THE WEATHER
Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday; Friday, light north winds
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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CONVICTS IN LINE TO DO THEIR BIT FOR THIRD LOAN

McKenty Pledges Aid of 1400 Eastern Penitentiary "Boys"

"NO, SLACKERS THERE"

Prisoners Gave More Than $1 Each in Second Campaign

"Fighting Bob" McKenty's boys, the prisoners of the Eastern Penitentiary, Twenty-first street and Fairmount avenue, will do their "bit" in the third Liberty Loan campaign, which begins Saturday.

Warden McKenty today paid tribute to his 1400 "guests" at Cherry Hill. No drive is necessary, he said, as each man is more than ready to help. Unbiased observers give McKenty unstinted praise for the spirit his "boys" display in Liberty Loan work.

"In the first loan we subscribed $1000," he said. "In the second loan we reached close to $1500, or an average of more than $1 for each of my boys. This record will shame many of the slackers who have not subscribed to the previous loans. I hope every citizen of Philadelphia will take the lesson to heart."

An organization is not necessary for a drive at Cherry Hill. Every man will contribute all he can without persuasion, the warden said. Subscriptions are received at the office and each man with available funds (many of them have no money) hands in his name. Some of the men are earning small sums for work while in the prison and most of this goes for the Liberty Loan.

No persuasion is brought to bear on the prisoners.

"It is left to the conscience of each man as to whether he can and will subscribe," "Fighting Bob" said. "And I want to tell you there is more conscience right here in Cherry Hill than any one would believe."

The last general meeting of the public school teachers and principals will be held this afternoon in the West Philadelphia High School, Forty-eighth and Walnut streets, at 2:30 o'clock. This, the fourth meeting, will be addressed by E. T. Stotesbury and members of the Board of Education and of the Liberty Loan committee. The Marine Corps Band will furnish the music. Authorization to dismiss all schools at such time as to permit the principal and teachers to attend the gathering was issued by Louis Nusbaum, associate superintendent of schools.

Plans for the opening of the campaign next Saturday received added impetus today by the addition of John B. Geraghty to the staff of the committee. He is to assist E. J. Berlet in arranging the final parade on the opening day. This is to be one of the largest demonstrations ever held in Philadelphia.

There has been a heavy demand for tickets of admission to the Academy of Music for the meeting at 3 o'clock on Saturday. Any one wishing to attend this should apply at once to the Liberty Loan headquarters for tickets. The supply will soon be exhausted. There will be no admission except by ticket.

A book of slogans was issued today by the committee for the campaign. These are the work of advertising men of long experience and the claim is made that slogans suitable for any occasion can be readily found.

A few of those given in this six-page pamphlet are:

STOP, LOOK AND LOOSEN.
DOLLARS BEAT OPINIONS NOW.
BONDS ARE THE BUY-WAY TO BERLIN.
TO HESITATE IS OUT OF DATE. BUY NOW.
A BOND IN THE HAND IS WORTH TWO IN THE PROMISE.
THE GERMANS CANNOT HALT OUR SOLDIERS, BUT UNBOUGHT BONDS CAN.
THERE'S A TIME TO FIGHT, AND A TIME TO PLAY, AND A TIME TO BUY YOUR BOND—TODAY.
AMERICA HAS NEVER BEEN LICKED AT FIGHTING OR FINANCING. BUY YOUR BOND NOW.

In an attempt to bring home the actual work that each citizen can do in the loan campaign the power of each $100 bond was announced today in terms that can be understood by every one.

One $100 bond will
Clothe a soldier.
Feed a soldier for eight months.
Provide five rifles.
Furnish thirty rifles or forty-five hand grenades.
Buy twenty-five pounds of ether or 114 hot-water bottles.
Provide 2000 surgical needles.

The announcement of Mayor Smith that Broad street from the Statue of Liberty to Chestnut street will be roped off from noon to 1 o'clock every day during the month of the campaign was hailed with joy by members of the Liberty Loan committee. A schedule of attractions is being provided for each day to be held during the lunch hour in the space thus made available.

Great enthusiasm marks the preliminary work of the Jewish Liberty Loan committee of Philadelphia, and the plans of the campaign are well under way. At a meeting of the representatives of various Jewish organizations, held at the Chamber of Commerce assembly hall in the Widener Building, arrangements were made for direct ap-

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Bishop Demands Firing Squad for Traitors

Baltimore, April 4.

