

# AMERICANS KILLED IN GERMAN RAID ON TRENCH IN SECTOR NEAR TOUL

**Captured Teutons Amazed at Terrific Force With Which Attack is Met by United States Forces Under General Pershing; West Point Captain Among Slain; Enemy is Driven Back.**

With the American Army in France, March 2.—American troops repulsed a strong German attack yesterday in the salient north of Toul.

There were many American casualties, one of the killed being a captain who was a graduate from West Point in 1917. **RAID COMPLETE FAILURE.**

The raid was a complete failure, three German prisoners remaining in American hands.

The ground in front of the American trenches was strewn with German dead.

A driving wet snow was falling this morning when the Germans opened fire on the American salient with every weapon at their command.

Seventy-seven heavy shells and gas shells fell in a perfect whirlwind on the American trenches for half an hour.

At the same time other enemy shells in great numbers were dropping on the American battery positions.

## POISONED GAS USED.

The Germans, evidently thinking that the Americans in this section, having had one taste of gas a few days ago, would fear it now, let loose great quantities of poisonous gas, but the men put on their masks and only a few were affected by it. So intense was the fire that the woods back of the salient were shot to pieces.

At 6 o'clock the barrage fire was lifted on the trenches to the right of the salient, and Germans numbering 240 came sweeping forward under the protection of their fire. They came forward, apparently intending to make a big haul, and jumped into what was left of the trenches, but there, instead of the easy time anticipated, found the Americans all ready for battle. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting began.

## SURROUNDED GERMANS.

One American captain rallied men with rifles and machine guns, and went through the American wire entanglements into No Man's Land and there waited for the enemy, whom he expected to be driven out by his comrades in the trenches.

He was right, for soon groups of the enemy started back through the wire entanglements. The Americans poured in a deadly fire, but unfortunately the captain was killed during the fight. He is the first member of the 1917 class at West Point to be killed.

## ENOUGH OF SAMMY.

While the Americans were in front of the wire entanglements and in shell holes, still fighting desperately, the American barrage fire began sweeping No Man's Land, catching many running Prussians who had enough of American methods. The barrage swept back and forth, making sure of doing all possible damage.

When the enemy had been driven back out of the positions, the bodies of 10 German soldiers were found in the American trenches. Two German officers were entangled in the wire and many bodies were in sight. Eight were visible through the snow storm at one point.

## GERMANS LEFT SUPPLIES.

The ground was littered with enemy hand grenades, boxes of explosives for destroying dugouts and incendiary bombs, which they had no opportunity to use.

They managed, however, to drop incendiary bombs in two dugouts which were destroyed by fire, but no Americans were in them. If the Germans captured any prisoners, which it is doubtful, there were not more than two or three, possibly from a listening post. Of the missing, many probably were buried. Digging for them now is proceeding and others may be accounted for.

## HAD NO CHANCE.

Two German prisoners were wounded and the other taken was unhurt, except a welt on one of his hands where he was struck by a young American soldier when he showed fight after capture.

From the prisoners the American officers have secured much valuable information. One said:

"I did not have a chance to do anything before an American jumped on to me and grabbed me by the throat."

## AMERICANS LOSE MANY.

The Germans had been preparing for the raid for three weeks and belonged to the 78th reserve division of Hanover. The prisoners had Russian coins in their possession, and came into the trenches just before the Americans took over this sector.

The Americans lost many killed and wounded, including officers. The Americans displayed the greatest personal courage, bravery and energy throughout the engagement and outwitted the surprised enemy from the instant contact was established.

## BRYAN ISSUES STATEMENT ON TORONTO RIOT

Chicago, March 2.—William Jennings Bryan issued a statement tonight explaining the incident at Toronto, Canada, last night, when he was jeered while speaking at a prohibition mass meeting, and declared that an organized effort to make him unpopular in Toronto had been carried on previous to his arrival. One paper carried an editorial which, he said, "was an indictment to riot."

"There were editorials in some papers declaring that the persons responsible for bringing me to Toronto should be summarily dealt with," he added, "and these may have had much to do with the attempts to keep me from speaking. The papers which attacked me were the only Toronto papers carrying liquor advertisements."

"The incident has been greatly exaggerated in many places and made to appear that Canada rejected me. In fact not more than 2 per cent of the audience was antagonistic and these offenders—who were said to be returned soldiers though they wore no uniforms—would have been put out had I not interferred."

"Nothing was thrown at me. I called to the audience to gather around the stage and made my entire speech."

