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BRITISH ARMIES AT ARRAS GATES IN GREAT DRIVE

English Push Lines Within Five Miles of City in Face of Heavy Storm and Fierce Resistance.

OVER 100 GUNS ARE TAKEN

Further Important Gains Made Along the Vimy Ridge, Says Official Report.

FARBUS WOOD IS CLEARED

Berlin (Via London), April 10.—The evening official communication says:

"British attacks delivered after strong artillery fire on the southern bank of the Scarpe failed. On the Aisne from the lively artillery duel continues."

London, April 10.—In the face of heavy snowstorms and in places strong resistance by the Germans, the British have pushed their lines as far as Monchy-Le-Prex, five miles east of Arras, and made further important gains on Vimy ridge.

The official statement from British headquarters describing the operations now in progress on the Arras-Lens line reports the capture up to this evening of 11,000 prisoners, including 235 officers, more than 100 guns, including heavy guns up to eight inches; sixty trench mortars and 163 machine guns.

Text of Report.

"Our operations have been continued energetically today in spite of heavy snowstorms and generally unfavorable weather. We have reached the outskirts of Monchy-Le-Prex, five miles east of Arras, and have cleared Farbus wood.

"Hard fighting took place again this afternoon on the northern end of Vimy Ridge in which we gained further important positions and took a number of prisoners and machine guns.

"In the direction of Cambrai we advanced our line north of the village of Louverai. Such counter attacks as the enemy attempted at different points along our front met with no success.

Take Over Hundred Guns.

"The number of prisoners taken since the opening of our attack yesterday morning now exceeds 11,000, including 235 officers. We also captured over 100 guns among them a number of heavy guns up to eight inches caliber, sixty trench mortars and 163 machine guns.

"Our airplanes performed valuable work yesterday in co-operation with our infantry and in a number of cases inflicted casualties with machine gun fire on hostile reinforcements. Bombing expeditions also were carried out in which a number of hits were obtained upon a large railway station utilized by the enemy.

"As a result of the air fighting, three German airships were destroyed and four others were fought down. One of our machines is missing."

Eastern Slope Cleared.

Heavy fighting took place last night on the northern end of the Vimy ridge, from which the Germans were driven. The eastern slope was also cleared.

Near St. Quentin the Germans have been driven from the high ground between Le Verquier and Hargicourt.

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THIRTY MORE SIGN UP WITH UNCLE SAM

Age Limit Extended for Army Recruits and Minor Physical Defects Waived.

ENLIST FOR HOME SERVICE

OMAHA'S MUSTER ROLL.	Today.	Total.
Army	16	225
National Guard	3	201
Navy	10	124
Marine Corps	1	12
Total since the call		562

Although navy recruiters worked until 1 a. m. Tuesday morning, and recruiters for all branches of the service had rolled up a total of enlistments that broke all records for a single day here, they were on the job again, bright and early Tuesday morning, and started enlisting men so fast that a still bigger record may be established by night.

On top of the grand total of eighty-six secured Monday in the various branches, thirty more were enlisted before noon Tuesday, and many more "rookies" were waiting their turn to be examined and sworn in at the army and navy stations.

National Guard recruiting was slack. Evidently the desire of the government authorities to boost the army and navy recruiting now, instead of the guard recruiting, is being reflected here. By far the great majority of recruits now are entering the regular branches, instead of the guard.

However, as the guard here draws only from Omaha and closely adjoining territory, while the army and navy draws from all of Nebraska and South Dakota and part of Iowa, the showing made by the Omaha battalion of the guard is considered splendid.

Citizen Recruits Six.

At his own expense a citizen of Crofton is sending six navy recruits to Omaha, according to a phone message received Tuesday morning by Lieutenant Waddell. The patriotic citizen refused to give his name, and said he was just "doing his bit" in that way, because he was too old to enlist himself. He wanted to do his part by enlisting himself, as no canvassing party visited his town.

Two more recruits were reported coming from Sioux City to join the navy here. Other points are also sending in men, as the result of the patriotic rallies and the efforts of traveling recruiting parties.

