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CONGRESS TO LIMIT ACTION TO WAR MEASURES

FRENCH DEFEAT 250,000 FRESH GERMAN TROOPS

Twelve New Divisions Formed to Save Teuton Lines Routed in Terrific Assault North of Aisne.

STRONGHOLD IS TAKEN
Great Wedge Driven Three Miles Into Enemy Line in the Champagne.

BRITONS AWAITING TURN

BULLETIN.
Paris, April 19.—Steady gains by the French are reported in the official communication issued by the war office tonight in the continuation of the drive against the southern end of the Hindenburg line. The most important advance was made to the northwest of Auberive, where the French carried a strong system of German trenches over an extent of about a mile and a quarter.

Germany has thrown nearly a quarter of a million fresh troops into the fray on the sixty-mile sector of the western front between Soissons and Auberive and still is unable to check the French advance.

Both north of the Aisne and in the Champagne General Nivelle's forces are pressing forward. The last stronghold of the Germans on the Aisne was taken with the capture of the Vailly bridgehead yesterday, and their wavering lines continued last night to be pushed rapidly northward.

From Chavonne, on the Aisne, the French have driven more than three miles north of the river despite desperate resistance by Von Hindenburg's reinforced armies.

In the Champagne the French have driven a great wedge more than three miles deep into the German lines between Rheims and Auberive, and last night's attacks netted General Nivelle's men several important heights in the Moronvillers region.

Meanwhile the British are quiet, so far as the official accounts show, awaiting their turn to strike the other flank of the Von Hindenburg line.

The French have so far taken more than 17,000 prisoners in their offensive. At last accounts the British had taken in excess of 14,000.

The French also have captured nearly 100 guns.

French Official Report.
Paris, April 19.—The Germans threw twelve new divisions against the French north of Soissons and Auberive last night. The war office announces that they were unable to check the successful offensive of the French.

The French continued to make progress north of Vailly and Ostel, notwithstanding violent German attacks. The successes of the French in the Champagne were followed by further advances in the region of Moronvillers. Several important heights and strong positions were taken.

Two more batteries of German artillery were captured on the front between Soissons and Auberive.

Twelve German divisions at war strength constitute a force of about 226,000 men.

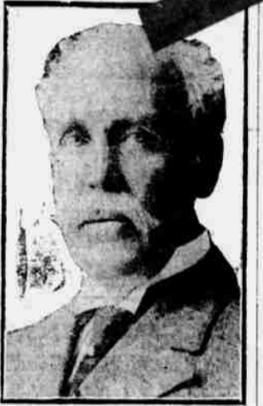
German Official Report.

Berlin, April 19.—(Via London.)—The battle in the Champagne, northwest of Auberive, yesterday continued into the night, says today's official announcement. This morning the fighting increased in intensity as a result of the introduction of fresh forces.

Near Ville-Aux-Bois, the statement says, "the forest position became unsuitable to us and we established ourselves in a rearward line."

A local French attack near Brayenne-Lannois succeeded, the statement says, but assaults on the elevated front along the Chemin-Des-Dames and near Craonne failed.

LEADING OMAHA ATTORNEY DROPS DEAD



T. J. MAHONEY DIES IN WASHINGTON

Omaha Barrister Succumbs to Attack in Lobby of United State Senate Chamber.

WAS MOST WIDELY KNOWN

Timothy J. Mahoney, one of the most prominent members of the Omaha bar and widely known throughout the middle west as an attorney, dropped dead in senate visitor's gallery at Washington yesterday.

The dispatch from Washington said that he died of heart disease.

Mr. Mahoney left Omaha the first of the month for a winter resort on the Virginia coast, where he went for a rest. He was on his way home at the time of his sudden death. He was expected to return to Omaha Saturday.

He is survived by his widow and two brothers, John Mahoney and Patrick Mahoney of San Francisco. There were no children.

Mr. Mahoney was born on April 17, 1857, in Crawford county, Wisconsin. When he was 7 years old his family moved to Iowa, where he received his preliminary education in the country and town schools of Clayton and Guthrie counties. Later he attended St. Joseph's college at Dubuque, Ia., and Notre Dame university at South Bend, Ind.

