

# ARMY OF 3,000,000 PLANNED

## GERMANS ADMIT FAILURE OF EFFORT TO CAPTURE YPRES

### Attempt to Bore Straight Through General Foch's Lines or to Drive Wedge and Force Retirement From Arras-Lens Salient Presaged by Terrific Bombardment in Lys Region.

(By Associated Press.)  
Having met with a reverse in their operations on the northern side of the Flanders salient, where the French and British have stood shoulder to shoulder in defense of Ypres and the high ground which forms a bulwark in front of the channel ports, the Germans have, as indicated by the most recent reports, turned to the southern side of the angle in the allied lines in northern France.

Thursday night and Friday the German artillery had seemingly centered its fire on the lines between Ginchy and the Neippe forest, and it may be that the enemy soon will launch an attack against this vital section of the British line.

### TREMENDOUS CANNONADE.

Dispatches from the British headquarters tell of a tremendous cannonade in the Lys region, which may be taken to mean the part of the Flanders battle field at or near Meriville, where the Germans made their greatest advance after the fall of Arras.

Articles appearing in German newspapers would seem to indicate efforts to prepare the German people for an announcement that there will be no immediate attempt to take Ypres. Experts, writing what may be considered inspired reviews of the situation, say that nothing would be gained by the capture of the ruined city.

### Lens Salient Menaced.

This may mean that the Germans will turn their attention to some other part of the front for a new effort and the bombardment of the lines near Meriville and further east may be the first step in an attempt either to bore straight through the allied armies, or cut through toward the south and force a British retirement from the Arras-Lens salient. So far as known, no infantry fighting has occurred in this sector in the last day.

While waiting for the Germans to make the next move, the allies have not been idle. All along the line their patrols have been active and at Hangard and Villers-Bretonneux, before Amiens, they have taken tactical positions from the Teutons. One of these positions was hill 82, north of Castel, a height which afforded good observation of the allied communication lines.

### Zeebrugge Channel Blocked.

The British admiralty has found that the channel at Zeebrugge, in which old British cruisers recently were sunk during the naval raid on the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, is still blocked and probably will remain so for a considerable time in spite of the efforts of the Teutons to dredge a new channel around the obstacles formed by the wrecks of the warships.

German troops operating in Ukraine have advanced into the Donetz coal region, in the eastern part of the government of Kharkov. The presence of Germans as far east as this would seem to indicate that Teutonic domination of southern Russia and the Black Sea is almost complete.

The authority of General Foch, who was recently designated commander-in-chief of the allied armies in France, has been extended to include the forces on the Italian front as a result of the meeting of the inter-allied war council at Abbville.

### Ryan Nominated.

Washington, May 3.—John D. Ryan of Montana, who was recently selected to take charge of aircraft production, was formally nominated today by President Wilson to be chairman of the aircraft board.

### The Weather

Nebraska and Iowa—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday. Not much change in temperature.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	62
6 a. m.	62
7 a. m.	60
8 a. m.	60
9 a. m.	60
10 a. m.	60
11 a. m.	60
12 m.	60
1 p. m.	60
2 p. m.	60
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12 m.	60

## Third Liberty Loan Goes Over Top Today; "Match The President" Feature Potent Factor; Workers Urged Not to Relax in Their Efforts

### Honor Roll Pledges Expected to Realize Billion or Two Over-Subscription by End of Campaign Tonight.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 3.—With only one day of third Liberty loan campaign remaining the total of subscriptions tonight rose nearly to the \$3,000,000,000 level, leaving the big task for loan workers to gather enough honor roll pledges to insure the billion or two over-subscriptions sought by the treasury.

Official reports tonight showed \$2,940,640,000, an increase since last night of \$189,283,700, which is the biggest day's business recorded since the campaign opened four weeks ago. The campaign closes officially midnight Saturday, local time, and most of the country's 27,000 banks will remain open through the evening to accommodate procrastinating bond buyers. Without doubt, the day will be the biggest of the campaign. The total will be boosted tomorrow by the recording subscriptions already made but not supported by initial payments

## FAIR AND FIRM TO BE SLOGAN OF STATE FOOD MEN

### County Administrators Gather at Banquet; To Use "Card" System if Found to Be Necessary.

Fair and firm was the slogan last night of a banquet to the county food administrators of Nebraska in the palm room of Hotel Fontenelle, with Gurdon W. Wattles, state administrator, as toastmaster, and J. S. Hallows, organizer for Administrator Herbert C. Hoover, the guest of honor.

Benjamin A. Fye made what was probably the principal speech of the evening. Mr. Fye is a field agent for the state food administration. "Duty and Opportunity" was the theme upon which he spoke.