Results are also expected soon from canvassing parties of army recruiters, who began their special work Monday in Nebraska and Iowa.

Age Limit Extended.

The age limit of 35 years, in the army, has been extended to 40 years by orders from headquarters, which also instructed that from now on, certain minor physical defects should be waived, in order to get more fighting men.

Army applicants, who desire to enlist for the duration of the war, instead of for three years, are being advised that under the present regulations they can arrange for transfer to the reserve after one year, if the war is over. They also can enlist with the restriction that they shall serve only within the United States, if they are opposed to going abroad to fight.

Army Bill Will Abolish Brigadier General Rank

Washington, April 9.—The rank of brigadier general in the regular army of the United States is abolished by a provision of the army appropriation bill taken up today by the senate. All general officers after its enactment would have no less rank than that of major general. About thirty brigadier generals now in active service would become major generals. Committee members said the change was made in conformity with modern military practice abroad. The chief of staff is given the rank of general and precedence over all other army officers.

Discourage Rail Workers From Enlisting for War

Chicago, April 9.—At a meeting of the presidents of the railroads entering Chicago today it was decided not to encourage enlistment of employees for war service at this time. With the prospect of heavy movement of munitions and supplies it was felt that the need of experienced employees to the railroad was greater than the need of recruits to the government, for the present, at least.

In discussing the relation of the railroads to war, it was pointed out that England had called back men from the front because they were needed to run the railroads.

BRAZIL BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

Switzerland Will Take Charge of South American Country's Interests at Kaiser's Capital.

THIS REPORT CONFIRMED

Big South American Nation Suspends Diplomatic Relations With Kaiser.

SWISS TO ACT FOR BRAZIL

London, April 10.—Diplomatic relations between Brazil and Germany have been broken off, according to the Evening News.

Rio Janeiro, April 10.—Switzerland will take charge of Brazilian interests at Berlin.

The minister of marine has received from the commander of the Brazilian destroyer Alagoas, which is stationed at Desterro, a report that signals are being exchanged by means of lights and wireless between Germans on the coast and ships cruising in Brazilian waters. The minister will transmit this report to President Braz.

Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, April 10.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro received by a newspaper here today, says that the Brazilian government has decided to break relations with Germany.

Prominent Young People Figure in Double Wedding

Surprising even their families and closest friends, R. P. Hamilton, jr., and Miss Mary Jane Stroud, and Guy Eldridge and Miss Elsie Pjerron, well known young Omaha people, were the principals in a double wedding Monday afternoon, which has just come to light. The mother of one of the brides was notified just before the wedding took place, while other relatives were advised of the sudden nuptials by telegraph after the honeymoon had started.

After a western trip the young couples will occupy the same house at 5103 Davenport street. Mr. Hamilton and Miss Stroud had originally planned to be married the coming September, but Sunday they decided on the double wedding with the other young folks. Rev. Oliver D. Balty performed the double ceremony at the Komtze Memorial church.

Mr. Hamilton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hamilton, and his bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stroud.

Miss Pjerron is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Pjerron.

Two Elevators at Minneapolis Burn; Loss is \$500,000

Minneapolis, April 10.—Two grain elevators were destroyed by fires believed to have been of incendiary origin here early today. The total loss will be nearly \$500,000, it was estimated, fully insured. National Guardsmen patrolling the district reported that in both instances several explosions were heard in the structures before the flames were discovered.

Aviator Who Brought 'Down Zeppelin Missing'

London, April 10.—The Evening News says that Lieutenant William Lee Robinson, the first aviator to bring down a Zeppelin in England, is reported missing.

Lieutenant Robinson earned the Victoria Cross and became a popular hero in England last September by shooting down a Zeppelin at a height of 10,000 feet. The Zeppelin, which was taking part in an attack on the London area, was brought down in flames at Cuffley. The lieutenant is 21 years old.

