HINDENBURG HURLS MANY **TROOPS AGAINST RAILROAD** LINE SOUTHEAST OF CITY

## Petain's Men Then Launch Savage Counter Attack and Force Huns Out of Positions-British Give Ground, But Stubbornly Block Enveloping Maneuver.

Amsterdam, April 5 .- An Austrian offensive against Italy is impending, Budapest newspapers declare, quoting "authoritative

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Example in the seat of J. Hamilton Lewis.
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The French lines have held below Amiens and the Germans have whething vote against anti-war and been defeated with great losses in what probably constituted their most near pacifist candidates. desperate effort yet to break in and cut off the communications of this important base from the south. Similarly, to the east of Amiens the British have maintained a strong defense and prevented the Germans from making any important headway here.

This battle, which raged yesterday and virtually all last night, was fought along a line of approximately 30 miles south of the Somme. Today, according to unofficial dispatches, the Germans switched their attack to the north of the river and engaged the British along a front of 17 miles, but again were unable to make any progress, except a slight advance near the river.

In the great battle to the south of the Somme the contending armies Statements Issued by Governfought with fluctuating fortunes, the French giving some ground in the northerly sector of their battle area, but closing the engagement with their line not only standing where it was along its southerly course, but even advanced in one or two sectors where the Germans had been violently thrown back.

As a whole, the entente line may be considered, as the French MONTHS OF INVESTIGATING official statement puts it, maintained in its entirety. So far the German objective south of Amiens, the railway line to Clermont, is concerned, the stupendous German effort resulted merely in a slight projection of the fighting front.

Paris, April 6.—A German attack on French positions southeast of Amiens with 180,000 men. nearly half of which were fresh, was wholly frustrated the 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 com-munique described the enemy casual-ties as "cruel." French forces drove the Germans back in the neighborhood of Moreuil and recaptured several important posi-tions to the south, the communique said.

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

"By a counter attack southwest of Grivesnes, we occupied St. Aignan (two and a half miles northwest of Montdidier). We captured most of Ekinette wood and extended our positions to northward of Mont Renaut.

"Thursday night, German attacks with 15 divisions (180,000 men), of which seven were fresh, falled to reach their objective, which, according to captured orders, was the railway from Amiens to Clearmont. "We maintained our line as a whole.

he casualties of the enemy were uel." The

The Germans in their frantic efforts to take Amiens are pressing in from the northeast, east and southeast following three railway lines converg-ing upon the city from those direc-



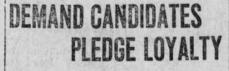
Men Trading Wives and Children For Flour and Other Foods.

Washington, D. C., April 6 .- Starvation has reached such a point in certain districts of Russia that members of the impoverished classes are selling their wives and children for bags of flour, according to reports reaching this government today through official

shannels. Food reserves are exhausted in most parts of the nation, crops are not being planted and many farmer lanlords are

hoarding what supplies they have for extortionate prices. Officials of the Kuban district have appealed to the peasants to run loose their grain reserves for relief of the

starving population in neighboring communities and warned that hoard-



Republicans of Illinois Serve Notice on Prospective Ones What to Expect.

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Consequently the department today cancelled its contract for the building

which was to have been used as a re-construction hospital "for the duration

of the war and one year afterwards.

**REED FIGHTS** 

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Missouri Senator's Two-Hour

Speech Interrupted For a

Jab at Burleson.

mission, transfer questions of the fed-eral trade commission to Chairman

George Creel, of the bureau of public information, and give those of the fed-eral reserve board to the comptroller

aminers

Chicago, April 6 .- Notice that the Ilinois senatorial campaign next fall will be run on a loyalty basis was served on Mayor William Hale Thompson and Ex-Governor Chas. C. Deneen when a members of the republican county committee signed a declaration of principles of unswerving and uncompromising loyalty. "Thompson and Dineen are expected to be candidates for the seat

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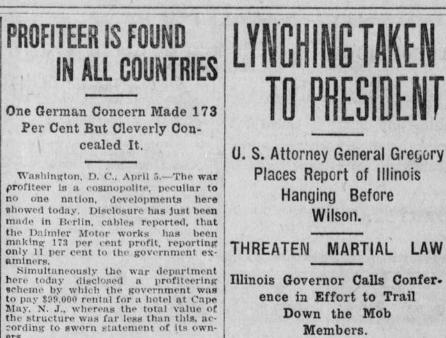
Intimation Given That Many Ac-

Improper Organization of the Service.

