

BRITISH SWEEP GERMANS BACK

13,000 Prisoners and 66 Guns Captured.

ASTRIDE HINDENBURG LINE

Shattering Of a German Stronghold That Had Resisted All the Allies Efforts For Two Years—British Now Look Down On Great Industrial Sections Of France Held By the Germans.

London.—The total prisoners taken in the offensive begun last week now aggregate more than 13,000. Guns to the number of 166 also have been taken.

On a 12-mile front, from north of the River Scarpe to south of Loos, British troops pressed back the Germans all along the line and captured six villages. Field Marshal Haig's men, the official communication from British headquarters in France adds, also have gained a footing in German trenches northeast of Lens. Prisoners and guns also were taken in the advance. Southeast of Arras, the statement adds, the British also made progress.

The villages seized by the British are all east and north of the Vimy Ridge. They are Bailleul, Willeval, Vimy, Petit Vimy, Givenchy-en-Gohelle and Angres.

Great British Victory.

The far-reaching, important and sweeping success of the battle of Arras is being revealed in successive chapters to the British public, which hardly realizes yet that it is the most effectual and decisive event to the credit of the British Army during the war. It may well rank with the battle of the Marne, which turned back the German invasion directed against Paris, and may prove the turning point of the whole war in the west and change the balance of the world war.

Field Marshal Haig's bulletin, giving the number of guns captured as 166 and the aggregate of prisoners as 13,000 and the details of new territory gained for France from the invader, marks the battle of Arras as a great victory. But the significant statement from Field Marshal Haig is that the British are "astride" the Hindenburg line.

The famous Hindenburg line had been proclaimed by its author as well as by German experts as a sort of "great wall of China" that would be as impregnable to assaults as that one of the seven wonders of the world which was so long an adamant barrier to protect an ancient Chinese dynasty.

The Von Hindenburg Buddha.

German experts have been even firmer in their faith in Field Marshal von Hindenburg's "eighth wonder of the world" than they were a few months ago that Vimy Ridge was unconquerable. The German belief in the Von Hindenburg Buddha has even served to hypnotize part of the British public and some prominent writers, who have been disposed to accept the German theory expounded in German papers that everything that has occurred on the western front has gone according to Von Hindenburg's plans and as foreseen by him.

A number of European military writers have taken the view that the Von Hindenburg line was a myth pointed to hearten the German people. But the British General Staff for some time has known that there is a definite Von Hindenburg line upon which the German staff was basing its defense and has known exactly where that line was drawn.

If the British Army can break through a vital or important sector, the next chapter may be a further extensive German retreat if, indeed, the Germans are able to retreat in order with Field Marshal Haig's army pressing them as closely as it is now doing.

KING AND QUEEN TO ATTEND.

Will Commemorate Entrance Of America Into War.

London.—King George and Queen Mary will attend the service to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral in commemoration of the entrance of the United States into the war. The time for this ceremonial has been fixed as 11.30 A. M. on April 20. It is understood the King and Queen expressed a special desire to be present.

COMPULSORY PATRIOTISM.

Business Men Must Fly Flags In Arizona Or Be Jailed.

Globe, Ariz.—An American flag must fly from every business house, store front and vehicle in Globe, as a result of an ordinance passed by the City Council. A fine of \$200, or 200 days in jail, is to be the penalty for the first offense.

ENTIRE TOWN VOLUNTEERS.

Shannon, Wyo., Offers 30 Men and Women For War.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The entire population of Shannon, Wyo., 30 in all, offered its services to Gov. Frank L. Houx for war. The women and girls volunteered for Red Cross work.

LATEST SPRING STYLE FOR YOUNG MEN



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EXPERTS DELVING INTO EXPLOSION

Will Report Directly to the War Department.

FOUR INQUIRIES GOING ON

Stumbling Blocks Found In Destruction Of Shrapnel, Loading Plant and Mental Confusion Of Survivors.

Chester, Pa.—Although ordnance experts from the War Department and chemists from the du Pont plants analyzed shell fragments and black powder found at the scene of last week's explosion at the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation's plant, near here, no announcement of their possible discoveries was made. A simultaneous report is expected to be made to Washington and to company officials when the explosive experts have concluded their tests.

