

BRITISH WIN 6 TOWNS

GEN. HAIG'S MEN FORCE GERMAN BACK ON TWELVE-MILE FRONT.

13,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED

Villages Seized From Teutons Are All East of Vimy Ridge—French Take Several Lines of Trenches on Front South of St. Quentin.

London, April 13.—On a 12-mile front from north of the River Scarpe to south of Loos British troops pressed back the Germans all along the line and captured six villages. The British penetrated the German lines to a depth of five miles at some points.

Field Marshal Haig's men, the official communication from British headquarters in France adds, also have gained a footing in German trenches northeast of Lens. Many prisoners and guns also were taken in the advance.

Southeast of Arras, the statement adds, the British also made progress and now are astride the Hindenburg line as far as a point seven miles southeast of Arras.

The villages seized by the British are all east and north of Vimy ridge. They are Baillet, Willeval, Vimy, Petit Vimy, Givenchy-en-Bohelle and Angres.

The communication announces that the total prisoners taken in the offensive begun early last Monday morning now aggregate more than 13,000. Guns to the number of 166 also have been taken.

The most solid success scored by the allies since the first dash Monday morning appears to have been achieved, and yet, according to military experts, who estimate that the fighting forces in this sector number 4,000,000 men—2,000,000 Germans, 1,000,000 British, and 1,000,000 French—the battle has just begun.

Paris, April 16.—The French made an attack on the front south of St. Quentin. The official statement says the Germans resisted desperately, but the French captured several lines of trenches, taking prisoners and a considerable number of machine guns.

The French also made further gains east of Concy in Ville, taking prisoners and booty.

U. S. PLANS BIG FOOD ARMY

Secretary Houston Favors Enlisting 2,000,000 Men and Boys for Farm Work.

Washington, April 16.—Proposals for enlistment of a work army of 2,000,000 men and boys for agricultural service, and other drastic steps to increase food production during the war, were given enthusiastic encouragement on Friday at the department of agriculture.

Secretary Houston ordered wide publicity given to resolutions adopted at the recent St. Louis conference of agriculture experts looking to production of greater crops as an emergency measure. They recommended that congress appropriate \$25,000,000 for use by the secretary of agriculture in such a campaign.

"Upon the farmer rests in large measure the final responsibility of winning the war," declare the resolutions made public here. "Because of the world shortage of food it is scarcely possible that the production of staple crops by the farmers of the United States can be too great this year."

It is recommended that boys under military age and men beyond the age, and those physically disqualified should be enrolled in the national army for labor in the production of food, munitions and supplies.

SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL

Sundry Civil Measure Also Approved—Effort to Raise Pay of Enlisted Men Fails.

Washington, April 13.—The senate on Wednesday passed legislation carrying appropriations of \$450,000,000. The first measure to be given consideration was the army appropriation bill which passed the house in the last session carrying appropriations of \$278,000,000.

Efforts by Senator Hughes of New Jersey to have included an amendment raising the pay of enlisted men from \$15 to \$30 per month was defeated when the chair ruled that such an amendment was out of order.

Following the army bill the senate passed the sundry civil appropriation bill carrying appropriations of \$144,000,000.

In the open senate the flood control bill carrying an appropriation of \$10,000,000 was voted in as an amendment and the bill carrying a total of \$154,000,000 was passed without a roll call.

Wealthy Iowa Farmer Killed.

Davenport, Ia., April 16.—Fred Denkman, seventy-four, one of the wealthiest retired farmers of southeastern Iowa, was run down and killed by a Rock Island passenger train at his home in Walcott.

Form Company at U. of I.

Iowa City, Ia., April 16.—One hundred and thirty out of 140 students and professors in the Iowa university college of law formed a military company headed by Lieut. Col. Floyd Philbrick, a law student.

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LONDON, APRIL 12.—THE STARS AND STRIPES WENT INTO BATTLE FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE WORLD WAR IN THE ENTENTE STOPPING OF VIMY RIDGE IN FRANCE.

"TO A YOUNG TEXAN, WHO CAME TO ONTARIO TO ENLIST AND WHO IS LYING WOUNDED IN THE HOSPITAL," THE DISPATCH READS, "BELONGS THE HONOR OF FIRST CARRYING THE AMERICAN FLAG INTO BATTLE IN THE EUROPEAN WAR, INTO WHICH THE UNITED STATES, AS A BELLIGERENT, HAS JUST ENTERED. HE WENT UP TO THE ASSAULT AT THELUS CARRYING THE STARS AND STRIPES ON HIS BAYONET AND FELL THUS."

