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GERMANS MASS FOR AMIENS DRIVE

FRENCH REPULSE HEAVY ATTACK OF 180,000 GERMANS

PARIS, April 5.—A German attack on French positions southeast of Amiens with 180,000 men, nearly half of which were fresh, was wholly frustrated, the French war office reported today. The assault had for its object the capture of an important railway. The communique described the enemy casualties as "cruel."

French forces drove the Germans back in the neighborhood of Moreuil and recaptured several important positions to the south, the communique said.

"We advanced to the west of Castel (two miles northwest of Moreuil toward Amiens) and drove the enemy back from Arrirecourt wood," the statement said.

"By a counter attack southwest of Griesvignes we occupied St. Aignan (two and a half miles northwest of Montdidier) we captured most of Ekinette wood and extended our positions to the northward of Montre naud.

"Thursday night German attacks with 15 divisions (180,000 men) of which seven were fresh, failed to reach their objective, which according to captured orders, was the railway from Amiens to Clearmont.

"We maintained our line as a whole. The casualties of the enemy were cruel."

Enemy Concentrates Attack.

The Germans in their frantic efforts to take Amiens, are pressing in from the northeast, east and southeast—following three railway lines converging upon the city from those directions.

Haig's report today of the fighting in that region indicates the enemy is concentrating in a frontal attack from the east, and that the enveloping movement on the two flanks of this sector is awaiting the outcome. Hindenburg has met with considerable success in the north, and the one to the southeast than in his attempted advance from the north-east.

said the British are holding the enemy in these new positions.

Enemy Follows Railroad.

To the southeast, the Germans have battered away along the route of the railway which runs from Montdidier through Moreuil to Amiens. This railway follows the valley of the Avre. The nearest the enemy has approached Amiens along this route is Moreuil, more than ten miles from Amiens.

The northeastern route is along the railroad which runs from Albert through Corbie to Amiens, following the Ancre valley. The Germans have been firmly held in the western outskirts of Albert, but below this city

AUSTRIAN DRIVE AGAINST ITALY IMPENDING IS REPORT

By United Press. AMSTERDAM, April 5.—An Austrian offensive against Italy is impending, Budapest newspapers declare, quoting "authoritative sources."

Transferring Troops.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Transfer of all the Austro-German forces formerly in Rumania under General von Mackensen to the Italian front is reported in official dispatches from Rome. It is declared that a drive still impends in Italy and that the enemy evidently is only awaiting favorable weather conditions.

Italian military critics are of the opinion that the Austro-German drive will be against the mountain line. Aviators report that large bodies have been transferred from the Piave line to the mountain zone by the Austrians. It is reported that recently the Austrians have undertaken the construction of new fortifications along the Livenz and Tagliamento rivers, adopting a new system consisting of points of support with several bridgeheads. Italian prisoners and the civilian population of invaded Italian provinces have been compelled to work on these fortifications.

The military critics in Italy believe that another reason for the delay in the Austrian drive is that the Austrians are loath to begin until the issue of the German offensive in France is certain.

EXPECT WILSON TO SPEAK AGAINST RUSS

WASHINGTON, April 5.—That President Wilson will adopt a fresh word of encouragement for Russia in his address to Congress tonight

FRONTIERS CLOSED BY GERMANS

By United Press. AMSTERDAM, April 5.—The German-Dutch frontier will be closed for a week, according to an announcement in the Handelsblad today.

Swiss dispatches announced the closing of the German-Swiss frontier today. The closing of the German frontier generally have been followed by heavy troop movements in that vicinity.

GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE LOSING SPIRIT

(By William Philip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, April 4.—Hindenburg's rollicking battle and soldiers no longer are rollicking and no longer are glad.

They commenced the battle with spirits higher even than before the Marne. Disillusionment was driven home in part the first day. Later the truth dawned upon Germany that the roads to Paris and Amiens are not rose-bordered.

Hindenburg's costs have been buffeted and hammered. Lack of success, exposure and heavy casualties have broken down their artificial war spirit. Dazed and shattered divisions—greater in number even than first suspected—have been dragged from the line and new actors called in. Hindenburg has been forced to remake his plans. Meantime, Foch and Haig are in perfect accord and Pershing is standing back, ready to take no small part in the scrap, wherever the gods will.

Thus the Kaiser's next try will be a greater gamble than the first.

