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GERMANS CARRY MESSINES RIDGE

DRAFT TO BE MADE IN IRELAND

Commons Passes Man Power Bill, 301 to 103; Home Rule Will Follow or Government Will Resign.
(London, April 16.)--The third reading of the governments' man-power bill was carried tonight by a vote of 301 to 103.

FOCH HIDES HIS HAND WHILE ALL ENEMY CARDS PLAYED

Crisis Reached for General Plumer's Army at Messines Ridge; Germans Call Half Million More Men to Colors

GERMANS STILL PRESSING ONWARD IN EFFORT TO CRUSH BRITISH ARMY
By ARTHUR DRAPER
London, April 16.--(Special Cablegram to New York Tribune and Omaha Bee.)--The supreme crisis for General Plumer's army in Flanders has been reached and the whole course of the war hangs in the balance.

(By Associated Press.)
Ottawa, April 16.--German troops have carried Wytschaete and the greater part of Messines ridge, according to a despatch from the Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in France received here tonight.

FOCH WAITS PATIENTLY.
"Today's news in not so good as one could wish," continues this despatch, "but the following viewpoint is suggested:
We are confronted by enormous concentrations of men and guns. The purpose of the enemy has been revealed as an operation attempting to separate the British and French armies by rushing on the former. General Foch, in closest agreement with Field Marshal Haig, is aiming not only at arresting the enemy, but at a counter attack which shall defeat the Germans. Therefore, within certain limits, the sound policy is to allow the Germans to spend their surplus power as lavishly as possible in order to reach the stage of equality or even inferiority.

GERMANS PAY BIG PRICE FOR GROUND TAKEN
British Troops Confident Tide Will Turn in Their Favor After Other Side Has Spent Its Fury.
With the British Army in France, April 16.--The town of Wytschaete, lying on the crest of a blood stained ridge at the northern end of the new battle front, and Spanbroekmolen, which nestles on the top of an elevation just southwest, today were stormed and occupied by large German forces.

AMERICANS JAILED BY GERMANS FOR GIVING COSTUME BALL
Amsterdam, April 16.--An American artist named Schaeffer and his wife have been sentenced at Munich to imprisonment for six weeks for holding a costume ball soon after the beginning of the German offensive, a press dispatch from Frankfurt reports.

STEFANSSON, ARCTIC EXPLORER, REPORTED ILL IN THE NORTH
Fairbanks, Alaska, April 16.--A messenger arrived at Fort Yukon, Alaska, yesterday from the Arctic coast with word that Villjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, who is wintering at Herschel Island, is suffering from typhoid and is very low.

KEY TO YPRES NOW IN HANDS OF GERMANS

British May Be Forced to Retire From This Sector Unless They Drive Foe Back to Lowlands.

(By Associated Press.)
Germany's mighty effort on the battlefield of Flanders has won new successes. According to the latest reports, the important strategic towns of Bailleul, Wulverghem and Wytschaete are in German hands, and, more important still, the Teutons have carried a large part of the Messines ridge by storm.

ENORMOUS LOSS WHEN GERMAN ZEPPELIN FACTORY BURNS
Panic in Town, Scene of Blaze Which Destroys Two Large Zeppelins and Forty Airplanes.
Geneva, April 16.--Enormous loss was caused by the fire which started Saturday in the Zeppelin and airplane works at Manzel, near Friedrichshafen, and destroyed the plant, according to reliable reports from Rorschach, on Lake Constance.

AMERICAN DEFEAT CLAIMED
In spite of the reports from the American front that German attacks there have been utter failures, a report from Berlin, via Amsterdam, says that the American positions near St. Mihiel were taken by storm by the Germans, who held them against determined counter attacks. It is probable that the German report deals with the battle in which the Americans administered a sound beating to special shock troops brought up by the Germans to take the American positions.

DR. MICHAEL J. FORD III OF PNEUMONIA AT HOSPITAL
Dr. Michael J. Ford is ill of pneumonia at the Ford hospital, of which he is the founder. Last night he was reported as slightly improved.

LOCATION OF KEY CITIES
Bailleul, from which the British were driven Tuesday, is on the Calais-Nancy railroad and 46 1/2 miles from Calais. It has had a population of 15,000, largely engaged in production of hand-made lace.

WULVERGHEM, WYTSCHAETE AND BAILLEUL FALL AFTER BATTLES OF FRIGHTFUL INTENSITY; ATTACKS MADE IN MIST

"WE HAVE LOST NOTHING VITAL," LLOYD GEORGE TELLS COMMONS
London, April 16.--Referring to the situation at the front in the House of Commons today, Premier Lloyd George said:
"The fluctuation between hope and despondency must continue for some time yet. But I am still full of confidence. \* \* \* General Plumer (in command at Messines Ridge) is quite confident. We have lost territory, but we have lost nothing vital."

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 16.--Field Marshal Haig, in his official report tonight announces the occupation by the Germans of both Wytschaete and Spanbroekmolen.
The report says: "Severe fighting has been taking place on the front from Meteren to Wytschaete. Supported by a heavy bombardment, his troops approached our positions under cover of the mist, and after a prolonged struggle gained possession of both localities."

GET FOOTHOLD IN METEREN.
At Meteren the enemy also succeeded during the morning in obtaining a footing in the village, where the fighting is continuing.
On other parts of the above front the enemy's attacks were repulsed. This morning the enemy also delivered a strong local attack upon our positions opposite Boyelles, south of Arras, and fighting is still taking place in this neighborhood.

