

BAKER ARRIVES HOME AFTER TRIP TO BATTLE FRONT

War Secretary Believes German Move Will Be Checked by Pooling of Allied Resources Under Foch.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 16.—Steeled to the work ahead of him by personal knowledge of conditions at the battle fronts in Europe, Secretary Baker returned tonight from his trip abroad. There is no doubt that he believes adequate measures to checkmate the German effort will come out of the pooling of all allied and American resources under command of General Foch, the impressive French commander-in-chief.

On his arrival early today at an Atlantic port he authorized this statement:

"I return with a sense of pride and confidence at the achievements of the United States and allied troops abroad that would justify many trips across the water."

Whatever direct information the war secretary may have as to the plans of General Foch will be for the ear of President Wilson alone.

Approves Pershing's Policy. Officials familiar with the circumstances of his conferences with the British and French authorities and with Generals Bliss and Pershing, regard it as a most fortunate thing that he was on the scene when the German blow was struck. His presence served to expedite greatly the decision to pool all allied resources in men and munitions.

The prompt action of General Pershing in placing his men at General Foch's disposal is known to have met with Mr. Baker's hearty approval. The French general made a deep impression upon the secretary who is known to share fully President Wilson's belief that victory can only spring from a unified command under such a leader.

During his trip, Mr. Baker visited England, France and Italy, and saw the battle fronts. He has been in the American front line trenches under fire; once a German shell exploded close to his automobile, and on another occasion he stood in the window of a battered building behind the allied line to watch high power mis-

siles tear great craters in a field less than 100 yards away.

Undertaking Herculean.

The whole vast project of American operations mapped out before the secretary represents one of the greatest undertakings any nation has ever engaged in. If all the warehouses were strung together they would stretch from Washington to New York as one vast vault of war materials in reserve.

Hundreds of miles of railway have been laid, docks and jetties constructed, until today transports have made the round trip to France in 16 days against the 60 or 70 days it took so often during the winter.

Mr. Baker returned more than ever confident of the capacity and judgment of General Pershing for the great burden of responsibility he is bearing. The American commander is said to be developing and broadening even as the army he is building is expanding.

Mr. Baker sailed for Europe on an American cruiser, formerly German, but now an American transport. The only incident was a radio call yesterday from a burning steamer which the transport changed its course to answer. Otherwise the party would have landed 12 hours sooner.

Minister Baptizes Infant In Name of Kaiser Wilhelm

Amarillo, Tex., April 16.—Alleged to have baptized an infant in the name of Kaiser Wilhelm and to have made seditious utterances, J. D. Klein, a German Methodist evangelist of Dennis, Kan., arrested yesterday at Shamrock, Tex., was lodged in the federal prison here today in default of \$1,000 bail to await action of the federal grand jury which meets here next month.

He is also alleged to have declared in his sermon, at which the infant was baptized, that one prayer from the kaiser would be more effective in stopping the war than all the prayers of Americans.

Man Who Wouldn't Buy Bond Sent Away Wearing Feathers

Amarillo, Tex., April 16.—T. Smith, a merchant of Melrose, N. M., said to be a socialist, and to have made pro-German statements, was tarred and feathered in Clovis, N. M., Monday, according to a report received here last night. Refusing to buy a Liberty bond, he was taken by a crowd of about 400 citizens behind the Liberty loan headquarters, stripped of his clothes and thoroughly plastered with tar and feathers. He was then put into his automobile and ordered to leave town, wearing nothing but feathers. He left.

FUEL DIRECTOR ANSWERS CHARGE OF UNFAIRNESS

Explains Difficulties in Handling Coal in State; Says No Time for "Penny-Weighing."

In an effort to dispel the ideas prevalent among Nebraska retail coal dealers that they are a much abused body and that they have been discriminated against, Fuel Administrator Kennedy addressed the association at the Hotel Fontenelle Tuesday afternoon.

At the morning session dealers from various points in Nebraska explained the situation as it concerned individuals, and almost unanimously condemned the Nebraska administration, in particular, and the federal administration, in general, for dealing unfairly with the Nebraska retail dealers and for not allowing them a sufficient margin on which to continue business profitably.

No Shirking Now.

Fuel Administrator Kennedy in the afternoon explained many of the difficulties which are to be overcome in this state by the dealer, Mr. Kennedy, said that he had removed the responsibility for many of the unsatisfactory conditions from the shoulders of the state administration and from the jobbers.

"This is not time for penny-weighing," said Mr. Kennedy, "when our boys are over there bleeding and dying for us and for our homes. No doubt some of you have just cause for complaint, but let me tell you that if you men shirk your duty to your country and Germany wins this war you will be working for a hard taskmaster. You will remember me and think that I was an angel compared to the kaiser."

Hard Coal Coming.

According to Mr. Kennedy there will be some hard coal in this state later in the summer.

As to the fixing of margins and whether or not there is a sufficient profit for the dealer, Mr. Kennedy refused to go into a discussion.