Studied Law in Iowa.
He afterward took a law course in the Iowa State university, graduating with the class of 1887. In the meantime, however, he had provided for his educational training by serving as county superintendent of schools of Guthrie county from 1882 till 1884. He was then but 24 years old.

After graduating from law school Mr. Mahoney moved to Omaha and started practicing here. He soon became a leader of the Omaha bar and in January, 1889, became county attorney, being re-elected and serving in that office until 1893.

In 1904 Mr. Mahoney assisted in organizing the Creighton College of Law and for a number of years was dean of the faculty. At the present time he is dean emeritus.

Mr. Mahoney was senior partner in the Omaha law firm of Mahoney & Kennedy, being associated with J. A. C. Kennedy, Yale graduate, Philip E. Horan and Guy C. Kiddo.

Had Large Interests.
In addition to his interests as a member of the bar, he was identified with several prominent business firms and corporations. He was a director of the Union Stock Yards company, the Packers' National bank and the Sheridan Coal company.

Mr. Mahoney was a member of the Catholic church and was prominently identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Mutual Benefit association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He was also well known in club circles, being a member of the Omaha Country club, the Omaha Commercial club and the Omaha Automobile club.

Mr. Mahoney was president of the Nebraska State Bar association in 1907 and 1908.

He married Miss Helene Lipps at Milwaukee, Wis., on April 17, 1893. The family home was at 312 South Thirty-seventh street.

Berlin Says No Subsea Yet On American Coast

Berlin, April 19.—(Via London.)—It is officially announced that there is no submarine as yet in the western part of the Atlantic.

The statement follows: "The Reuter telegram regarding an attack by a German submarine on the American destroyer Smith can be described only as a frivolous means of attributing to Germany the opening of hostilities. In fact no submarine is yet in the western half of the Atlantic."

Man Who Fanned 25 Batters Offers to Serve as Chaplain

Liberty, Mo., April 19.—A. C. McKinney, captain of the William Jewell baseball team, who on Monday struck out twenty-five batsmen in a game with Tarkio college, today announced he had volunteered his services to President Wilson as an army chaplain.

TENTATIVE ORDER PERMITS INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES

Interstate Commerce Commission Gives Roads Conditional Permission to Boost Tariffs Fifteen Per Cent.

EFFECTIVE FIRST OF JUNE

Shippers and Other Interested Organizations Have Chance to State Views on Action.

LOOPHOLE FOR WITHDRAW

Washington, April 19.—The Interstate Commerce commission today issued a tentative order permitting the railroads to file supplemental tariffs increasing freight rates 15 per cent, as applied for, effective June 1.

The order was made tentative so that shippers and other interested organizations might state their views upon it at a hearing beginning here tomorrow.

At the close of the hearing, should the commission deem it desirable to adopt another method in dealing with the application for a general increase, the tentative order will be withdrawn, leaving the situation as it was before the order was issued.

All commodities with the exception of bituminous coal and coke ore, upon which advances already have been made, are included in the commission's order.

The tentative order exempts terminal rates, charges and allowances, or absorptions, and rates and charges for demurrage, weighing, switching, car service diversion, reconsigning, refrigeration, icing, storage, elevation and other transit or special services.

Six Thousand Lewis Machine Guns Are Ordered by U. S.

Washington, April 19.—Emergency orders for 6,000 Lewis machine guns for the army and navy have been placed by the government, although the American-made weapon, which has been the subject of such bitter controversy, has not been adopted as the standard light machine gun for the army.

Tests of the Lewis and other light weapons will take place May 1, it was said at the department, as a result of which a final decision would be reached. The Lewis gun, once rejected by the American government, has become one of the great factors of entente armaments on the western front.

For the army 1,300 guns have been ordered, that being the limit of available funds for the purpose. Another 1,700 will be ordered as soon as additional funds are voted in the pending army appropriation act. The marine corps ordered 2,000 guns some time ago and an additional 1,000 have been ordered for the navy.