## Rules Limiting All Trade Profits Issued by Hoover

Washington, March 2.—Rules limiting the trade profits in and regulating the distribution of frozen poultry and cold storage eggs were issued tonight by the food administration. They become effective tomorrow and it was announced, have the general approval of the trades.

The rules, said a food administration statement, are designed to reduce the number of transactions to the economic minimum and are expected to stabilize the industries, place transactions on a just merchandising basis, allow legitimate competition, but restrict opportunities for speculation, aid in securing prompt, regular and efficient distribution, eliminate unnecessary trading and otherwise discourage practices that have been reflected in abnormally high prices to consumers.

## Counterfeiter Gets 15 Years in Penitentiary

New York, March 2.—Antonio Pupillo, notorious "Blackhand" leader and head of the band of counterfeiters which planned to print and circulate a million dollars of spurious \$10 federal reserve bank notes, was today sentenced in the federal court to 15 years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

## View Matters From An Economical As Well As a Practical Standpoint.

When sickness overtakes any member of the family, the first thought is to secure the service of a recognized physician, one in whom confidence can be placed.

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## Congregational Church Plans Ready for Builder



Plans for the new Central Congregational church, Thirty-sixth and Harney streets, have been completed and building operations will begin at once.

The new church will have a frontage of 209 feet on Thirty-sixth street and a depth of 150 feet on Harney street and Dewey avenue. It will have a seating capacity of about 700.

The Sunday school room, facing Harney street, will have a seating capacity of 300 and will be equipped with a gymnasium, with a gallery, dining room with kitchen and other appendages, also rooms for men's and women's societies and Campfire Girls and Boy Scouts.

The pastor's study will be in the tower.

The entire building will be Gothic in style and will be of red brick, with Bedford limestone trimmings.

George B. Prinz, architect, drew the plans.

## GERMANS TAKE 10 AMERICANS ON FRENCH LINE

**Army Headquarters Reports Fighting at Village of Chavignon, Where Sammys Now Located.**

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, March 2.—Ten Americans have been captured by the Germans near Chavignon, on the French front, army headquarters announced today.

It has been known for some time that Americans, probably members of one of the National Guard divisions, taken to France some time ago, were along the famous Chemin Des Dames sector, but the German statement reveals their locations more exactly than anything as yet received from the fighting front.

A few more Americans have been taken to field hospitals, near Toul suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. These men were not in the trenches when the German gas attack was launched, but ventured into the danger zone without gas masks, and were overcome by the fumes which had settled into shell holes and low places. So far as known the gas casualties number six dead and about 80 overcome. Of the latter only one case is considered to be grave.

**Issues Gas Mask Order.**

Strict orders were issued today to all ranks in the American sector of the battlefield near Toul regarding gas precautions. The men were told that they must keep their masks and respirators within quick reach at all times and were warned that the slightest delay in getting them on might mean death.

A few more additional gas cases developed today among the men who, many hours after the gas shells had exploded, went to work in the gassed area, where the fumes, like water, remained in shell holes and other depressions in the earth.

## Member of Mine Inspection Crew Killed in Mine

El Paso, Tex., March 2.—One member of the New Mexico mine inspection crew was killed Wednesday in the government coal mine at Carthage, N. M., when he removed his oxygen helmet while making an inspection of the mine with four other members of the crew, according to a long distance telephone message from State Mine Inspector W. W. Risbon at Carthage today. The man suffocated, was David Murphy of Dawson, N. M.

## Federal Agents Raid Home Of "The Finished Mystery"

Los Angeles, Cal., March 2.—Federal officers tonight raided the reading room and hall of the International Bible Students' association in this city and confiscated a number of copies of "The Finished Mystery," an alleged seditious work, was on sale there. Before the raid the federal officers caused a man to buy a copy of the book.

## Woman Intends to Buy Liberty Bond; Loses Money

Mrs. A. R. Harmon, 3223 Seward street, left her home yesterday with the single intent of buying a Liberty Bond and \$10 worth of thrift stamps. Her intention, however, was not realized. While in the McCrory's and 10 cent store she lost her black purse containing \$60, with which she was going to buy the war certificates. She reported her loss to the police.

## Stevens Gives Lecture

Congressman Stevens returned today from a short trip to Atlantic City where he delivered his lecture "On the Battlefields of France and Flanders" to 5,000 educators.

A. H. Waterhouse, superintendent of the Fremont public schools, who returned to Washington with Mr. Stevens, said the lecture was received with great enthusiasm and was easily the hit of the National Education association convention. Mr. Stevens was accorded a reception by Nebraska and ex-Nebraska people in attendances on the convention at the Hotel Traymore after the lecture.