New York, April 6 .-- The special ir vestigating committee of the Aer nautical Society of America, which has for several months been-studying the dircraft situation with a view to learning the exact cause for the alleged de-

issued by government officials with re-spect to the execution of the aircraft problem had been found to be untrustworthy, and should be disregarded, and that the very vigorous censorship over all matters connected with it had been of no military value, were contained in the report of the committee, which also reported the conviction that the only purpose of the rigor of the censorship was to preclude the country from find-ing out the character of the official statements.

cessively numerous, were of such a nadicate that they were in part prevent-



Washington, D. C., April 5 .- The war profiteer is a cosmopolite, peculiar to nation, developments here

> Illinois Governor Calls Conference in Effort to Trail Down the Mob Members.

Bulletin: Springfield, Ill., April 6 .--Attorney General Brundage sent & deputy to Collinsville accompanied by a representative of the state adjutant general's office. Lowden declared he is prepared to declare martial law promptly, if necessary to have the laws

respected. "I think I can say for both the at-torney general's office and my own that every power with which we are vested will be used to the limit to punish those who are responsible for the violence at Collinsville," concluded the governor's statement

Washington, D. C., April 6.—Attorney General Gregory took to the cabinet today a report of the lynching of a German, Robert P. Prager, at Collins-ville, III., last night, for discussion with President Wilson. The government is expected to denounce the mob's lawless out and to express the hore that there act and to express the hope that there will be no repetition elsewhere.

Springfield, Ill., April 6.—After long distance telephone conversations today with federal and county officials at the scene of the lynching of Robert Prager at Collinsville last night, Gov-ernor Lowden called a conference with Attorney General Edward J. Brun-dage. dage.

Collinsville, Ill., April 6.—Robert P. Praeger, 45, alleged pro-German, was taken from hiding in the city hall here early today by a mob of 350 "loyalists" and hanged to a tree two miles west of 'own. No arrests have been made, al-though the lynchers were not masked and were said to have been led by prominent citizens. Early last night Praeger came to

of the currency, or any banker or pri-vate individual. prominent citizens. Early last night Praeger came to Collinsville after evading a patriotic band at Maryville, where he was al-leged to have talked socialism and made disloyal remarks. Members of the mob followed and captured him here. He was compelled to march bare-footed and draped with an American flag, down the main street. Police res-cued him and him him in the city hell basement. When Senators Fletcher, of Florida. and Wolcott, of Delaware, democrats, declared their confidence that the president would not make such use of the bill, Senator Reed urged that they should not object, therefore, to special

exceptions. While Senator Reed was speaking, Postmaster General Burleson, who took Postmaster General Burleson, who took the Overman bill to the capital, where it was introduced, appeared in the president's room just outside the Sen-ato chamber, and conferred with a number of supporters of the measure. Referring to Mr. Burleson's visit, the Missouri senator declared he would not "object to replying to cabinet mem-bers' arguments if they were made on basement.

The mob demanded the prisoner and when refused rushed past authorities and dragged him from his hiding place beneath a pile of tilings. Mayor Siegel's

beneath a pile of tilings. Mayor Siegel's pleadings were d'sregarded. Still barefooted, Praeger was led along the old national highway with a noose around his neck. Police and the coroner followed an hour later and found his body dangling from a tree. bers' arguments if they were made on the floor of the Senate, rather than in whispered conversation in the cloak Senator Borah, of Idaho, republican,

found his body dangling from a tree. Collinsville and Maryville are small mining towns, 15 miles east of St. Louis. While the mob was storming the jail searching for him. Praeger wrote his parents in Dresden, Germany, this note: "I must this, the 4th day of April, die; please pray for me, my dear par-ents. This is my last letter and testa-ment." A second note, also in German, prosaid the powers of the Interstate Com-merce commission had practically been dispensed with, owing to the taking over by the government of control of the railroads, and asked what could be