Martial Law Declared Throughout Guatemala

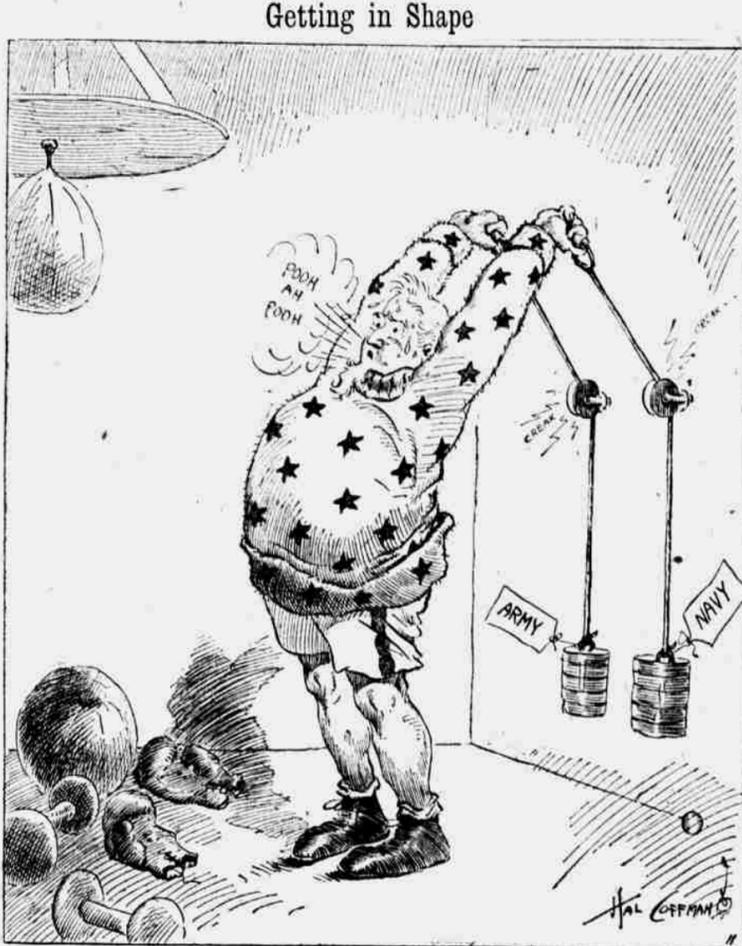
Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 9.—Martial law has been declared in Guatemala. The action was taken on information of disturbances along the Mexican and Salvadorean frontiers, supposed to have been created with German assistance.

Would Stop Making Liquor from Foodstuffs

Leeds, England, April 10.—At the conference here of the independent labor party a resolution was unanimously adopted calling on the government to prohibit absolutely the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors during the war.

Congressman from North Dakota Dies

Washington, April 10.—Representative Henry T. Helgesen of North Dakota, republican, and member of congress since 1911, died here today after an operation for appendicitis.



WAR COMES FIRST; SUFFRAGE AFTER

Mrs. Minnie Boyer Davis Favors Letting the Question Wait.

SEND SONS TO THE FRONT

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—Postponement of the fight for equal suffrage until after the present war is advocated by some of the leaders of the suffrage movement, who believe there are greater matters to be met than giving the women a chance to vote.

Mrs. Minnie Boyer Davis has a son who saw service on the border and is now ready to go to the front in any emergency which may arise.

"I believe that the women of the country should drop everything else and give all their energies to assisting the president in bringing about a successful termination of the war if we enter it," said Mrs. Davis today.

"We who are mothers have a great duty to perform in giving our sons to defend the honor of our flag and the country on land and sea, and those who are not can do a most noble work in assisting in instilling in the minds of others their duty to their country."

"I have not lessened one whit in my zeal for equal suffrage, but we are facing something of more moment, and every patriotic woman should forget for the time the lesser things, no matter how dear to their hearts they may be, and rally to the more and all important matter, so dear to every American woman, the success of our boys on land and sea and the honor of our grand and noble flag."

Chile Will Be Neutral, It Tells United States

Santiago, Chile, April 10.—In reply to notes from the United States and Cuba regarding the existence of a state of war with Germany, the Chilean government sent word today that it would observe strict neutrality.