U. S. CAUSE IS JUST EXPLOSION KILLS 121

ARGENTINA STRONGLY SUPPORTS WAR POSITION OF U. S.

Brazil Breaks With Germany and Kaiser's Minister Is Handed His Passports.

Washington, April 13.—The Argentine embassy handed Secretary of State Lansing a note from its government strongly supporting the position this country has taken in going to war with Germany. It was as follows:

"The government of Argentina in view of the causes that have prompted the United States of America to declare war against the government of the German empire recognizes the justice of that declaration, founded as it is upon violation of the principles of neutrality established by the rules of international law which have been considered definite conquests of civilization."

Buenos Aires, April 13.—Herr Pauli, the German minister to Brazil, was handed a note to his government and passports for himself, said a dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, the Brazilian capital.

Rio de Janeiro, April 13.—It is expected in diplomatic circles here that other South American nations will soon follow the example of Brazil in severing relations with Germany.

MRS WILSON LEADS BACK TO THE "SIMPLE LIFE"

Washington, April 14.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall and the women of the cabinet have inaugurated a "simple life" movement in aid of economy and efficiency, to devote more time and money to relief work. Mrs. Lansing, wife of the secretary of state, issued a statement for the women of the cabinet. They have decided to omit the usual formal entertainments and calling. In the management of their domestic economy they pledge themselves to buy inexpensive clothing and simple food, and to watch and prevent all kinds of waste. They make an appeal to all the women of America to do everything in their power along these lines.

APPEAL SENT TO ALL STATES

Council of National Defense Urges Creation of "State Councils of National Defense."

Washington, April 16.—Every state in the Union was asked by the council of national defense to create a "state council of national defense," to cooperate with the national body in preparing the nation for defense and war against Germany. Such councils already exist in a few states.

130 Join Company in Day.

Kenosha, Wis., April 16.—A recruiting station was opened here for the organization of a new infantry regiment for the National Guard. At the end of the day 130 men had signed the muster roll.

To Use Lawns as Potato Patches.

New York, April 16.—Many wealthy New Yorkers have started a movement to transform their fine lawns into potato patches. Paul D. Cravath offered the grounds of his big beautiful estate for that purpose.

HUNDREDS ARE INJURED IN ARMS PLANT BLAST.

Bodies of Women Blown to Atoms—Thirty Thousand Shells Explode—Plot Is Hinted.

Chester, Pa., April 12.—One hundred and twenty-one persons, most of them women and girls, are known to have lost their lives and many were injured by a series of terrific explosions in the shrapnel building of the Eddystone Ammunition corporation at Eddystone, one mile from this city, on Tuesday. Many of the injured were mortally hurt, and it is feared the final death list will reach 150, while some who were hurt probably will be maimed for life.

How any of the 300 or more employees in the building, in which were stored approximately 30,000 shells, escaped is almost beyond conception.

Fire added to the horror, and most of the bodies were so badly charred that identification was impossible.

In the absence of any official statement, many theories as to the cause of the disaster, one of the worst ever experienced in this section, were advanced. Rumors of plots and arrests of persons both inside and outside of the plant were numerous, but all lacked confirmation.

The explosion, which was felt in Philadelphia, a distance of 15 miles, occurred about ten o'clock in the morning in what is known as the "10 F" building, a two-story structure.

BARS TRADING IN FUTURES

Butter and Egg Board Votes to Abolish Rule—Immediate Delivery Only.

Chicago, April 12.—In anticipation of dizzy war prices in butter and eggs and a large amount of speculation, the Chicago butter and egg board voted unanimously to abolish the rule providing for trading in futures. The decision came at the same time Assistant District Attorney Robert W. Childs was examining grand jury witnesses relative to the government inquiry into food speculation in general. The action of the board means that all deals hereafter in butter and eggs will be for immediate delivery.

GERMAN U-BOAT OFF CUBA

British Vessel Destroyed With Bombs—Member of Crew Arrives at Key West, Fla.

Key West, Fla., April 14.—The British sailing ship Trevelan, Captain Williamson, was sunk by a German submarine off Cienfuegos, Cuba, four days ago and all hands landed at the Cuban port a few hours later, according to C. Peterson, a member of the crew, who arrived here from Havana late Thursday. Peterson claims to be a naturalized American of Norwegian birth. The Germans destroyed the ship with bombs.

Will Stop Making Whisky.