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## U.S. TO LAUNCH THIRD LIBERTY LOAN IN APRIL

**Secretary McAdoo Selects Anniversary of America's Entry Into War as Date; Details Not Settled.**

Washington, March 2.—On April 6, the first anniversary of the United States' entry into the war, the third Liberty loan will open. There will be a campaign of three or four weeks.

In announcing the date tonight, Secretary McAdoo said the amount of the loan, the interest rate and other features, such as convertibility of bonds of previous issues, maturity and terms of payment, are to be determined, and that new legislation will be necessary before plans can be completed.

The fact that the amount of the loan is dependent on further legislation indicates that it will be for more than \$3,600,000,000, the remainder of authorized but unissued bonds, and the fact that certificates of indebtedness now being sold in anticipation of the loan bear 4½ per cent affords some indication of the interest rate.

How large the loan shall be depends largely, however, on the fate of the pending war finance bill carrying an appropriation of \$500,000,000, and action on the railroad bill, with its appropriation of a similar amount.

Although Mr. McAdoo made no specific announcement, it is now taken for granted in official circles that there will be but one more loan before June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

The statement concerning the date of the campaign was made at this time, Secretary McAdoo explained, to give every community time to prepare for the big bond sale and he strongly advocated popular demonstrations of patriotism on the day of the opening of the loan and the second year of war.

After stating the date of the campaign opening, the secretary continued:

"The amount, terms, and conditions of the loan have not yet been decided because these features are dependent upon further legislation. I expect to ask the congress at an early date to grant the necessary additional authority."

The nation already has absorbed \$5,808,000,000 of liberty bonds—\$2,000,000,000 of the first issue and 3,808,000,000 of the second issue. In addition, nearly \$1,400,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness to be met from proceeds of the third loan, and about \$1,125,000,000 tax certificates, due next June are outstanding.

With April 6, only five weeks distant from tomorrow, Secretary McAdoo will have to rush his program for issuing \$3,000,000,000 of certificates before the loan campaign opens. When he announced his intention of issuing this quantity of certificates to prepare the way for absorbing the huge loan, he said they would be cut out in blocks every two weeks. One of these for \$500,000,000 is now open and will continue until next Tuesday. If it is subscribed in full \$1,600,000,000 of the three billion dollar program will remain to be floated with the month.

The third loan campaign will close just before the Red Cross nation wide drive for collection of another \$100,000,000 mercy fund. Soon after that, the nation's credit may be called on to purchase bonds of the war finance co-operation, providing it is authorized by congress.

## Finds Wheat and Rye In Perfect Condition

Mark Simmons, district passenger agent for the Great Western, is in from an extended trip over his territory in southern and central Nebraska, and reports that the opinion of the farmers is that the winter wheat and rye have come through the winter in perfect condition.

According to Mr. Simmons, in the southern part of Nebraska the wheat fields are beginning to show green, the young plant having begun its growth. The acreage of wheat and rye, says Mr. Simmons, is reported to be fully up to the average.

## Lloyd George Makes Unusual Visit to American Embassy

London, March 2.—Premier Lloyd George visited the American embassy Friday evening and had an important conference with Ambassador Page, according to the Daily News, which believes the meeting was in connection with Japan's intervention in Siberia.

It is quite unusual for a premier to visit foreign embassies. Such calls usually are made by the foreign minister.

## Czernin's Terms Ask Abdication of King

London, March 2.—The peace terms submitted to King Ferdinand of Roumania, by Count Czernin, the Austrian-Hungarian foreign minister, included the king's abdication in favor of his brother, Prince William, or the taking of a referendum in Roumania regarding his successor, according to a Berlin dispatch transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam today.

In December, 1916, when the invasion of Roumania by the central powers was underway and Prince William, who is a general of Prussian infantry, was in command of a part of the invading force, Prince William became a pretender to the throne of Roumania at that time, issuing a proclamation, declaring himself to be the rightful heir to the Roumanian throne.

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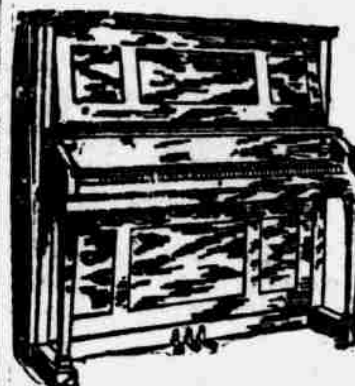
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