Lexington Day Spirit is Used to Aid Recruiting

Boston, Mass., April 19.—Patriots' day was observed with more than usual enthusiasm today. The principal event was the trip of a horseback rider, impersonating Paul Revere, over the route from Boston to Lexington and the outskirts of Concord, followed by the revolutionary patriot, who warned the Middlesex county farmers of the approach of the British troops in 1775.

New York, April 19.—The patriotic spirit of New York was stirred today by reminders of the battle of Lexington and the beginning of the American fight for independence. Nearly 200,000 persons took an active part in parades and meetings and other demonstrations throughout the city to celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the beginning of the revolution and to stimulate recruiting in the army and navy.

"Wake Up America day" began at midnight, ushered in by the ringing of church bells and the cheering of crowds on Broadway, while a young woman in the costume of Paul Revere rode through the street summoning the men of America to answer their country's call in the new struggle for human liberty.

Old Glory to Fly From Great Victoria Tower

London, April 19.—The American flag will fly from the great Victoria tower of the houses of parliament on Friday, this being the first time in history that any but the British flag has flown there. The sale of American flags in London has been enormous, many dealers being sold out.

Supposed Nitro Bomb Proves Holy Water

Des Moines, Ia., April 19.—(Special.)—Nick Krocos, a Croatian, aged 40 years, was arrested here a few days ago when a queer looking bottle was found on him. It was thought the bottle was nitroglycerine and that he was contemplating some act of violence. He was placed in jail while chemists analyzed the liquid. The liquid proved to be holy water.

Guardman Fatally Shot from Ambush

Trenton, N. J., April 19.—A shot fired from ambush mortally wounded Robert Price, 18 years old, a private in the New Jersey National Guards, who was on duty guarding a railroad bridge near Yardville, N. J., early today.

NEW CAPITOL FOR NEBRASKA SURE BY SOLONS' VOTE

Lower Body Adopts Conference Committee Report by Vote of Fifty-Three to Thirty-Five.

MAKE SERIES OF LEVIES

To Raise Fund of Over Three Million Dollars for the Building.

PLANS ONLY AT THIS TIME

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, April 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska will have a new state house.

The house this afternoon, after a bitter fight and a long call for members, finally adopted the conference committee's report, 53 to 35.

The bill as adopted calls for a levy of one-fourth of a mill in 1917, one-half mill in 1918 and one mill each year until the sum of \$3,500,000 is raised.

It appropriates \$10,000 for expenses of a capital commission and for drawing a sketch of the new building. It will be up to the next legislature to perfect the plans for construction of the new state house.

Fight Wages Long.

During most of the afternoon the vote stood 46 for the bill and 40 against. Two delinquent members were then brought in and it seemed victory was coming, when Bates changed from aye to no and Straub followed suit.

This put the advocates of the bill considerably in the dumps. Then the sergeant-at-arms reported he was unable to find any more of the absentees. A night session was imminent, when the members began changing from no to aye. Keegan and Jelen leading off, followed by Anderson of Boyd and Burrows, who had changed from aye to no a half hour before.

Then Straub changed back to aye and when the changes were all recorded the vote was announced as 53 ayes, 35 nays and 12 absent.

How Members Voted.
The vote was as follows:

- Ayes—Moyamensing, Anderson of Boyd, Burrows, Cleary, Craddock, Nelson, Dan, Dorey, Flansburg, Fleetwood, Paulson, Price, Fuller, Good, Harts of Greeley, Hopkins, Howard, Bunt, Hutson, Jacobson, Jelen, Johnson, Fred Johnson, Keegan, Lovely, Anderson of Phelps, Aulen, Astell, Stahl, Neal, Behrens, Cronin, Gornley, Swine, Pulte, Goodall, Gornley, Greenwald, Hoffmeister, Huestler, LaBounty, Landon, Linn, Marle of Buffalo, Knutson, Knutson, Manner, Olson, Leinar, Lignell, Lindberg, McAllister, Olla, Naylor, Nebl, Oberman, Parkinson, Regan, Reiser, Reynolds, Riechle, Soudter, Swanson, Taylor—12.
- None—None.
- Not voting—Retzmann, Reneker, Strzelka, Strzelka, Todd, Trueswell—12.