"Shoot the traitors!" exclaimed Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, of Detroit, secretary of the Methodist war commission, in his address against pro-Germanism before the Baltimore annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church today.

Bishop Henderson denounced Carl Scott Nearing, who was recently arrested for alleged violation of the espionage act, and said he would suggest Nearing be tarred and feathered, only that tar is too valuable and feathers too expensive.

Office Boy Called in Draft; Six Feet Seven and a Half

Local Draft Board No. 42, sitting in the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue police station, claims the distinction of having brought out the most prodigious prodigy of the season.

When it called Lee Johnston, negro, twenty-five years old, of 7113 Gray's avenue, it didn't expect much of Lee, because he is an office boy at Eddystone for an official at the munitions plant.

But when Dr. W. Warren Weaver, examining surgeon, had to climb on a chair and then stretch some to look into Lee's mouth to examine his teeth, he had to admit that the board picked a whopper. Lee stands six feet seven inches and a half in his bare feet. He claims the pugilistic championship of the office boy class for the entire world. There are no contenders.

URGE PRESIDENT TO SPEED STEEL

Shortage of 50,000 Tons at Hog Island Delaying Ships

TWENTY WAYS READY

Despite the progress being made at Hog Island, where a schedule of two keels laid a week is now maintained, it has been decided to appeal to President Wilson to "speed up" shipments of steel, that the yard's shipping program may be hastened.

Steel shortage is holding up a vast amount of work at Hog Island and future work will be seriously crippled, if steel shipments are further delayed, according to Rear Admiral Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and George J. Baldwin, first vice president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation.

As a result of Mr. Baldwin's testimony before the Senate Committee investigating conditions at Hog Island, which showed that promised deliveries of steel are now short 50,000 tons, the committee decided to invoke the aid of the President, a Washington dispatch today said.

In his testimony Mr. Baldwin put the blame for this delay squarely up to the Government and said that unless immediate steps are taken to facilitate shipments and production of steel for the yards work will be seriously crippled. Mr. Baldwin said yesterday that 20,000 workmen at the yards are being forced to do unimportant work because of the steel shortage.

"For two weeks there have been twenty ways ready to take keels at the big Hog Island yards, but steel shortages have made this impossible, Mr. Baldwin said, and only seven keels have been laid.

In his testimony Mr. Baldwin asserted that more than 60,000 tons of steel per month will be needed at Hog Island for the next three months, but that there has been no assurance given the International that this amount can be furnished, nor that the present 50,000-ton shortage is to be made up.

It is said that a complete statement will be asked of Admiral Bowles, relative to the Hog Island work, and that the incorporation of this into the records of the "Hog Island case" will mark the completion of this famous hearing.

Yesterday Admiral Bowles issued a statement in regard to the activities of the Delaware shipyards, maintaining that his district will soon be the largest of its kind in the world. He placed the total valuation of vessels to be produced at $500,000,000, and that the annual output of the Delaware district alone will equal three-quarters of the annual merchant tonnage of Great Britain in normal times.

BAKER SOON TO RETURN FROM EUROPEAN VISIT

War Secretary's Inspection Virtually at an End and Department Business Awaits Him

Washington, April 4.—Secretary of War Baker's tour of inspection in Europe is about at an end, it was understood reliably here today. This was stated in answer to varied rumors that the Secretary was to establish headquarters in Paris, and that he was to be supplanted here by General March or General Goethals, and that he was to be a member of the interallied war council.

A number of important matters are pending for Baker's consideration, and it is known that when he left here he intended only making a short stay in Europe. The German offensive probably lengthened his stay somewhat, but it was said he will return to his post soon.

THIEF FLEES IN AUTO WITH GEMS AND CASH

Gloucester Man Surprises Burglar in Room, but Window Offers Way of Escape

Hearing peculiar noises coming from a room on the second floor of his home in Gloucester, Carson R. Cleaver forced open the door in time to see a man jump out the window. With him he took $400 worth of jewelry and $230.

A few moments later a high-powered automobile dashed away with three men. He recognized one of the men as the thief. They escaped before he could summon aid.

Cleaver sent for his son, Carson R. Cleaver, Jr., a sergeant of the Philadelphia Police Bureau, who is detailed at City Hall. Searching the grounds today, Sergeant Cleaver recovered about $100 worth of the stolen jewelry under some stones near the barn. Both the Camden and Philadelphia police are searching for the thief and his accomplices.