"We do not want food cards," he declared, "but when food cards become necessary in this country to win this war, which we are determined to win, then food administrators will not hesitate to put them into effect. It is not to 'do our bit,' but to do our all. Duty is the thing that must be done, but it will not be done until we do it."

Mr. W. Fairfield, second state deputy in charge of the enforcement division, gave the county administrators a number of suggestions pertaining to observance of food regulations. Mrs. A. E. Davison of Lincoln, who is at the head of the college women's organization, informed the administrators that if the time came when it was necessary for women of Nebraska to do farm work, then the college women would be first to lead.

Senator John F. Caldwell of Red Willow county, Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the University of Nebraska and John D. Haskell, Dixon county, were other speakers.

Final remarks were made by Mr. Hallows, who paid tribute to the efficient food administration maintained in Nebraska. At this juncture a poem was read by a county administrator, too modest to reveal his identity. It follows:

Some people were made to be soldiers,  
But the Irish were made to be cops.  
Sauerbrat was made for the Germans,  
And spaghetti was made for the Jews.

Fishes were made to drink water,  
Bums were made to drink booze,  
Banks were made for money,  
And money was made for the Jews.

Everything was made for something,  
Most everything but a miser;  
God made Hoover for food administrator,  
But who in the hell made the Kaiser?

## Iowa Aviator Falls With Foe In Fight, Both Machines Afire

(By Associated Press.)  
With the American Army in France, May 3.—In a desperate air fight over the American lines northwest of Toul today, Charles W. Chapman, jr., of Waterloo, Ia., and a German pilot with whom he was fighting, plunged to earth inside the German lines, both their machines wrapped in flames.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock this morning when five American patrolling machines left the ground, one after the other. They circled above the hangars until they got into a V-shape formation. Then, with the roar of motors, they hit for the line.

They had patrolled the section once and were starting on a second tour, when sparkling specks were seen in the sky far away within the German lines. The American airman turned quickly, but kept their formation. The men in the front lines watched the two formations and saw the German group continue on its course and the Amer-

## FIFTEEN BILLIONS WANTED BY BAKER FOR MILITARY USES

### "There Is No Limit; We Will Call Out Enough Men to Make Victory Certain," Says War Secretary; 233,000 Called in May; Every Cantonment to be Enlarged.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 3.—Simultaneously with the announcement today that 233,000 men from 45 states had been called to join the colors in May, Secretary Baker indicated the scope of the government's plans for increasing its fighting strength, by stating that congress had been asked to appropriate approximately \$15,000,000,000 for army of 3,000,000 men for the next fiscal year.

That amount is exclusive of funds provided in the fortifications bill, which not only covers coast defenses, but as a rule provides the bulk of heavy field ordnance. Last year the army estimates aggregated \$6,600,000,000 to pay for a force of 1,500,000 men, which already has been exceeded.

## HOLLAND FORCED TO GIVE GERMANS USE OF RAILROAD

### Hamburg Paper Says The Hague Yields to Military Demand for Transit of War Materials.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, May 3.—In an article regarding the disagreement which has arisen between Holland and Germany, the Nachrichten of Hamburg says that unrestricted facilities for transporting goods across the Dutch province of Limburg, from Germany to Belgium, would be of great value to the German high command, and that its use is becoming needed more greatly as the battles on the western front rage more violently and the requirements for men and material increase.

The Dutch government, however, took the stand that there must be no transit of war materials through Limburg. The newspaper argues that Holland's resistance to Germany's demands in this regard has been due to strong entente pressure.

The Dutch foreign minister assumed an authoritative attitude toward the German minister at The Hague, and spoke of a casus belli, the newspaper continues, and the German minister did not answer in the right tone. Perhaps he did not wish to, believing that Germany would have to be called, as heretofore. But in the present case Germany will not be obliged to yield, the newspaper asserts, because the transit question is mainly a question of warfare and is not within the province of the German foreign office.

"In the circumstances," the Nachrichten adds, "the result could not be in doubt. The German demand had to be carried through in the main and we believe The Hague has perceived the necessity and acted accordingly."

## ABOLITION OF POVERTY STERN TASK FACING WOMEN OF U. S.

### Hazards of Peace Need Safeguarding, As Do Risks of War, Says Miss Lothrop.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 3.—If "comfortable women" in truth desire "to help democracy prevail," they must undertake "the long insistent, stern task of abolishing poverty," Miss Julia C. Lothrop, chief of the children's bureau of the federal department of labor, tonight told the General Federation of Women's Clubs, here.

"We must be willing to work and sacrifice and vote for democratic standards of life, for conditions of work which do not carelessly destroy the health of workers and for pay which makes independent, self-respecting life possible for the family. The hazards of peace need safeguarding as do the risks of war," said Miss Lothrop. She added:

"A great London merchant said lately that the luxury trade was gone in the London shops. It will be well for us if it goes in our shops. If we decide that the abolition of poverty is a necessity of the democratic state and not an unattainable luxury, it can be accomplished in our own day, even in the throes of war. This is a great task, but women can no longer hold aloof from any of the great tasks of social justice.