expected from the commission in re-viewing rates fixed by the president and based upon financial needs of the roads, growing out of the war. While the commission's powers have been cir-cumscribed, Senator Reed replied, it till rations many nowers of a "wholes A second note, also in German, pro-tested his loyalty. As he was jerked upward on the tree Praeger pleaded he wholewas loyal to his country. Mayor Siegel declared today he had found no evi-dence of disloyalty against Praeger. The victim had taken out his first papers and applied for full citizenship. oppers and applied for full citizenship. Collinsville was quiet today with its miners back at work and apparently in high spirits following last night's activity. Praeger recently had quar-reled with the president of the miners' union here, it is reported. Authorities believed today this was connected with the breaking. the lynching. Several suspected pro-Germans dis-appeared from this vicinity immediateappeared from this vicinity immediate-ly following the lynching. Maryville and Collinsville have been hot beds of anti-German acts for months. Mary-ville's mayor, a citizen of German birth, was forced to kiss the flag two months ago. No suspicion had been directed at him until he defended three men, alleged disloyalists, threatened with violence. Ten men, suspected of pro-Germanism, have been forced to leave the two citles because of threats against the two citles because of threats against them.

Had To Quit Work Gave Up Hope of Recovery, But Doan's Restored His Health. Has Been Well Since.

J. B. Ragless, carpenter, 210 W. 60th St., Chicago, Ill., says: "My back gave out completely and I had to quit work. I could hardly endure the pain in my back and nights I tossed and turned, unable to sleep. Often in the morn-ing my back was as stiff as a board, so that I couldn't stoop to dress

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stin as a board, so that I couldn't stoop to dress myself. When I did manage to bend over, everything before me turned black. My head' seemed to be whirling and sometimes I was so dizzy I had to grasp something to keep from

falling. "The kidney secre Mr. Ragless

Mr. Ragless "The kidney secre-'tions were irregular in passage, getting me up at night and the passages burned cruelly. I lost my appetite, was weak and listless and went down twenty-five pounds in weight. When I had almost given up hope, Doan's Kidney Pfils cured me. Soon after, I passed an examination for life insurance and I'm glad to say my cure has lasted."

Sworn to before me, GEO. W. DEMPSTER, Notary Public.

Got Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Boz DOAN'S HIDNEY PILLS FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

### JUDGED BY THOSE OF TODAY

Undecipherable Papyrus Might Well Have Been What Librarian Would Catalogue It.

The librarian at a certain museum

was engaged in cataloguing and arranging some ancient books that had just arrived from Egypt, when he noticed a perplexed look on the face of his assistant.

"What's the matter, Brown?" he asked. "Is there anything that you don't understand?"

"Yes," answered Brows. "Here is a small papyrus on which the characters are not decipherable. How shall I class it?"

"Uh," thoughtfully returned the librarian, examining the payrus. "Sappose you call it a doctor's prescription in the time of Pharaoh."

### **GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER**

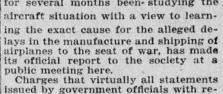
Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. August Flower is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. Sold in all civilized countries. Give it a trial.—Adv.

#### Limit of Confidence.

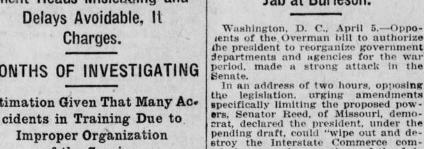
"She seems to make a confidant of you."

"Yes, I'm her dearest friend. She tells me everything."

"Her inn



Accidents in training, while not exable and in part due to improper organ-ization of flying and handling of ma-chines. The committee in its report



tions

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 move-ment on the two flanks of this sector is awaiting the outcome. Hindenburg has met with considerably more suc-cess in this route and the one to the southeast than in his attempted ad-vance from the northeast.

#### Eight Miles From Amiens.

The statement said the British, af-ter beating off several assaults and inflicting heavy losses on the Germans, had been forced to fall back to positions "east of Villers-Bretonneux." This "east of Villers-Bretonneux." This town is eight miles east of Amiens, on the Amiens-Rosieres railway and is about midway between the Luce and the Somme. It marks the closest ap-proach of the Germans to their objec-tive. Hale said the British are holding tive. Halg said the British are holding te enemy in these new positions. To the southeast, the Germans have

battered away along the route of the railway which runs from Montdidier through Moreuil to Amiens. This rallthrough Moreuli to Amiens. This fall-way follows the valley of the Avre. The nearest the enemy has approached Amiens along this route is Moreuli, more than 10 miles from Amiens. The northeastern route is along the

and parallels the railway at a distance of about two or three miles, until the Amiens-Rosieres railway crosses the front. Albert is 16 miles northeast of Amiens, while Corbie is nine miles due

Swies dispatches announced yester-day that the German-Swiss frontier would be closed, beginning today. The closing of the German frontiers gener-ally have been followed by heavy troop movements in that vicinity.