Dies Soon After Husband

Boston, April 4.—The death at Thomasville, Ga., of Mrs. Frederick Ayer, of this city, was announced in telegrams received here. Mrs. Ayer's husband, a retired medicine manufacturer and mill owner, died at their winter home in Georgia three weeks ago.

HELP PROMISED BY CHURCHMEN IN VICE CRUSADE

Federation Will Aid U. S. in Proving Bad Conditions Here

BERRY JOINS IN FIGHT

Methodist Bishop Would Protect Enlisted Men—Raid in Suspended Officer's District

Late developments in the vice situation today gave a further sensational turn to the Federal and municipal inquiries into existing conditions.

Chief among the day's disclosures are the promise made by officials of the Interchurch Federation, that a statement will be issued tomorrow revealing sensational vice conditions unearthed by the wartime committee of the federation; an announcement by Mayor Smith that he has formulated a new plan for the freeing of the city from vice; the receipt of a letter by Bishop Berry, prominent leader of the Methodist Episcopal Church, from Secretary of the Navy Daniels, urging the churchmen to support both the city and the Federal vice investigations, and the arrest of sailors and male and female civilians in a "cider saloon" this morning.

Frank L. Garbarino and another agent of the Department of Justice made a round of the city last night, and according to theirstatements this morning visited various alleged vice resorts. At none of these to which admission was sought by the agent accompanying Mr. Garbarino could entrance be gained.

Raymond B. Fosdick, head of the committee on training camp activities, is expected some time today to authorize the publication of the supplementary report sent him recently by his investigators here.

Detectives McCarthy and Johnson this morning raided a "cider saloon," said to have been conducted by Mrs. Agnes Casper, near Ninth and Wood streets, and arrested two sailors, several civilians, Mrs. Casper and Ethel Callahan. Lieutenant Mays, of the United States navy, assisted in the raid. Mrs. Casper and Ethel Callahan were each held in $800 bail for a further hearing tomorrow.

The place raided is in the Eighth Police District, in which District Lieutenant Howard Lawson was suspended yesterday.

The Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, chairman of the wartime committee of the Interchurch Federation, said this morning that this committee has been investigating vice conditions in this city and is prepared to make a report, which will be made public tomorrow. This report is said to contain full data of conditions as found by this committee and also to contain a recommendation that the Federal authorities be chosen as the natural and most reliable medium for the prosecution of this investigation.

Rabbi Henry Berkowitz said today that there are on the statute books abundance of laws relating to vice conditions, and that if vice is permitted to exist in this city there is no excuse for it.

Rabbi Berkowitz said in this connection: "Particular emphasis should be laid on the statute making it a crime for any citizen to rent or maintain in any portion of property owned by him any kind of a questionable resort. This is the crux of the whole matter."

Suspension of two police lieutenants and several uniformed men, a statement by the Mayor that further inaccuracies in the Fosdick report had been brought to light, a declaration from Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association, that the city has been maligned by the Fosdick report, and meetings by several civic, social and religious organizations to consider the matter have already developed from this vice investigation.

The suspended lieutenants are Howard Lawson, in command of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, in the heart of the "tenderloin" zone, and James J. Barry, of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station. Director Wilson, who ordered the suspension of the two men, refused today to discuss the reason for

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RUSH WAR PLANS, WILSON ANSWER TO PEACE MOVE

Czernin's False Maneuver Expected to Be Unmasked in Baltimore Speech

TO ARRANGE DRAFT CALL

Consider More Men and Guns Overseas, Definite Reply to Teuton Propaganda

[Count Czernin's speech is published on page 6.]

Washington, April 4.

While America proceeds with swifter troops movement, broader and more efficient shipbuilding and large draft levies, President Wilson Saturday will undoubtedly unmask and kill Teutonia's latest insidious peace move.

Speaking at Baltimore, he is expected to point to the viciousness of Austrian Count Czernin's latest peace talk. Efforts by the Foreign Minister to make it appear that peace was almost possible recently and that Alsace-Lorraine was the sole stumbling block will be exposed if the President enters the peace discussion. Austria's and Germany's ruthlessness in Rumania and Russia will be shown as conclusively belying any word of peace.

