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Lumber Dealers and Brick Making Plants Laying Off Men Waiting Demand for Material.

BULLETIN.
CHICAGO, April 17.—A definite move in the direction of settling the big Building Trades strike here was expected before morning. John A. Metz, president of the Carpenters' union, said he would offer arbitration to the contractors independent of the other trades.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Lumber dealers of Chicago began laying off teamsters and laborers today as a result of the industrial war that broke out openly yesterday between building trades unions and their employers. Brick yards in Chicago and surrounding territory also gave evidence of an approaching cessation of work when announcements were posted that hundreds of employees of those establishments would have to be taken off the pay rolls until the demand for building materials is resumed.

Dealers Discharge Employees.
The Lumber Dealers' association announced that 5,000 men would be discharged pending a settlement of the strikes and lockouts. These men have had no part in the negotiations between the Building Contractors' Employers' association and the union forces which refused to bind themselves to a three-year contract designed to prevent sympathetic strikes and their attending evils.

It was said that there was no close combination between the Carpenters' union and the sheet metal workers, painters and lathers' organizations, officials of which refused to sign the three-year agreement.

Supposed German Spy Remanded

LONDON, April 17.—Ludwig Paul Selbach, claiming to be an American citizen, was remanded to custody in London today on the charge of being an alien enemy, who had failed to register himself in accordance with the British regulations.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—State department officials said today a search of their files for the last two years failed to show any record of a passport issued to Ludwig Paul Selbach.

Three Killed by Explosion in Mine

RODEFIELD, W. Va., April 17.—Three men were killed in a mine of the Davy Pochontas Coal company near here today when a pocket of gas was exploded by a shot. Only six of the 300 miners usually employed in the pit had gone to work. The explosion killed three. The other three made their way to the surface.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity For Sunday—Unsettled and cooler.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	61
6 a. m.	60
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	58
9 a. m.	57
10 a. m.	56
11 a. m.	55
12 m.	54
1 p. m.	53
2 p. m.	52
3 p. m.	51

Local Weather Record.
1915, 1914, 1913, 1912.
Lowest last night..... 50
Precipitation..... .00 .00 .00 T
Normal temperature for today, 51 degrees.
Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, '15 of an inch..... .11
Deficiency corresponding period, 1914, 1.11 inches.

ON BOARD THE FALABA JUST BEFORE THE TORPEDO was fired by the German submarine. Passengers wearing their life-belts waiting to be taken off by the boats. The survivors speak highly of the perfect order which prevailed on board.



ARBOR DAY TO BE NEXT THURSDAY

Great Tree Planting Day of the Nation Founded by a Nebraskan Years Ago.
TO PLANT A MILLION TREES
He that planteth a tree is the servant of God. He provideth a kindness for many generations. And faces that he hath not seen shall bless him.

Instituted by J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska pioneer, this most useful and practical of all our holidays has spread all over the country, until now it is observed in every state. And it is a matter of great pride to Nebraskans that a citizen of this state originated the idea. Arbor day is often referred to as "Nebraska's gift to the states of the union."

Need of Trees.
As early as 1864 G. P. Marsh of Vermont, our representative at the courts of Italy and Turkey, pointed out the absolute need of forests in this country and their great influence on climate and rainfall. "In Europe the forests are regarded as the most valuable crop," he said.

It was a great movement to be started in a state where there were hardly any trees and on whose soil spotted and high-browed scientists solemnly declared trees would not grow.

The first Arbor day to be officially proclaimed by an executive was that of 1874, when Governor Robert W. Furness named the third Wednesday in April of that year to be Arbor day. The day was proclaimed annually in Nebraska after that, until 1898, when the legislature passed an act designating April 22, Mr. Morton's birthday, to be Arbor day and made it a legal holiday each year.

FARM STUFF RATES HIGHER

Charges Already Greater Than for Carrying Other Commodities.
JUDGE HELM IS WITNESS
CHICAGO, April 17.—A general outline of the objections to the proposed advance of 1 cent per 100 pounds in grain rates was made today by Judge A. E. Helm of the Kansas Railway commission, and counsel for the western state commissions which are opposing the increase in freight tariffs sought by forty-one western railroad systems.