AMERICAN BOAT NEW YORK STRIKES MINE

Big Ship Is Damaged by External Explosion Five Miles of Liverpool Bay.

NONE OF CREW INJURED

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, April 10.—The American liner New York struck a mine at 7:40 p. m. last night five miles off Liverpool Bay. No casualties were reported. The vessel later proceeded to Liverpool.

Consul Washington at Liverpool, reporting the incident to the State department today, said:

"The American liner New York struck a mine, 7:40 p. m. last night, five miles off Liverpool Bay. Company reports passengers landed at Liverpool except four, who are still on the ship. No casualties. Vessel proceeded under own steam and is now (1 o'clock this morning) entering its dock."

Fifty-eight Passengers.

New York, April 10.—The American line steamship New York left this port on March 29 for Liverpool with fifty-eight passengers and mail. The passengers included seven American citizens. It carried a naval crew of gunners and was armed. The ship's crew of 234 men included 144 Americans.

The American citizens who were passengers on the New York, with their addresses given when passage was secured, were:

John M. Curtis, Mrs. Maude Augusta Dowling and R. H. Gamble, New York City; Archer G. Jones and Mrs. Jones, Richmond, Va.; Charles F. Gale and Captain Lawrie, Elizabeth, N. J.

The New York is commanded by Captain W. J. Roberts. The gun crew was in charge of a naval lieutenant. The vessel, of 10,798 tons gross, was the third American passenger ship to leave armed from a United States port.

The New York docked safely at Liverpool at 1 p. m. (English time) and all passengers are safe, according to a cablegram received here today.

PLAY BASE BALL TODAY IN MAJORS

National Game Opens in Seven of the Sixteen Big League Cities.

SNOW ON BOSTON FIELD

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

New York, April 10.—Preceded by a forecast of generally fair weather, but low temperatures, the major league baseball season will be formally opened tomorrow in seven of the sixteen cities composing the National and American league circuits.

In the National league Pittsburgh will play at Chicago, St. Louis at Cincinnati and Philadelphia at Brooklyn. The opening game at Boston with New York has been declared off because of the grounds are covered with snow.

On the American circuit Chicago will open at St. Louis, Cleveland at Detroit, Washington at Philadelphia and Boston at New York.

The league executives and club owners are loath to predict the effect of the present international complication upon the national game. In a general way they believe that baseball is facing a fairly prosperous season, but expect the receipts and attendance to fall below estimates made before the developments of the past few weeks. Precedents upon which to make calculations in the present situation are few.

During the Spanish-American war baseball experienced little, if any, setback. Last summer the International league clubs in Canada enjoyed marked prosperity notwithstanding that a large proportion of young Canadians were in or training for the trenches.

Unusually close races are expected in both leagues. The clubs of both organizations have been strengthened to a point where at least six teams in each circuit are considered real permanent contenders.

War Museums in England Filled With the War Relics

London, March 20.—Local war museums are being set up in cities and towns of England. They are to be filled with records and relics of the great war which are to tell the people of a future age of the deeds of the men of their own localities. There is a plan afoot for a central museum to be established in the Tower of London. In it the evidence of the war in London, from the flags of the flag days to the fragments of fallen Zeppelins, will be put on record.

White Sox Return Hartford to Des Moines

Chicago, April 10.—Bruce Hartford, shortstop obtained by the Chicago Americans from Des Moines of the Western league, has been released to Des Moines. The Chicago club retained no strings on the player.

British Make More Gains Above Bagdad

London, April 10.—The British have made a further advance north of Bagdad, the war office announces. They have captured the Balad station on the Bagdad-Samarrah railway and the town of Herbe.

MOST OF SCORES OF BLAST VICTIMS ARE GIRL TOILERS

Two Hundred or More Injured When Big Shell Plant at Eddystone, Pennsylvania, Blown Up.

TWO ARRESTS ARE MADE

Victims Are at Work Loading Shrapnel and Making Time Fuses for Russia.