The President's speech, as stated some time ago, will be a war speech. It will seek to stimulate the nation and will point to the Administration realization that hundreds of thousands of men and all resources must be poured into the struggle now in the hope of making this western battle decisive.

The most definite answer to Teuton peace propaganda at this time is in the quickened war moves.

A draft of more than 100,000 men is planned following close on the induction of about 95,000 men into service. And, by July 1, it is proposed to have a total of about 400,000 new men called.

PARIS PRESS PLEASED BY PREMIER'S "FINAL"

Paris, April 4.

The Paris press unanimously approves Premier Clemenceau's action in bluntly giving the lie to Foreign Minister Czernin, of Austria, thereby characterizing the latter's entire speech before the Vienna municipal council as a tissue of falsehoods.

The Petit Journal says it is no secret that Czernin, in an agreement with Berlin, maintained numerous agents in Switzerland, who proclaimed everywhere the Central Powers' readiness to negotiate peace and Germany's willingness to make important concessions.

The newspaper adds that certain French statesmen almost fell into the trap, but that neither Clemenceau nor Foreign Minister Pichon ever replied directly or indirectly to these overtures.

NEW COAL PRICES SET

Garfield Announces Rate to Prevail at Mines in Southern States

Washington, April 4.—Fuel Administrator Garfield has announced new prices for coal at the mines in sections of Virginia, Kentucky and Iowa and the entire States of Tennessee and Georgia.

An increase of thirty-five cents per ton is granted for all but two counties in Tennessee, while consumers will pay twenty cents per ton more in Virginia. Reductions of from five to twenty cents are ordered for the other States and the two excepted counties in Tennessee.

The new prices become effective April 5. Operators who have complied with the Washington wage agreement are authorized to add forty-five cents per ton to the announced prices.

"CABBY" UNIFORMS BURNED

Hotel Walton's Taxi Booth Visited by Blaze

When James Sheehan, starter for the Quaker City Cab Company, arrived at the Broad street booth of the company at the Hotel Walton this morning at 8 o'clock, he discovered that there had been a fire in the booth, which destroyed six uniforms and other clothing stored in the booth.

The hotel guests were kept in ignorance of the blaze, which was put out with ease.

LENROOT'S MAJORITY OVER DAVIES 11,690

Vote of Two Loyalty Candidates Three Times That of Berger

Milwaukee, April 4.

Irvine L. Lenroot, Republican and loyalist, has been elected Senator from Wisconsin by a margin of approximately 12,000. Virtually complete returns today showed:

Lenroot, Republican	148,302
Davies, Democrat	136,612
Berger, Socialist	102,911

Analysis of the returns led to the belief that the entire anti-war vote—pacifist, Socialist and pro-German—went to Berger. On the strength of that managers of both "loyalty" candidates were jubilant over the fact that the Davies-Lenroot total was three times as great as Berger's.

Davies, conceding defeat, telegraphed his congratulations on the "opportunity thus afforded you for service in our State and our common country in these serious and momentous times."

Lenroot arrived in Milwaukee this forenoon and was to leave later for Washington.

FIELDER NAMED APPRAISER

With Former Attorney General, Ex-Governor Will Value German Docks

Washington, April 4.—President Wilson today appointed former Governor Fielder, of New Jersey, and Edmund Wilson, former Attorney General, to appraise the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Line docks at Hoboken, N. J.

The docks were recently taken over by this Government as alien property.

HEAVY GAS ATTACK MADE ON AMERICANS

Poisonous Shells Rain Down All Night—Little Damage Done

With the American Army in France, April 4.

American troops near Toul have been subjected to an extraordinarily heavy gas attack.

The bombardment continued all night. Mingled with the gas projectiles sent over the Germans were shells of high explosives.

The Germans energetically shelled the American line and batteries northwest of Toul, employing minewefers at some places. In view of the intensity of the bombardment, it is surprising what little damage was done.

The visibility being extraordinarily good the next day, American observers saw long lines of German artillery entering the enemy sector far in the rear. German airplanes, which attempted to cross the American lines today, brought a thousand shells bursting around them, and retired hastily.

Washington, April 4.—As far as news of what is taking place in France is concerned, the War Department is completely isolated from the American public. While all the European Governments engaged in the great war follow the practice of letting their people know something of military operations in the theatre of conflict, the United States Government has shut down on all information of that character, except such as comes from correspondents of newspapers with the fighting forces, whose dispatches are subject to close censoring.