In the preliminary statement before William Daniels, Interstate Commerce commissioner, Judge Helm said: "The proposed advance in rates on grain and grain products and on live stock affects the interests of the farmers of the west more than any other class."

"It will be shown to the commission that the early averages of the production of wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley in the United States is about one-third of the entire production of these crops in the world; that the gross tonnage produced per mile of road and the relative proportion of the products of agriculture handled by the carriers in the east; that the present rate on the grain products are higher than average of rates on all tonnage, while the operating ratio of cost to revenue is lower than upon almost any class of carload freight; that the present and proposed rates on grain and grain products in the west are much higher than the rates for similar distances in eastern territory."

"We shall show that the products herein involved now sustain more than their full share of the burdens of transportation and that any addition to these charges will be unjust to the farmers of the west."

W. M. Hopkins, a traffic expert employed by the national council, Farmers' Co-operative association, with which 250,000 farmers are affiliated, was called to the stand. He said that his opinion that grain rates should not be advanced was based on two general propositions. "First, said Mr. Hopkins, 'grain is not economically handled by the carriers. There are methods of handling which would save for the shippers possibly more than the proposed advance would not them.'"

TURKISH CAMP OFF ENOS IS SHELLED

Warships of Allies Resume Operations on Sultan's Defenses Along the Dardanelles.
WILL OCCUPY MYTELENE ISLE
LONDON, April 17.—Cabling from Mytelene, island of Lesbos, under date of Thursday, April 15, a correspondent of the Times says that on Wednesday and Thursday the weather in the Dardanelles was favorable for operations.

It is reported here from the island of Imbros that ten battleships recently approached the port of Enos, on the north side of the Gulf of Saros. Two of them entered the bay and shelled and destroyed a Turkish camp. The long-talked-of occupation by the allies of the Mytelene island was said to be imminent. Spotted typhus has reached here, two cases already having been reported.

Massacre of Christians Expected.
OTABRIE, Persia, April 16.—(Via Petrograd, April 17.)—Engagements between Armenians and Kurds are frequent in the vicinity of Van, in Turkish Armenia, according to reliable information reaching Trablis, and a general massacre of Christians is expected in the province of Bashkalah. The Armenians of Van are hurriedly trying to raise volunteers in Azerbaijan province, Persia, to help them against the Turks and Kurds.

After several stubborn engagements between Russians and Turks to the north of Dilman, in Persia, the Turks retreated to the south of Dilman. The Turks are reported to have retreated from the district of the Choruk river.

There is said to be growing hostility between the Turks and Kurds, the former deprecating the inhumanity of the latter. Turkish officers are protesting against the countenance by higher Turkish officers of the outrages committed by the Kurds. There are several instances of Turkish soldiers having lynched Kurds guilty of unusual atrocities.

DIVER ENTANGLED IN LINES RUNNING DOWN TO THE F-4

Rescue Worker Unable to Come to Surface and Another Man Sent Down to Help Bring Him Up.

ACCIDENT LATE IN THE DAY
Plunger Can't Get Away from Cable, According to Reports Reaching Honolulu.

PHYSICIANS ARE OFF TO SCENE
HONOLULU, April 17.—One of the divers working on the submarine F-4, submerged outside the harbor since March 25, became entangled late today by one of the lines attached to the submarine and is unable to return to the surface, according to reports received here. Another diver has been lowered to make an effort to rescue him and two physicians from the cruiser Maryland have been hurried to the scene.

German Paper Says Duke Nicholas Is Shot by Siever

BERLIN, April 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The General Anzeiger of Dulsburg, Rhenish Prussia, says it learns "from an absolutely unimpeachable source" that the reported sickness of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, was due to a shot in the abdomen fired by the late General Baron Siever of the defeated Russian Tenth Army.

The General Anzeiger says that General Sievers was summoned by the grand duke to explain the defeat of the Russian Tenth army. A heated colloquy took place, the newspaper says, and the grand duke gave General Sievers a box on the ear. The latter thereupon drew a revolver and wounded the grand duke, subsequently turning the weapon upon himself.