London, April 6 .- The Germans this today. London, April 6.—The Germans this morning attacked the British forces on a wide front from Dernancourt, a few miles south of Albert, to Moyen-nenville, north of the Somme, accord-ing to a statement published by the Evening Standard.

#### BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS. United St-ff Correspondent.

With the British Armies in France, April 6.—Big guns are shelling German

Germany, it is pointed out, can have small hope of obtaining foodstuffs from



Workers All Over the Country Ready For Opening of Campaign.

Washington, D. C., April 5.-The press is warning its readers not to exloan was laid last night when congress completed and President Wilson signed the bill authorizing issuance of

The nearest the enemy has approached Amiens along this route is Moreuil, more than 10 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 the battle line swing to the southwest the due respectively, on May 28, and August 15. The amoent of the southwest the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the battle line swing to the southwest the the bat would be due respectively, on May 28, July 18 and August 15. The amount July 18 and August 15. The amount is \$3,000,000,000 and over-subscriptions and the only remaining details to be determined by the treasury are the arrangements for conversion of

Amilens. Athert is 10..... Amilens, while Corbie is nine non-anatorial for the Somme, Haig reported, are limited to artillery fight-ing for the present. The enemy's ar-tiliery is particularly active in the Scarpe valley, in which Arras is located and in the vicinity of Bucquoy. The Scarpe valley, in which Arras and Albert. German German Meril 6.-The German Meril 6.-The

#### AUSTRALIA OFFERS SHIPS.

Melbourne, Australia, April 5.- Twen-ty-seven overseas and 34 coastal ships have been placed at the disposed of the German annexationists, who are already British government, it was at counced expliciting the western offensive.

The costal ships mentioned probably include those plying between Adelaide and Brisbane, most of which range in tennage from \$,000 to \$,000. Many of the overseas ships are considerably larger.

#### ASSISTANT WAR SECRETARIES.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—President Wilson has before him today the names itroops seen massing on the road sun-ning southwest from Albert, parallel to the railway from that city to Amiens. It is not yet apparent whether the Germans will storm the embankment, ships of the war department.

brink of famine and officials there are making every effort to secure grain from the sugar country. The armies of the Caucasus it is re-ported are now without bread reserver. ances.



## Evident Over Great Losses in the West.

Ottawa, Ont., April 6.-The German

legislative program for the Liberty pect too much of the offensive in the west, says a Reuter dispatch from London.

The Cologne Gazette says extraordi

furter Zeitung, says that hitherto it the German losses, but it is unneces-sary to jump to the conclusion that they are enormous because the victory

#### CANADIAN WHEAT PRICE O. K.

Winnipeg, April 5.-The board of grain supervisors for Canada has isgrain supervisors for Canada has is-sued a statement expressing its opinion that the present price of Canadian western wheat, \$2.21 a bushel for No. 1 northern at Fort William, Ont., and Port A, thur, Ont., was a reasonable one for the crop of 1918. The board said that in reaching this conclusion it had considered carefully the necessity of stimulating production the price of coarse grains and the increased cost of production. The board said this price production. The board said this price should be guaranteed at once by the government.

## still retains many powers of a some" character. **HINDENBURG PLAYS** THE ALLIES' GAME

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#### Slaughtering of German Troops For Small Gains Means Defeat in End.

BY J. W. T. MASON. New York, April 5.—Resumption by Von Hindenburg of his slaughter of German man power to reach Amiens is

German man power to reach Amiens is playing the game of the allies. As long as General Foch is able to save Amiens and prevent the Germans from cutting the Amiens-Paris railway, every new assault ordered by Von Hindenburg must increase the inevitable reaction in Germany against the blood lust of the Hohenzollerns. The small gains made by the Germans in the last 24 hours are not worth the casualties. German losses in these operations are two to three times the losses of the Particle and Franch who are examining British and French, who are remaining

Foch's policy of caution is being fully rewarded by Von Hindenburg's fero-cious recklessness. It is advantageous for the allies to incite the Hohenzol-lerns into these increasing sacrifices of deemen troops. Each destruction of a German troops. Each destruction of a German division at this time is a vic-tory for the allies, whether or not the Germans gain a small additional area of territory. The territory certainly will be restored to the rightful owners at the peace conference, but the peace conference will not come until the blood letting of Germany has worked its cure. Von Hindenburg's renewed drive toward Amiens makes him once more the leach who is unconsciously curing Germany of her military ills. General Foch's great purpose now is to remain steadfastly on the defensive, holding his lines for further German blood let-ting. If this is done successfully, Foch will have won his right to be regarded as a great allied commander.