Chicago, April 14.—Distilleries will cease producing whisky and turn their machinery over to the making of denatured alcohol, needed by the government. Denatured alcohol is used in the manufacture of high explosives.

Three Years for Bomb Plotters.

Jersey City, N. J., April 14.—Fritz Kolb, a German convicted of having bombs in his possession, was sentenced to not less than three years and four months, nor more than five years in state prison.

TO SERVE ONLY FOR THE PERIOD OF WAR

BRAZIL NOW ON THE VERGE OF HOSTILITIES

CALL FOR 500,000 VOLUNTEERS

America Will Co-op-ate With Entente Allies --Will Employ Every Utility of Nation.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—All men enlisted in the regular army or the national guard in the present emergency are assured in an announcement by Secretary Baker that they will be kept in service only for the period of the war. The action followed a conference between the secretary and President Wilson. In effect this places on a wartime volunteer basis all of the men enlisted since the state of war was declared. It makes available a total of 517,868 places in the enlisted grades of the two services to men who wish to serve for the war only. Mr. Baker emphasized the fact that this action was contemplated when the administration bill was framed and was in no way to be construed as a compromise plan, reached as a result of opposition to the draft feature of the bill.

Brazil on Verge of War

Buenos Aires.—With Brazil on the verge of war with Germany after diplomatic rupture; Bolivia diplomatically severed from Berlin. Argentine has been swept by an anti-German sentiment that seemed likely to result in a diplomatic break between Buenos Aires and Berlin.

The wildest excitement followed receipt of news of the sinking by a German submarine of the Argentine sailing vessel Monte Protegida. The first prediction of responsible officials was that Argentine would immediately follow Brazil's example in handing the German minister his passports, but the cabinet deferred action.

In the meantime it is held that Argentine would probably decide not to go farther at this time than to register a sharp protest to Berlin.

The point was raised that while the Monte Protegida was technically registered as an Argentine vessel, she was really Brazilian and Italian. Her crew was entirely composed of Norwegians.

No Internment of Americans

Berlin.—There will be no internment of Americans in Germany. After a conference between the political and military authorities it was announced that the German government would treat Americans here virtually on the same lines as laid down in President Wilson's proclamation concerning the treatment of Germans in the United States. The Americans here will have almost every freedom and so far have enjoyed the same freedom as is accorded to neutrals except they are not allowed to reside in fortified places.

Washington—Reports that President Cabrera has proclaimed martial law in Guatemala strengthens the belief of state department officials that Guatemala may soon join the United States in the war against Germany.

Berne.—The military critic of the Basel Nachrichten believes that the entrance into the war of the powerful American fleet will "sooner or later lead to a revival of an aggressive sea policy against Germany and will probably culminate in a gigantic battle, which will put the Dardanelles fight in the shade."

The writer says that the allied fleets will find behind the German coast defenses "an opponent who knows what disastrous results the success of such an Anglo-American undertaking would have for his fatherland."

Submarines in Pacific.

San Francisco, Cal.—Warning that German submarines are operating in the Pacific have been sent to all steamship captains at sea by wireless by order of Lieutenant Commander E. C. Woods of the Twelfth naval district. The warning said:

"Information has this day been received that German submarines are operating in the Pacific. Please notify all ships under your control and ask that they spread the warning broadcast."

Washington.—Applications for allotments of the proposed \$5,000,000,000 bond issue have reached the treasury department in such quantities that the administration believes the success of the issue is already assured.

Secretary McAdoo left the cabinet meeting to go before the house ways and means committee to explain the administration plans for the big bond issue. The committee already has a tentative bill carrying out the ideas of the treasury department.

To Employ Every Utility.

Washington.—Navy co-operation with the entente allies was the subject of a long conference between President Wilson and Secretary Daniels. It became known afterward that the government already is taking steps to assure the fullest measure of co-operative operation. The part to be played by American warships was not revealed. It was indicated, however, that the conference dealt with carrying out fully the president's statement to congress that every utility of the nation would be employed to bring about the most effective co-operation. One element of the plans undoubtedly deals with supplies for the entente governments. Officials of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and other steel and ordnance companies were in conference with Secretary Daniels during the day in this regard.

An Uprising of Serbians

London.—An uprising of Serbians against Bulgarians who now occupy their country is reported in a telegram from Athens. As a result of pressure exerted by the Bulgarians, the Serbian population revolted and took to the hilly country. The insurgents divided into battalions and companies and destroyed bridges, railroads and other means of communication. The Bulgarian government has dispatched troops to Nish to suppress the disorders which are said to have reached grave proportions.