Indian Office Says British Defeated the Turk in Mesopotamia

LONDON, April 17.—The British Indian troops have inflicted another defeat on the Turks in the vicinity of Shaiba, Mesopotamia, although at considerable loss to themselves. Their casualties were about 700. This announcement was made by the Indian office in a report issued tonight.

The report says that after clearing the Turks out of their positions north and west of Shaiba last Tuesday the British on Wednesday continued their offensive in the direction of Zober, four miles south of the Shaiba fort.

"Here," says the report, "the enemy, whose strength is estimated as at least 15,000, including six regular battalions, with six guns, had occupied a series of well-concealed trenches, from which they were able to direct a heavy rifle and machine gun fire on our advanced troops.

CRUISER ORDERED TO TURTLE BAY

Commander Irwin of the New Orleans Instructed to Report on Activity of Jap Ships.

VESSEL IS DUE THERE TODAY
WASHINGTON, April 17.—Admiral Howard, commanding the Pacific fleet off the west coast of Mexico, reported to the Navy department today that he had ordered Commander Noble E. Irwin, on the cruiser New Orleans, to proceed at once to Turtle Bay, Lower California, and report on the activities of Japanese naval forces there.

The New Orleans was due to reach Turtle Bay today and Commander Irwin is expected to report the result of his inquiry by wireless.

Berlin Says Aerial Bombs Sink British Patrolling Vessels

BERLIN, April 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Included in the items given out today by the Overseas News agency is the following: "Private telegrams received here from England by way of Holland, say serious damage was done by the Zeppelins which recently flew over England. Bombs from the airships killed or wounded the officers and crew of patrol boats protecting ship yards, a fact which indicates that the bombs fell near the docks. The British censor prevented transmission of further details.

British Army to Buy Eighty Thousand Mules in Nebraska

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 17.—Orders for 80,000 mules for use in the British army have been placed with local live stock dealers by agents of the British government, according to announcements made today. The orders are for delivery covering the next six months.

Two Men Found Guilty in the Riot Cases at Boulder

BOULDER, Colo., April 17.—The jury in the case growing out of the disorders at the Hecla mine during the coal miners' strike returned a verdict today. William Knowles was found guilty of assault to murder. Dan Griffith was convicted of assault and Gus Brack and Arthur Spowley were acquitted. The jury had deliberated since 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

General Herrera Killed by Horse

LAREDO, Tex., April 17.—General Maclovin Herrera, Carranza commander, operating near here, has been killed by a kick from his horse and his body has been brought to Nuevo Laredo, the Mexican town opposite here, according to reports here today.

Later in Nuevo Laredo the death of Herrera was confirmed. The body, which authentic sources declared was that of Herrera, was closely guarded. Jesus Herrera, father of the general, lives in El Paso, Tex., and has been notified of his son's death. It was said here today.

AIR OPERATIONS BECOME CENTER OF WAR INTEREST

Each Side Insists that It Inflicted Real Damage On Other and that It Was Punished but Little in Return.

BRITONS EXPECTING ZEPPELINS
Weather Conditions Seem to Have Halted Operations in the Carpathian Mountains.

ACTIVITY IN THE DARDANELLES
PRUSSIAN NEWSPAPER says Grand Duke Nicholas, Russian commander-in-chief, has been shot in the abdomen by General Baron Sievers, commander of the Russian Tenth army, which was defeated and driven from east Prussia last February. The general is said to have committed suicide.

FRENCH MINISTRY OF MARINE announces further naval operations against the Turkish forces which proceeded against Egypt. **GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR**—at least so far as concerns the number of men engaged—is being fought in the Carpathians along the 115-mile front from Bartfeld, in northern Hungary, to Strig, in eastern Galicia, north of London. Dispatches from London yesterday said the aeroplane approached no nearer than thirty miles from the city.

PARIS DISPATCH from Rome says the Italian army has captured the Italian capital. Austria will attack Italy should that country's determination to enter the war become evident. **ENGLAND IS EXPECTING** another raid by German airships following three attacks in rapid succession. The German aerial attack yesterday on Amiens, France, resulted in the killing of seven persons and the wounding of eight.