Officials representing Federal, State, municipal and company inquiries were frank enough to say that the exact cause may never be determined. The destruction of the shrapnel-loading plant and the mental confusion of the survivors are stumbling blocks in the way of investigators.

The State investigation is being continued under the direction of Fire Marshal G. Chal Post, who said that he was especially interested in learning how the roof of the ruined building gave way. He declared that experts can tell from the manner in which the building was destroyed just what explosive was responsible. Dynamite, the fire marshal said, as well as nitro-glycerin and gun-cotton usually lifts a roof. On the other hand, explosives that generate a large volume of gas usually blow the walls out, he continued, causing the roof to collapse.

Capt. Walter Wilhelm, general manager of the corporation, expressed himself in somewhat the same vein. "Several arrests by company guards of men found loitering about the scene of the explosion were made, but none is considered important. The close guard about the munition plant was augmented with the arrival of a detachment of State Police.

Ten thousand dollars has been collected as a relief fund and will be disbursed to the needy survivors and to the dependents of those who were killed.

The latest reckoning of the known dead was 120. Of this number 52 have been identified. More than fifty are still reported missing, and the hospitals and armory reported a total of 52 injured still receiving treatment.

URNS OVER HIS FIREARMS.

Greimo Thought It Improper For Alien To Have Them.

Philadelphia.—Declaring his intention to become a true American citizen, Gustave Greimo, 39 years old, entered a police station and handed over to Lieutenant Ewing a rifle and lot of cartridges, which he said he did not want until he was given his naturalization papers.

AMERICA BUYING SHIPS.

Reported To Be Taking Over Norwegian Bottoms Here.

London.—A Copenhagen dispatch says that the Danish newspapers report that Americans are buying a majority of the Norwegian ships under construction in American shipyards. In the last few days Americans are said to have purchased more than 200,000 tons of such shipping.

CARRANZA PLEDGES OIL.

Assures Washington That Supplies Will Not Be Stopped.

Washington.—General Carranza has given positive assurances to the United States that oil supplies from the Tampico fields and other Mexican sources will not be denied to the United States or Great Britain. Mexican oil is the principal fuel of British and French war vessels.

CONVINCED PEACE IS NEAR AT HAND

Lloyd George Tells American Club in London.

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION

Thundrous Ovation Greets His Remarks At Luncheon Given In Celebration Of America's Entrance Into War.

London.—"I can see peace coming now—not a peace which is the mere beginning of another war—but real peace," was the salutation which Premier Lloyd George sent to America. It was part of a feeling tribute which England's Prime Minister paid to the United States in a tumultuously demonstrative meeting of the American Luncheon Club. Scores of British notables were there and American Ambassador Page presided.

"I am the first Minister in behalf of Britain to salute America as one of our comrades in arms," Lloyd George declared. "I'm glad of it—I'm proud of it."

Rejoices As a Democrat.

"I'm glad, not merely because of the stupendous resources that your great nation can render to succor the alliance, but I rejoice as a democrat that the advent of the United States gives the final stamp and seal to the character of the conflict.

"We rejoice that America has won the right to be at the peace conference table when the terms are fixed.

"It would have been a tragedy to mankind if America had not won the right to be at the peace conference table, with all the influence and power she has now obtained.

Thinks the Kaiser is Right.

"The Kaiser promised that Prussia would be a democracy after the war," the Prime Minister observed whimsically at another juncture. "I think the Kaiser is right."

"The United States have a noble tradition that they never have been engaged in war except for liberty," the Prime Minister continued. "This is the greatest struggle for liberty on which they have ever embarked.

"America's entrance means something more than waging of an effective war—she will insure a beneficial peace."

Similar To War On Pirates.

"This is the first time we have come into the war in the Old World," remarked Ambassador Page, in introducing the British Prime Minister, "except once when we came to suppress the Barbary Pirates. It is singular that our present errand is so similar to that previous entrance."

The Ambassador said he believed the war would result in a better understanding of the United States by the free nations of Europe and vice versa. "This," he added, "is the largest constructive political need of the world."

HOUSE PASSES SPY MEASURE.