"No war was ever entered into with a nobler aim than ours of today and noble heroism follows; but the tense excitement of the time has led to some of the unwholesome mob violence of those who run to meet a pretext for taking law into their own hands or more truly for defying law. Women know that no spirit can be more dangerous to democracy than the mob spirit. It is a moral epidemic like the plague.

"Those who make laws have no excuse for disobeying them and there-

## Leading Grain Dealer of Omaha Dead

### Charles E. Niswonger, of the Blanchard-Niswonger Elevator Company and Vice President of the Omaha Grain Exchange, Died at His Home, 4920 Chicago Street, Friday Evening, Aged 49 Years.



C. E. Niswonger

Charles E. Niswonger, of the Blanchard-Niswonger Elevator company and vice president of the Omaha Grain Exchange, died at his home, 4920 Chicago street, Friday evening, aged 49 years.

Mr. Niswonger is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Captain O. H. Swingle, rector in the Bee building. He came to Omaha from Memphis, Tenn., 10 years ago, to engage in the grain business. He was active and prominent in grain trade circles after that time, and for years had served on the board of directors of the Omaha Grain Exchange.

Mr. Niswonger had been in failing health for five years. Funeral services will be held at All Saints' Episcopal church, of which Mr. Niswonger was a communicant, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dr. Mackay officiating, and interment will be in West Lawn.

## Nonpartisan League Leader Found Guilty of Disloyalty

Red Wing, Minn., May 3.—N. S. Randall, National Nonpartisan League organizer, was found guilty of "utterances tending to discourage enlistment in the army and navy" here tonight after a trial which lasted three days. The charge on which Randall was convicted was the result of a speech made by him before a gathering of farmers at Kenyon last August.

## Spain Saves Daylight

New York, May 3.—Spain has adopted the daylight saving plan. Legal time "that country was advanced 60 minutes on April 15 to continue until October 6, the Commercial Cable company announced today.

## British Soldier on Guard At Birthplace of Jesus

London, May 3.—From Bethlehem a youthful British soldier writes to a friend here: "I am on guard at present, and it is a great honor, I can tell you, that I am guarding the birthplace and manger of our Lord. It is a wonderful place and I never thought when I used to read about it that one day I should stand and guard it. The birthplace is marked by a 14 pointed silver star, presented by the French government. The stable is hung with lamps from all different countries, and they look beautiful; and, I might add, they are always alight. The manger, itself, is cut in natural rock, but marble has been put in to keep it in a good state of preservation."

"SHELLPROOF MACK'S" Gripping Story of Trench Fighting is continued on page Four of The Bee Today.

## STEEL AND IRON TAKEN OVER FOR WAR PURPOSES

### Surplus Will Be Distributed by Government; Passenger Automobile Industry to Be Cut Seventy-Five Per Cent.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 3.—Every ton of steel and pig iron in the country virtually has been commandeered by the government for war purposes, and any surplus remaining after war needs are met, will be distributed to non-war industries under strict government supervision.

This was learned officially today following publication in New York of minutes of a meeting there last Friday attended by the chief steel men of the country and J. Leonard Replogle, director of steel for the war industries board. At that meeting Mr. Replogle announced the government's new policy to guarantee a constant supply of steel for the nation's war activities. He held the steel men they would be required to devote their entire capacity to war orders, and they signed a pledge agreeing to this plan.

The passenger automobile industry, one of the largest consumers of steel of the so-called less essential industries, will be among the first to feel the effect of the new policy. The government's and allies' steel requirements will necessitate a 75 per cent curtailment of the passenger automobile industry or possibly a greater restriction.

Other less essential industries, large users of steel, will likewise be affected, particularly commercial and private building construction.

## Poles Take Control of Cholm District in Ukraine

London, May 3.—A dispatch from Kiev to Copenhagen, as forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph, says that the Cholm district, which under the Brest-Litovsk treaty was given to the Ukraine, has been taken over completely by the Poles. Polish functionaries have been appointed and Polish courts have been established.

## Scots Strong for War, Says American Labor Visitor

London, May 3.—The war spirit in Scotland is described by William Short, president of the Washington Federation of Labor and a member of the American labor mission now visiting England, in a statement to the Times: "The abhorring men and women are doing all they can to help win the war by making material which the Germans surely will be beaten. He said: 'I went to Ayr, where I spent my boyhood in the mines. The miners gave us the impression that they were as strongly determined as the miners of the United States to carry on the fight until it is won, whatever sacrifices it may involve.'"