LONDON, April 17.—The allies on one side and Germany on the other, are today taking inventories of the injuries inflicted by the recent aerial operations, and with the usual contradictory results. The statements claim that their assaults from the air have resulted in the destruction of military transport and equipment, while the defenders report that the only tangible effects of these operations have been casualties to civilians and slight damage to property.

The people of England, under the influence of their recent experiences, are today looking for repetition of an aerial attack from German Zeppelin or Taube machines. Up to noon no fresh occurrence had been reported. **Halt in Carpathians.** Weather conditions seem to be the cause of the present halt in the operations in the Carpathian mountains. A correspondent of the Associated Press with the Austrian forces reviewing the situation, declares that the Russian offensive was checked after debouching on the plains on the Hungarian side of Lupkow pass and straightening out the Austrian wedge which had been driven into the Russian line near Uzok pass. The claim is made that the Russians suffered fearful losses in making their supreme effort to gain the Hungarian plains, the casualties being particularly heavy among the non-combatant officers of crack regiments. In any event it is the opinion of British observers that whatever else may be retarding the Russians, flooded streams and impassable roads in the Carpathians are ample proof for the present delay.

Activity in Dardanelles. With news of the resumption of activity by the allied fleet off the Dardanelles comes a report that the Grecian press is giving the impression of a possible modification of the present policy of Greece. The British colonial office has issued an official report claiming victory for an invading British Indian force over the Turkish in Mesopotamia. On the western front signs are growing that the Germans may anticipate the long predicted allied general offensive, but actual operations seem to have relapsed into the status of midwinter quiet.

Seven Killed in Amiens. **AMIENS, France, April 17.**—Seven persons were killed and eight wounded by bombs dropped by two German aeroplanes which flew over this city yesterday, one in the morning and one in the evening. The cathedral, apparently, was the target of the missiles, but it was not damaged. The first aircraft appeared at 6:45 a. m. and dropped five bombs. The explosions of the projectiles were fatal to four women and two men, while seven other persons were wounded, including two soldiers guarding the railroad station. The property value was trivial. The second aeroplane appeared over the city at 5 p. m. One of the bombs dropped from it demolished a house, decapitating a woman seated in the parlor, and injuring another woman.

John Bunny is On Way to Recovery

NEW YORK, April 17.—John Bunny, the moving picture comedian, who has been ill for more than three weeks, was said today to have passed the crisis of his illness and to be on the way to recovery.

Aviator Drops Twelve Bombs Into Strassburg

AMSTERDAM, Holland, April 17.—(Via London.)—A hostile airship at 1:30 this morning, dropped twelve bombs on the city of Strassburg, capital of Alsace Lorraine. Searchlights showed it disappearing in a northerly direction, under bombardment of anti-aircraft guns. Two persons in Strassburg were slightly wounded, otherwise no damage was done by the bombs from the airship.

Irishman Wanted to Blow Cudahy Plant Up Crack at Britain

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 17.—John Mulvihill, held by the police in Kansas City, Kas., in connection with the wrecking of the cooling plant of the Cudahy Packing company last Sunday night, denied he was on his way to dynamite another part of the plant at the time of his arrest, according to a statement made to the police today.

German Shells Fall Into Switzerland

DELEMONT, Switzerland (Via Paris), April 17.—German shells fell on Swiss territory Tuesday for the third time since the outbreak of the war, says the newspaper Democrat. The Germans were trying to destroy a French observation post at Pitterhausen, but the gunners' aim was bad and the projectiles overshot their target, dropping around the town of Burschegg.

Ship Goes Ashore, Chased by Subsea

LONDON, April 17.—The steamer Eglantine of Newcastle, west around yesterday at Filey, on the North Sea, in the county of York, while being chased and endeavoring to escape from a German submarine. The crew of the steamer was saved.

Irrigation Dam Goes Near Roswell; Part of City Is Flooded

ROSWELL, N. M., April 17.—A part of the diversion dam of the Kondo reservoir, a government irrigation project near here, gave way today, following heavy rains in the mountains. Portions of Roswell and the surrounding country were flooded and residents of low lying sections fled for their lives. The property damage is considerable, but no loss of life was reported.

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