Bill To Punish Destruction Of War Property To President.

Washington.—The Senate bill imposing a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine or 30 years' imprisonment, or both, on "whoever in the United States during time of war shall willfully injure or destroy by fire, or by use of explosives, or by other violent means, or shall attempt so to injure or destroy any war material, war premises, or any war utilities, building or other United States property" was favorably reported to the House by the Judiciary Committee. The bill passed the Senate Monday.

TO PLACE BIG ORDER IN U. S.

Russia Wants 40,000 Cars and 2,000 Locomotives.

Petrograd.—The Russian Provisional Government has decided to place a contract in the United States for 40,000 railway cars and 2,000 locomotives, to be delivered by July, 1918.

ANOTHER CALL FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Experiment of Raising 500,000 Volunteers to Be Tried.

BAKER STANDS BY HIS BILL

Secretary Baker Declares That the Selective Draft Bill Will Still Be Urged Upon the Congress.

Washington.—Ten thousand more troops of the National Guard were called into active service by Secretary Baker.

It is understood that this increment of 10,000 is only the first of the series, and that there will be additional calls until the whole National Guard of the United States is again in the Federal service.

It is believed by members of Congress that the purpose of calling the National Guard into the Federal service is to afford all young men who care to volunteer ample opportunity to do so before the President proceeds to conscript them under the terms of the compulsory service act which President Wilson is determined shall become a law.

He has learned that there is in Congress so strong a sentiment for the "old volunteer system in preference to conscription that if a vote were taken at this time no conscription bill could pass Congress unless so amended that conscription should become effective only after a call to volunteers had failed to bring a sufficient response. It is believed, therefore, that the administration intends to give the volunteer system a final test before the conscription bill is voted on.

Volunteers For the War.

The War Department is about to issue instructions to recruiting officers to call for 500,000 volunteers to fill up the Regular Army and the various regiments of the National Guard as fast as they are called into the Federal service. To make this call for recruits for the Regular Army and National Guards practically a call for volunteers, for the war with Germany, all men so enlisting will serve only for the period of the war and will be discharged as soon as the war is over.

FARMERS TO GET \$125,000,000.

Federal Loan Board Preparing For Heavy Demand.

Washington.—The Government's appeal to farmers to put forth extraordinary efforts to increase food production on account of the war has brought a flood of new applications for loans to the Federal Farm Loan Board. The response indicates that the farmers are preparing to meet the emergency by making use of the 5 per cent. long-time loans provided by this system to equip themselves with new machinery for bigger operations. Reports from the 12 Federal land banks showed that the farmers will call for about \$125,000,000 in loans this year.

The Federal Farm Loan Board is speeding up its operations so that as many farmers as possible can get new working capital in time for this year's operations. The board in a statement today said it is just as much a matter of patriotism to buy the farm loan bonds as to buy war bonds.

S. S. NEW YORK STRIKES MINE.

It Proceeded Under Own Steam and Docks At Liverpool.

Washington.—The American liner New York struck a mine five miles off Liverpool bar. No casualties were reported. The vessel later proceeded to Liverpool.

Consul Washington, at Liverpool, reporting the incident to the State Department, said: "The American liner New York struck a mine 7.40 P. M. five miles off Liverpool bar. Company reports passengers landed at Liverpool, except four who are still on the ship. No casualties. Vessel proceeded under her own steam."

COSTA RICA WITH U. S.

Places Waters and Ports At Disposition Of Washington.

Washington.—Costa Rica's waters and ports are placed at the disposition of the United States in the war with Germany in an official communication in which that Government defines its attitude to the State Department. After unqualifiedly indorsing the position of the United States, the Costa Rican Government added its regret that it would not be possible to take a more active part in the war, but said it was glad to offer to the United States the use of all its ports and adjacent waters.

THE AUSTRIAN BREAK LOGICAL.

Vienna Press Declares There Was No Way Out Of It.

Amsterdam (via London).—The rupture of diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is declared by the Vienna newspapers to be a logical consequence of the state of war between the United States and Germany.

U. S. WARSHIPS WORK MAPPED OUT

Conference Held With British and French Admirals.