Milk Dealers Fear Shortage; Prices May Be Raised Here

Milk dealers of Omaha are concerned over the rapid rise in the cost of feed and the shortage of milk at the present time. It is stated by the dealers that it is impossible to get enough milk to supply the demand in Omaha. Out on the farms hay is \$22 to \$23 a ton and hay is being shipped out of the state by the railroad. Grain feeds run from \$45 to \$60 a ton. Up to the present time the dealers have mostly held the price of milk in Omaha to 9 cents a quart. Some few have raised to 10 cents and it is thought that the raise will be general. In Kansas City and Denver milk prices have been raised to 11 and 15 cents a quart.

U. P. Preparing to Resume Double Tracking in Wyoming

The Union Pacific is assembling forces for resuming work on double tracking the remainder of the line through Wyoming. This work is under contract and the steel for the second track bought and most of it delivered.

Considerable difficulty is expected in securing sufficient common labor to carry on the new work and it is expected that a large portion of it will be done by colored men who are being brought in from the south.

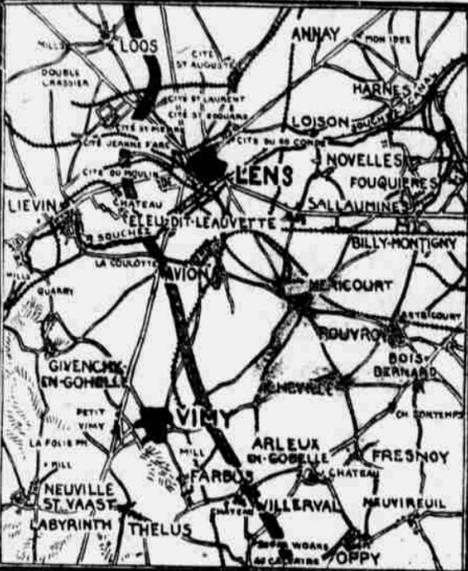
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The bomb consisted of two iron castings about ten inches in diameter, riveted together. An electric fuse had been inserted in one end and sealed up with wax.

The police are searching for two men who were seen to enter the plant late yesterday afternoon carrying a heavy package.

BRITISH CONQUEST OF LENS—Lens and La Bassée, six miles north, are the principal outworks of Lille, key to the whole German position in Flanders. The British are at the very gates of Lens.



SCALE OF MILES
RAILROADS
ROADS AND
HIGHWAYS
CANALS
BATTLELINE

Our Flag VILLA ROUTED BY DE FACTO FORCES

Troops Commanded by Rebel Leader in Person Scattered by Carranza Troops.

FIGHT FOR SEVERAL HOURS

Juarez, Mexico, April 19.—Villa forces and government troops clashed at San Miguel de Babicora Monday afternoon for the first general engagement of the campaign being made against Villa and his troops by General Francisco Murguía, according to an official message received here late today from the Chihuahua command.

One hundred Villa soldiers were reported to have been killed in action, 200 horses and saddles captured and the Villa troops routed and driven into the mountains by the cavalry in command of General Favila, the report stated. Colonel Solas, five other officers and a number of de facto soldiers were also reported killed in the engagement.

The Villa troops were commanded by Francisco Villa in person, Jose Ynez Salazar, Martin Lopez, brother of the bandit who was executed for the Santa Ysabel massacre, and other lesser chieftains.

The Villa troops rode into action, repulsing an advance guard of the Carranza forces, after which the fighting became general, according to the official statement.

After fighting fiercely for several hours, the ranks of the Villa command broke and the men rode toward the mountains in disorder with the Carranza cavalry in close pursuit. The pursuit continued until darkness.

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Rainstorm Does Some Damage to Property Here

Rain, accompanied by a high wind, did some damage to property in Omaha early last night.

Reports from throughout the state indicated a general rainstorm. Sleet was reported to have done considerable damage near Grand Island.

Several fences were blown down in the west end of Omaha.

The rain and wind lowered telephone poles and wires in the neighborhood of Forty-second and Martha streets.

All Spanish Cabinet Ministers Quit Office

Madrid (Via London), April 19.—The Spanish cabinet resigned.