Call for 500,000 Volunteers.

Washington.—The army department has prepared to issue instructions to recruiting officers which would be in effect a call for 500,000 volunteers to fill up the regular army and the existing units of the national guard.

All recruits enlisted since the declaration of war and those to be enlisted hereafter will be notified that they will be discharged at the close of the war putting them in the status of war time volunteers.

Aliens Must Not Have Firearms

Lincoln, Neb.—T. W. Gregory, United States attorney general, has written to Chief of Police Antles advising him that under proclamation of the president, it is unlawful for alien enemies to have in their possession the following articles:

Any firearm, weapon, or implement of war, ammunition, bomb or explosive, or material used in the manufacture of explosives; any aircraft or wireless apparatus; or any form of signaling device, or any form of cipher code, or any paper, document, or book written or printed in cipher or in which they may be invisible writing.

New York.—Elihu Root has called on all republicans to support President Wilson and to submerge partisan feeling, forget they are republicans until the war is over and to be Americans only. The Republican club passed resolutions declaring it to be the duty of all Americans to abjure partisanship, sectionalism, personal advantages and all petty jealousies and dissensions and to unite in common loyalty and devotion to the support of the government of the United States in the most vigorous and effective prosecution of the war.

Washington.—The administration bill imposing a penalty of thirty years' imprisonment on any person who destroys any war material in the United States in time of war was passed by the senate in five minutes without debate.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—One thousand Comanche Indians of Oklahoma have offered their services to President Wilson for the war with Germany. Several hundred now are camping at Fort Sill waiting to be taken to the colors.

Favors Alignment With U. S.

Rio De Janeiro.—The Brazilian government has requisitioned for government use the entire fleet of the Companhia Comercio Navigacao, together with all docks and apurtenances "for purposes of national defense."

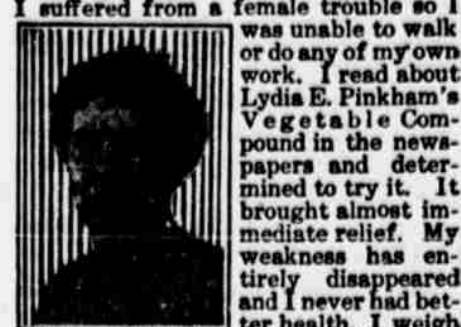
The German and Austrian legations have been put under guard.

Public excitement is at a high pitch against Germany and apparently favors Brazil's alignment with the United States against Germany.

WOMAN SICK TWO YEARS

Could Do No Work. Now Strong as a Man.

Chicago, Ill.—"For about two years I suffered from a female trouble so I was unable to walk or do any of my own work. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the newspapers and determined to try it. It brought almost immediate relief. My weakness has entirely disappeared and I never had better health. I weigh 165 pounds and am as strong as a man. I think money is well spent which purchases Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. JOS. O'BRYAN, 1765 Newport Ave., Chicago, Ill.



The success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, is unparalleled. It may be used with perfect confidence by women who suffer from displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, and nervous prostration. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the standard remedy for female ills.



Your personal history doesn't have to repeat itself. Your neighbors will attend to that.

RED FACES AND RED HANDS

Soothed and Healed by Cuticura—Sample Each Free by Mail.

Treatment for the face: On rising and retiring smear affected parts with Cuticura Ointment. Then wash off with Cuticura Soap and hot water. For the hands: Soak them in a hot lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry, and rub in Cuticura Ointment.

Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

It is easy to make apologies for other people, as the job does not have to be first class.

FRUIT LAXATIVE FOR SICK CHILD

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver and bowels.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Adv.

Explains.

"What made you so bowlegged?" "Father was a charter member of the Prevention of Disease association." "Well?" "He used to swat flies on my head."

Makes Hard Work Harder

A bad back makes a day's work twice as hard. Backache usually comes from weak kidneys, and if headaches, dizziness or urinary disorders are added, don't wait—get help before the kidney disease takes a grip—before dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease sets in. Doan's Kidney Pills have brought new life and new strength to thousands of working men and women. Used and recommended the world over.

A Nebraska Case

G. W. Ault, prop. City Feed Store, St. Paul, Neb., says: "Since I have been in the produce business, I have been broken down with backache. At times I couldn't lift the lightest weight and went around in misery. I often got dizzy and felt generally run down. Doan's Kidney Pills fixed me up in good shape and I am very grateful."

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