WILL GUARD WHOLE COAST

Service Abroad Also Discussed. Establishment Of United States Naval Port On Irish Coast Likely.

Washington.—With high British and French naval officers in conference here with American naval officials, definite steps have been taken toward participation of the American Navy in the war against Germany.

To attend this conference Vice-Admiral M. E. Browning, of the British navy, and Rear-Admiral R. A. Grasset, of the French Navy, came to the United States on their flagships.

To Patrol Seaboard.

Patrol of the entire Atlantic seaboard, reaching southward to the Panama Canal Zone and possibly northward to include Canada, will be the first duty of American warships. With that goes the necessity of guarding against the probable extension of the German submarine campaign to include approaches to major American ports.

British and French ships now on this patrol duty will be withdrawn as soon as the American forces have their lines established. The American squadrons will operate from British and French bases in the South Atlantic wherever necessary.

Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations and other officers of the American Navy, took part in the conference, which had to do with the part the American fleet will play in the war either immediately or later when its strength in light patrol craft and trained men has been increased.

U-Boat Attack Expected.

Commanders of the British and French forces off the American coasts, it is known, have expected that Germany would extend her submarine operations to these waters. Arrangements to patrol vigorously the approaches to the chief American harbors have been made and will be carried out by American ships.

It has been expected that Germany would formally announce a submarine blockade of Boston, New York, the mouth of the Chesapeake, Charleston and Savannah and the mouth of the Delaware. These are the arteries through which flows the main traffic in foodstuffs and war supplies for Europe.

Unless a blockade is declared in line with her previous action Germany would be under the necessity of giving warning before attacking merchant craft under neutral flags.

Many navy officers doubt that any considerable number of German submarines can be spared from the task of blockading the British Isles for work on this side of the Atlantic. Sporadic operations within such prescribed areas are looked for, however, and no precaution to guard against them will be overlooked by the navy.

THIS MAN MADE HIS OWN COINS.

Negro Janitor At Mint Never Lacked Money For Long.

San Francisco.—Whenever Charles E. Butler, negro night janitor at the United States Mint here, needed a little extra change, he would go into the money pressroom, Federal detectives said, put a little silver into the mold and make a new half dollar. Butler was arrested. He had been in the Government service for 23 years.

MUNITIONS SHIP SEIZED BY U. S.

Two Destroyers Take Vessel Bound For Mexican West Coast.

San Diego, Cal.—Verification of the report that a munition-carrying schooner bound for a Mexican west coast port was fired upon and captured by two United States torpedo-boat destroyers was had from authoritative sources. Five shots were fired at the vessel when it attempted to escape, and the ship was then beached.

ELKS MEETING TO BE PATRIOTIC.

Annual Convention At Boston To Be Great Affair.

Boston.—The National Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to be held here July 9 to 14, will be made the occasion of a great patriotic demonstration. The convention executive committee discussed the possible advisability of postponing the gathering, but decided to continue its plans.

JAPANESE OFFER TO FIGHT UNDER U. S. FLAG.

San Francisco.—Japanese of California are making plans to aid the American Red Cross in the war, under the auspices of the Japanese Association of America, according to officials of the organization.

Many Japanese who have had military training in Japan are ready to enlist under the Stars and Stripes, officials said.

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White Elephant No Jinx.

W. H. Boyd of Cleveland, O., received a letter from a friend in India saying he had sent him a white elephant as a gift, and to make preparations to receive it.

"My worry lest I have an elephant on my hands was relieved only when the gift came," says Boyd. It was an ivory carving made to wear as a watch charm.

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Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles—Adv.

Usurping All Pleasures.

Vexation and grief struggled for mastery in Gertrude's soul. "Mother, do come out and speak to Freddy," she said. "He's treading on all the ants in the garden."

"How very unkind!" said mother. "Yes, that's what I've told him," said Gertrude, "but he won't let me tread on a single one."

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Treatment for the face: On rising and retiring smear affected parts with Cuticura Ointment. Then wash off with Cuticura Soap and hot water. For the hands: Soak them in a hot lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry, and rub in Cuticura Ointment. Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere—Adv.

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Bermuda last year exported to the United States 111,971 bushels of onions, valued at \$110,703.