BET VALUE OF WIRE COMPANIES. Washington, D. C., April 5.—The In-testate Commerce commission today ordered investigation of the physical raluation of 45 telegraph and cable rompanies property and of their finan-rial condition similar to the valuation proceedings of valuing railroads under way for several years.

#### INVESTIGATE PETROLEUM RATES

Washington, D. C., April 5 .- A general investigation of railroad freight rates on petroleum and petroleum products was ordered today by the Inter-

The investigation was decided on in view of wide differences in the amounts und percentages of recent rate increases sought by the railroads. It appeared, said the order that an equitable ad-justment of rates could be effected only by a general investigation covering the whole situation.

Prager was a coal miner and yesterday at Maryville, Ill., in an address on socialism he is said to have made remarks derogatory to President Wilson. Miners there became angry and when they threatened to do him bodily harm he escaped to Collinsville, his home. Some of the miners, however, followed.

The police said that Prager while in their custody had declared he was a registered enemy allen, that he was born in Germany, but that he had taken out his first naturalization papers and had hoped to become an American citi-

In Prager's pocket was found a long "proclamation" in which he stated his loyalty to the United States and to un-ion labor, and told of his difficulty in entering the miner's union. Prager, yesterday afternoon, put up posters at the Maryville mine, proclaiming his entering the miner's union. loyalty to the government. When the miners left the workings they were incensed by these proclamations and ben to hunt Prager. Before the conference, Attorney Gen-

eral Brundage said that instructions had been given to begin at once a strenuous attempt to identify members of the mob that hanged Prager with a view to prosecution. It was said that quiet prevails, but that feeling against others suspected of being pro-German still was running high in the vicinity of Collinsville.

## RENCH EDITOR IN U.S. TO BE INVESTIGATED

#### New York, April 6 .- At the request of the French ambassador the activit-

ies of Senator Charles Humbert, editor of Le Journal of Paris, in this country will be investigated by Morton E. Lewis, state's attorney general, it was an-nonneed here tonight. The inquiry to be begun in New York next week will be conducted in connection with the

Trench government's prosecution of Senator Humbert on a charge of having had transactions with Germany. The examination of witnesses will take place in private, but it is expect-ed that the disclosures will be made public fror; time to time. The evi-dence will be turned over to the Franch ambassador

"Yes, indeed. She's even shown me where she has hoarded a few pounds

of sugar in her attic."

#### Cuticura Kills Dandruff.

Anoint spots of dandruff with Cutirura Ointment. Follow at once by a not shampoo with Cuticura Soap, if a man; next morning if a woman. For free samples address, "Cuticura, Dept X, Boston." At druggists and by mail. Soap 25, Ointment 25 and 50.-Adv.

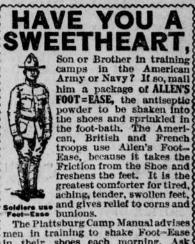
#### All the Modern Improvements. "Have you a fireless cooker at your

home?"

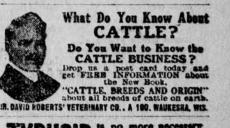
"Worse than that. We've got fireless furnace now."

Always sure to please, Red Cross Ball Blue. All grocers sell it. Adv.

When you don't know, find out. Don't guess.



The Plattsburg camp Manual advises men in training to shake Foot-Ease in their shoes each morning. Ask your dealer to-day for a 25c, box of Allen's Foot-Ease, and for a 2c, stamp he will mail it for you. What remem-brance could be so acceptable?



TYPHOID Is no more accessive than Small pox, Amy experience has demonstrated the almost minaculous effi-tacry, and harmlessness, of Antizyhold Vaccination. Be vaccinated NOW by your physician, you and your family. It is more vital than house insurance. Ask your physician, druggist, or send for "lave you had Typhoid" telling of Typhoid Vaccination. Producing Vaccines and Sorums under U. S. License The Cutter Laboratory, Berkeley, Gal., Chicaga, 11h

# state Commerce commission.

says: "With all the respect and admiration with which we treat a commander, we feel that Von Hindenburg's interven-tion in politics is the most serious thing that has happened, as yet, for the fatherland. He is encouraging the pan-