The majority of the coal which will make up the shortage existing last year will come from the western fields, according to Mr. Kennedy. At best, little will come from the hard coal fields in Pennsylvania and the east.

Much of the trouble last year was

due to the fact that coal promised this state by Washington did not arrive, he said. Mr. Kennedy assured the retail dealers that he would have a sufficient supply of coal on hand for use during the winter, but that he would not take coal from anyone who had laid in a supply to relieve shortage among those who failed to provide for themselves.

Connell Says Man Did Not Die Because of Vaccination

Health Commissioner Connell declines to accept the theory that a man died this week in Omaha because of vaccination. He said the best information he had was that this man was subject to hemorrhages of the lungs and that vaccination had nothing to do with the case.

"A cow owned by a brother of a man who was vaccinated died the other day. One might just as well say that this cow died because the brother of its owner was vaccinated," said the health commissioner.

Ten Officers Raised to Rank of Major Generals

Washington, April 16.—Ten brigadier generals of the national army were nominated today by President Wilson to be major general and 27 colonels were nominated to brigadier general. The major generals nominated follow:

William P. Burnham, James H. McRae, Ernest Hinds, Charles S. Farnsworth, Edward F. McGlachlin, jr., Willard A. Holbrook, George B. Duncan, Charles H. Martin, James W. McAndrew, Leroy S. Lyon.

Huge Sums to France to Restore Wrecked Chapels

Baltimore, April 16.—Cardinal Gibbons announced today that he had sent \$10,000 to France for the restoration of chapels that have been damaged by the cannon fire of the Germans.

This is part of the funds raised in this country under the auspices of the cardinals, archbishops and bishops of the Catholic church and Cardinal Gibbons said tonight for the first time that this fund now has reached \$15,000,000.

Senate Votes Increase of Federal Employees' Salaries

Washington, April 16.—The annual legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill carrying \$70,000,000, an increase over last year of about \$30,000,000, which provides salaries of most government officials from President Wilson down, was passed today by the senate. A provision increasing virtually all employees' salaries in

the civil establishment \$120 annually was inserted by the senate, which also restored appropriations for sub-treasuries, which the house proposed to abolish.

Deny Higher Potato Rates.

Washington, April 16.—The Interstate Commerce commission today held to be unjustified proposed increases of potato transportation rates

from producing section in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and North and South Dakota, to a wide range of jobbing and consuming centers in the middle west, south and east.

THOMPSON, BELDEN & CO.

The Fashion Center for Women

Neckwear Fashions

Individually Charming

Organdie collars and collars with cuffs. In white and dainty colors - both very stylish and becoming to the new costumes.

Organdie and net vestees and pique vests are a distinguishing spring mode. Ruffling and pleating in white, blue and rose - bids fair to produce many dainty neck-fixings that are "different."

The Blouse Store

¶ New models in tub silks are very dainty and attractive, \$2.50 \$3.50 and \$5

¶ Georgette Blouses are new in design and especially good looking, \$5.95 \$8.50 and \$7.50

Second Floor

Springtime Gloves

Trefousse best French kid gloves, one and two clasp styles with self and contrasting embroideries, \$2.50 \$3.25 Fowne's and Kayser's silk gloves in white, black and colors, 75c to \$1.75.

Linen Scarfing

Made of round thread white Irish linen, sold by the yard: 18 inches wide, 65c a yard

20 inches wide, 75c a yard

22 inches wide, 85c a yard

Linen Section

Childrens Hose and Styles for Misses

Misses flat shaped lisle hose, in white or black, 59c a pair. Silk lisle in black and white, 75c a pair

Childrens ribbed hose, splendid for wear because of triple knees, heels and toes. In white, brown and black.

Quite Out of Ordinary This \$6.95 Sale of Hats



It is a sale event that is the best, in point of value giving, that has been seen this season. The new Leghorns are the vogue of the present and the months to come. The very best of them in all shapes, are a part of this offering. Besides Oriental straw, Milan straw - fancy straws and crepe in combination with straw.

For \$6.95 Wednesday

Sport Corsets

¶ Stocks now being complete, there is no good reason for waiting longer and several for choosing now.

¶ New spring styles are all in readiness.

¶ Regular sport models are the most comfortable ever designed for Red Cross work.

¶ Step in and see our selection of practical models

\$1.50 to \$5

Higher if you wish.

Corsets—Third Floor

Children's Wear

¶ For the out-of-doors season, now so close at hand, we have gathered everything for small folks comfort.

¶ Gingham aprons, dresses, bloomer dresses and bloomers - every one well made - good looking and sure to wear 50c 65c, 85c \$1 \$1.35

¶ Childrens blue chambray gingham table bibs, with sleeves, 60c

¶ Infants cotton shirts - long or short sleeves, high or low neck (not all sizes) at these low prices, 25c and 35c

Third Floor

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