great importance from the many indications that the German higher command is attempting to split the Allied front there and start a rolling up process either way.

U-BOAT LIMPED INTO SPANISH PORT AFTER SHIPS BATTERED HER

El Ferrol, Spain, March 29.—A four hundred ton German submarine has sought refuge in this port. The commander made an urgent request for admittance, declaring that his craft had been damaged severely in a fight with three ships. The submarine carries two eleven-centimetre guns and a crew of thirty. A Spanish warship has been sent out to guard her.

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SHELL FROM LONG DISTANCE GUN STRIKES PARIS CHURCH

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, March 30.—Seventy-five persons were killed and ninety were injured when one of the long distance German shells struck a church in the region of Paris during the progress of Good Friday's services. The killed and injured consisted mostly of women and children. The very same church was struck last Sunday during the celebration of Mass, resulting in serious casualties.

The bombardment is continuous and although the projectiles are comparatively small, they can do a great deal of damage when they explode among a concourse of people. The Parisian newspapers are asking for immediate reprisals, while deploring the "useless barbarity" of this bombardment.

TURKS ORGANISE A WOMEN'S BATTALION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Geneva, March 30.—Elaborate regulations are being drawn up for control of the battalions of young Turkish women, which the Turkish War Office, breaking all precedents in that country, recently decided to organize. A Constantinople dispatch says the War Ministry is prescribing minute measures to prevent the battalion from coming into contact with the soldiers. All the officers of the battalion will be women. It will perform work behind the lines.

GERMAN AGENTS SPREADING ALARM IN NORTH. FRANCE

London, March 29.—German agents are spreading alarmist reports among the civil population around the battle zone of Northern France, according to a dispatch from the Reuter correspondent at British Headquarters dated Monday. These persons are being dealt with summarily when caught. Concerning the fighting the correspondent says:

"The spirit and determination of the British troops is excellent. The enemy losses have been enormous. The situation in many places remains very confused which is natural in fighting that has assumed more of the character of a war movement than at any time since the days of the Marne."

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BUT ONE AEROPLANE SHIPPED TO ALLIES BY UNITED STATES

Washington, March 28.—Lieut. Colonel E. Lester Jones, of the supply division of the signal corps testified before the Senate Military Committee today that only one aeroplane had been shipped to Europe by this Government since the United States entered the war.