READY TO LAUNCH SECOND BIG DRAFT

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President Wilson is preparing to launch the second big draft of Americans

STATEMENT OF HACKH DENIED TODAY AT THE U. C.

As the result of an interview with I. W. D. Hackh, ousted university faculty member, published in the Gazette yesterday, in which Hackh said that President Wheeler had advised him at a conference to disappear from the campus until the end of the war and then return and complete his work, Prof. M. C. Lynch, assistant to President Wheeler, denied the statement this morning, declaring that President Wheeler had not advised Hackh to pursue such a course.

Lynch also issued the following statement:

"Mr. Hackh came at his own instance to see President Wheeler at his public office on Wednesday morning, April 3. He asked to be allowed to continue in the university as a registered graduate student. President Wheeler told him flatly and without qualification he could not do so, and also told him that he must leave the grounds of the university and remain away."

Hackh and Prof. E. C. A. Forke were dropped from the university faculty at a meeting of the regents in San Francisco Tuesday because of alleged pro-German sentiments and "actions inimical to the United States government."

Matter Dismissed at U. C.

The Gazette, in an effort to furnish complete information to its readers regarding the details of the dismissals, secured interviews with both Forke and Hackh and attempted to get information from persons in authority in President Wheeler's office at the university. Forke and Hackh talked freely while the matter was dismissed unsatisfactorily by university officials.

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BUSY SESSION IS HELD BY COUNCIL

PLANS READY FOR LIBERTY BOND SALE

By United Press. WASHINGTON, April 5.—America will start subscribing for her third Liberty loan tomorrow.

With the loan bill signed, the first bonds off the presses and others coming by the thousand, the nation is ready to open the campaign on the first anniversary of the war with a whoop.

Both swollen coffers and slim pocketbooks will be freely opened, is the confident expectation of government heads.

President Wilson will formally open the loan campaign with a striking war speech in Baltimore tomorrow night, while throughout the land thousands of volunteer workers will urge the American nation to do its financial duty.

Movie stars—Charles Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford

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MONEY AUTHORIZED FOR WAR GARDENS

Berkeley's war gardens during the present year will be under the supervision of the commissioner of public works and he was authorized by the council today to use a sum not to exceed \$500 for plowing and preparing the ground for gardens.

Mayor Irving this morning offered a cash prize of \$25 to the boy under 15 years of age who produces the best garden, and C. M. Boynton, commissioner of public works, offered a prize of the same amount to the girl producing the best war garden.

Members of the city council, the mayor, and members of Berkeley Defense Corps will work in conjunction with the public works department in working out details of the planting scheme, which will include planting all vacant lots as war gardens.

In cases of people able to pay, a small fee will be charged for preparing the ground. Those unable to pay will not be required to do so as the ultimate object is to plant as many gardens as possible.

The plan was decided upon at a meeting in the mayor's office this morning, at which Mayor Irving, commissioner Boynton and a com-

PLANS COMPLETE FOR LIBERTY BOND PARADE TOMORROW

Chairman E. F. Louideck and his aides, Wells Drury, R. G. Sproule, and F. M. Schick, announced today that every plan is complete for the greatest parade and patriotic demonstration Berkeley has ever produced. It is the Third Liberty Loan parade tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Six divisions have been provided for. There will be four bands, several drummers, three bag pipers and soldiers of every allied nation.

The number of floats and decorated automobiles to take part in the parade is estimated at a hundred. While many are striving to win one of the prizes offered, others are endeavoring to show, by their originality and enthusiasm, the spirit that will make the Third Liberty Loan drive an unqualified success.

While advance subscriptions have been offered the committee, it is hoped that the volunteer purchases of bonds at the Greek theater, Saturday afternoon will exceed a hundred thousand dollars.

"We would be glad if everybody at the meeting could subscribe then and there," said Chairman W. H. Morrish of the general campaign committee this morning, "but we do not want any citizen to stay away because he is not just ready to subscribe."

"We want this meeting to be a genuine expression of Berkeley's feeling toward the aims and policies of our government and the governments of our associates in this war."

"Every member of the committee has devoted time and energy without limit to make the opening day an unqualified success and the least every Berkeleyan can do is to lend his or her presence to the gathering so that the news can go out to the world that Berkeley is ready to a man to back up her boys who are 'over there.'"

Picturesque Feature.

The most picturesque feature of tomorrow's parade will be the division arranged by the Mobilized men of Berkeley, according to their plans.