MAJORITY VOTES TO HOLD SESSION TO FIGHTING PLANS

Caucus of House Democrats Decides to Eract Legislation Only Having to Do With Conflict.

WILSON INSISTS ON DRAFT

Bill to Be Reported Practically as Drawn by General Staff and Passed Promptly.

EXPERIENCE OF ENGLAND

Washington, April 19.—House democrats in caucus late today agreed that the extra session of congress should be devoted exclusively to war emergency legislation proposed by the president.

A resolution to this effect was substituted for one previously adopted after a vigorous fight, providing for consideration of the Howard bill to permit the president to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor during the war.

Debate on the administration army bill will begin in the house Monday. An agreement was reached today by house leaders and consideration of the measure is expected to last from two to three days. Majority and minority reports will be filed with the clerk of the house on Saturday. The house adjourned this afternoon until Monday.

Line Up for Draft Fight.
Friends and opponents of the administration plan for raising an army by selective draft lined up in congress today for the impending fight over the two systems.

In the house the military committee was ready to report the administration measure with amendments providing for calling volunteers in increments of 500,000 each and authorizing draft only when the president decides the volunteer plan is not adequate to produce the army desired. An attempt probably will be made to press the measure for passage Monday.

In the senate the military committee had voted ten to seven to recommend the administration bill virtually as it was drawn by the army general staff. This was to be reported today and it may be passed by the senate without awaiting house action.

President Wilson was still determined that the selective draft plan should prevail and it seemed probable that if necessary he would appeal direct to the people on the ground that the nation's safety depends on prompt enactment of the general staff bill.

Kahn Will Lead Fight.
Preparing to lead the fight in the house for the administration bill, Representative Kahn, ranking republican of the military committee, conferred today with Secretary Baker.

It is expected Mr. Kahn will present in his minority report a letter from Secretary Baker sent to Chairman Dent two days ago in a final effort to get the committee to approve the administration plans, which outlines clearly the purpose of the military experts to provide places for 750,000 individual volunteers in the expanded regular army and National Guard and their reasons for distrusting any scheme for taking into the service complete volunteer units as proposed by the majority of the house committee.

Representative Kahn will have available also a detailed study of England's struggle with the volunteer system made by American military experts, who personally watched the process. It is understood these reports graphically picture the failure of the system under its greatest test in history and point out the costly delay the experiment cost and the attendant military disasters at the front charged to it.

The bill as amended by the committee was introduced today by Chairman Dent. It was immediately referred back to the committee for the perfunctory report. Mr. Dent expects to report the bill Monday and take it up in the house Tuesday.

Supt. Hunter of Lincoln Goes to Oakland Schools

Lincoln, Neb., April 19.—Jesse H. Newkirk present principal of the Lincoln high school, was formally offered the position of superintendent of school by the Board of Education at its meeting today. The meeting was called to accept the resignation of Fred M. Hunter, who will take charge of the schools at Oakland, Cal.

Superintendent Hunter was being considered for the superintendency of Omaha schools.

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The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	57
6 a. m.	58
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	59
9 a. m.	59
10 a. m.	60
11 a. m.	60
12 m.	61
1 p. m.	61
2 p. m.	61
3 p. m.	61
4 p. m.	61
5 p. m.	61
6 p. m.	61
7 p. m.	61
8 p. m.	61
9 p. m.	61
10 p. m.	61
11 p. m.	61
12 m.	61

Comparative Local Record.

1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	75	75	82
Lowest yesterday	48	48	48
Mean temperature	65	64	69
Precipitation	1.16	2.11	0.06

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Rain.
Kansas City, cloudy	66	74	.08
Lawrence, rain	66	70	.24
Des Moines, rain	68	70	.24
Dodge City, cloudy	49	66	.01
St. Louis, cloudy	72	78	.08
St. Paul, part cloudy	63	70	.01
Omaha, rain	61	78	.36
Oklahoma City, clear	70	74	.10
Chicago, cloudy	68	72	.22
Minneapolis, cloudy	52	55	.14
St. Paul, cloudy	70	76	.08
St. Louis, clear	74	80	.24
Missouri, clear	62	62	.28
Abilene, clear	74	80	.18

L. A. WELLS, Meteorologist.