MOTION PICTURE PRODUCER FOUND GUILTY OF DISLOYALTY
Los Angeles, Cal., April 16.--Robert Goldstein, a motion picture producer, charged with violations of the espionage act, was convicted in the federal court last night by a jury. Goldstein was charged with exhibiting scenes intended to incite hatred against the British, which were incorporated in a motion picture play dealing with events in the revolutionary war.

BOMBS ENDANGER LIFE OF MILWAUKEE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Milwaukee, Wis., April 16.--Two bombs, one near one side and the other near the front of District Attorney W. A. Zabel's residence, on Sherman boulevard, were found this forenoon. The missiles were removed before any damage was wrought. It is believed the bombs were placed in revenge for the prosecution of 11 Italians found guilty of rioting at Bay View last September and sentenced to long terms in state prison.

SOLDIER KILLED BY MEXICAN SNIPERS ON TEXAS BORDER
Laredo, Tex., April 16.--Private Thomas F. Atchison, headquarters company of the 37th United States infantry, was killed yesterday by a sniper's bullet from the Mexican side of the river while on patrol duty near Zapata. His home is Portland, Ore.

FLAG SALUTE FOR WOMEN; DR. HENRY OFFERS \$50 PRIZE
Omaha, April 15.--My Dear Mr. Rosewater: I have been much interested in reading the editorials in the Bee and Chicago Tribune calling attention to the fact that very few Americans remember to salute the flag when it passes. It is not because we do not love the flag, but lack of education and thoughtlessness, and our attention should be called to it until we all recognize the flag on every proper occasion.

BOLO DIES, A TRAITOR TO FRANCE

Pays Penalty for Using Money From Germany to Further Interests of That Nation at Home.

Paris, April 17.--Bolo Pasha has been executed at Vincennes. Bolo Pasha it was shown at his trial, received 10,000,000 marks in 1915 from Abbas Hilmi, former khedive of Egypt, for the purpose of influencing the French press.
In February, 1916, Bolo came to America. The Deutsche bank of Berlin, is said to have turned over to him 10,000,000 francs, which was deposited in this country, at least nine banks figuring in the records of the case. Disclosures made by the United States government relative to his activities in this country are said to have brought about the arrest on September 29, 1917, for receiving money from Germany for use in peace propaganda. After his arrest there came sensational disclosures of his activities.

OMAHA UNIT TO STAY AT CAMP WITH DIVISION
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, April 16.--(Special Telegram.)--Pressure has recently been brought to bear on having the Omaha ambulance unit organized under Red Cross auspices ordered to the front as soon as possible. Telegrams have been sent Congressmen Lubeck by Gould Dietz and others asking that he aid in furtherance of these desires.

ATTORNEYS PROBING EXTENT OF ENEMY PROPERTY HOLDINGS
A committee of Omaha attorneys Tuesday started a check of the books of the probate court of Douglas county to determine the extent of the property owned by residents of Germany. They will also go over the books of Lancaster, Dodge and 10 other Nebraska counties in the near future.

BRITONS SINK TEN FOE SHIPS IN NAVAL FIGHT
London, April 16.--Ten German trawlers have been sunk by gun fire in the Cattegat (between Sweden and Denmark), the admiralty announces. Their crews were saved by British ships. There were no British casualties.
The operations in the Cattegat, the statement says, were undertaken by the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet.

THREE AVIATORS KILLED IN FLIGHTS NEAR HOUSTON
Houston, Tex., April 16.--Three aviators, Lieut. Roland J. Winterton, of South Boston, Mass.; Lieut. Leo John Nugent, Washburn, Iowa, and Cadet Forest Dean Jones, Worcester, Mass., were killed and Cadet Maurice seriously injured in two airplane accidents at Ellington field, an American flying camp, here today.

ST. LOUIS PAYS HONORS TO LATE MISSOURI SENATOR
St. Louis, April 16.--The train bearing the body of Senator William J. Stone, who died Sunday in Washington, reached St. Louis tonight and was met by a regiment of home guards, 100 uniformed mail carriers, 75 policemen and a civil escort of about 100 Missourians. A crowd of 2,000 persons was at the station.

THE WEATHER
Nebraska--Unsettled Wednesday with showers and cooler in east portion; Thursday probably fair.
Hourly Temperature.
Hour Degree
5 a. m. 45
6 a. m. 45
7 a. m. 44
8 a. m. 43
9 a. m. 42
10 a. m. 41
11 a. m. 40
12 m. 39
1 p. m. 38
2 p. m. 37
3 p. m. 36
4 p. m. 35
5 p. m. 34
6 p. m. 33
7 p. m. 32
8 p. m. 31

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AUSTRIA ABOUT TO RENEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 16.--An Austrian offensive against Italy is imminent and will be started on a large scale, in the opinion of Italian observers, as expressed in official messages today to the Italian embassy here.
The recent visit of Emperor Charles to the Austrian front and inspired articles in the Austrian and German newspapers, the usual forerunners of an offensive, are taken as an indication.
"The enemy press has begun to speak openly of the offensive in order to prepare the Austro-Hungarian public for the inevitable losses resulting from such a colossal operation as are anticipated by semi-official newspapers," the dispatches say.
"The Vossische Zeitung (Berlin) in an article full of mysterious allusions says this spring will put Switzerland's neutrality under the severest test, as the Austro-German troops will probably encircle, in the course of their operations, the little republic.
"The Budapest Irup insists that 'since General Foch is in supreme command of all our armies we must attack Italy immediately and carry the effect of our presence to the back of the French army.'"