HOSPITALS ARE FILLED

Chester, Pa., April 10.—At least 100 persons, mostly girls, were killed and 200 or more injured by an explosion today in the great munitions plant at Eddystone, Pa., near here, owned by the Russian government. There is a suspicion that the blast was not due to accident.

Basil Green, a Russian inspector in the billet department, who was injured, said there was no powder in the loading room and no fire. "I was standing near one of the tables, when from under the door of the loading room there came a bright glare. Then instantly another bright light and everybody fell to the floor. There were nothing but cases of empty shells in the loading room. There was a heavy iron door between the loading room and the billet room and with the first glare the door was blown off and then came the second burst of light, just as I turned to see what caused it. It was awful. Men and women were falling all around me. I tried to help, but was too badly hurt."

Two Are Arrested.

There is an unconfirmed rumor of two arrests. Officials said the damage to the plant was not serious and that work would be resumed tomorrow in most departments.

At one undertaker's establishment there were eighty bodies, seventy-nine being those of girls.

Thousands of girls were employed at the plant, most of them coming from Philadelphia, ten miles away. They were attracted by the wages paid.

Explosion in Pellet Room.

The first explosion occurred soon after 10 o'clock in the pellet room of the shrapnel building, where about 100 girls were putting the finishing touches on shells. In a building adjoining approximately 30,000 shells were stored. A second explosion demolished this structure.

The ruins caught fire, but the firemen, called from surrounding towns extinguished the fire after two hours' work. Meanwhile charred bodies were being pulled from the wreckage and injured persons taken to Chester, a mile away. The two main hospitals of the city were soon filled and others injured were taken to an armory and to a frame tabernacle recently erected here for religious services.

Employs Ten Thousand.

The plant was originally constructed soon after the European war started by Baldwin Locomotive interests. Recently it was taken over by the Russian government, which has been employing 10,000 workers.

The place has been thoroughly guarded night and day and after dark immense searchlights made every portion of the grounds as light as day. In addition secret service men and detectives worked in the plant disguised as munition makers. There have been whisperings of a plot to destroy the plant.

Two Germans Are Refused Final Papers by Court

Mitchell, S. D., April 10.—Josef Cermak and William Germscheid, Germans, this morning were refused final citizenship papers by Judge Frank B. Smith at the opening of the Davison county court here today. The existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany and the law prohibiting the naturalization of an alien enemy were given as the basis of the refusal.

Final outcome of the case will hinge upon a test case now being tried in St. Paul to determine whether the law affects the issuance of the first or final naturalization papers, it is said, as Germany and America were at peace when the original proceedings were begun.

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Cloudy; warmer.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hour.	Ther.
4 a. m.	48
6 a. m.	46
8 a. m.	44
10 a. m.	41
12 m.	39
2 p. m.	37
4 p. m.	35
6 p. m.	33
8 p. m.	31
10 p. m.	29
12 m.	27
2 p. m.	25
4 p. m.	23
6 p. m.	21
8 p. m.	19
10 p. m.	17
12 m.	15
2 p. m.	13
4 p. m.	11
6 p. m.	9
8 p. m.	7
10 p. m.	5
12 m.	3

Comparative Local Record.

1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	58	51	70
Lowest yesterday	46	35	44
Mean yesterday	41	37	52
Pre-1917 record	84	69	82

Temperatures and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	44
Excess for the day	14
Total excess since March 1	44
Normal precipitation	19 inch
Deficiency for the day	10 inch
Total deficiency since March 1	60 inch
Normal rainfall since March 1	2.00 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.13 inches
Deficiency for year period, 1916, 1.73 inches	
Deficiency for year period, 1915, 2.48 inches	

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Low.	Rain.
Cheyanne, Wyo.	50	55	45	.16
Denver, Colo.	50	54	40	.00
Des Moines, Ia.	42	50	30	.00
Omaha, Neb.	48	54	30	.00
St. Paul, Minn.	42	50	30	.00
Sioux Falls, S. D.	42	50	30	.00
Wichita, Kan.	42	50	30	.00

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