Under the orders cabled to the War Department from France by Secretary Baker and promulgated, nothing whatever concerning the activities of American troops in the war area is to be given out by the department.

WAR CHIEFS IN SHAKE-UP

General Sir Henry Rawlinson (above) has been appointed commander of the Fifth Army of the British forces in France, succeeding General Sir Hugh Gough (below), who has been relieved of his command because of the reverses suffered during the first day's battle of the present German drive near St. Quentin.

RUSSIANS ROUT TURCO-GERMANS

Thrown Back From Two Lines, Petrograd Announces

CONTINUE WAR ON SOVIET

Petrograd, April 3.

Turco-German forces have been thrown back sixty versts (39.6 miles) from Batum, it was announced here today.

Likewise they have been driven back from the Erzerum-Kars line.

The Ukrainian Rada passed a resolution to continue the war against the Soviets, following a speech by Colonel von Hulberg, a member of the German General Staff, promising increased German aid.

(Batum is in Transcaucasia, on the Black Sea, twenty miles east of the Turkish boundary. Erzerum is 110 miles south of Batum and was recently recaptured by the Turks. Kars is 100 miles east of Erzerum and about the same distance south and east of Batum.)

an important line of communication between Russia and the outside world. The Finnish White Guard has just dealt the Bolsheviki a staggering blow by the capture of Tammerfors and now is moving toward Kem, on the western coast of the White Sea, in order to cut off the northern railway. Kem, an important station, is the location of the British consulate.

The people's commissaries at Moscow were informed the railway zone was threatened by the Germans and Finnish White Guards. Trotzky telegraphed an order for immediate defensive arrangements.

The Russian press persistently reports that the Finnish White Guards are officered by Germans. Should the Murmansk Railway be rendered unsafe Petrograd would be hemmed in on all sides, for the Germans are in control of all other railway lines within striking distance.

Stockholm, April 4.—Tammerfors, Finland, is being bombarded by the White Guards and many buildings are on fire.

The Finnish press bureau reports that Russian re-enforcements have reached Finland, including the celebrated Preobrashensky Guard, which has taken up a position on the Karelian front.

A Swedish detachment fighting with the White Guards thus far has lost fifteen killed and seventy-nine wounded of the total of 341 men.

Amsterdam, April 4.—The Berlin War office reports the landing of more troops in Finland. The statement says:

Part of our naval forces this morning, after a difficult passage through the ice and mine fields, landed troops, destined to give help in Finland, at Hango.

U. S. ASKS M'CLATCHY TO MANAGE HOUSING

Morris, Stotesbury and Cuyler Recommend Cantractor for Fortieth Ward Project

At the recommendation of Effingham B. Morris, president of the Girard Trust Company; E. T. Stotesbury and T. Dewitt Cuyler, Government officials at Washington offered the directorship of housing in the Fortieth Ward to John H. McClatchy, a building contractor, with offices in the Land Title Building. Mr. McClatchy is seriously considering the offer.

ARTILLERY DUEL VIOLENT NORTH OF MONTDIDIER; MAY PRECEDE FRENCH DRIVE

ONLY SIX LARGE ENGLISH CRAFT SUNK IN WEEK

Seven Small Vessels in Lightest U-Boat Toll for Two Months

London, April 4.—The sinking of six British vessels of 1600 tons or over, seven smaller vessels and five fishing vessels during the last week bears out the promise of Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, that the line showing losses continues steadily downward. In his last report to Parliament, Geddes expressed the hope that sinkings would decrease and production increase until the end of the second quarter of this year might see a balance established. In the face of the approach of better weather and more favorable conditions, the losses of large ships during the week was the fourth lowest score of the unrestricted submarine war.

Rome, April 4.—Teutonic submarines sank three Italian steamships of more than 1500 tons and destroyed one sailing vessel of more than 100 tons and nine sailing vessels of a tonnage under that figure in the week ending March 30.

FORD PLANE WORK RUSHED

Two Thousand Liberty-Motor Cylinders Turned Out Daily

Washington, April 4.—Henry Ford of Detroit, here for conferences with officials of the War and Navy Departments reported his plant is turning out about 2000 Liberty motor cylinders a day.

GERMANS GET BIG GUNS UP TO FRONT SLOWLY

New Zealanders' Exploit Shows Present Use of Smaller Pieces

London, April 4.

The Germans are gradually getting their big guns into place along the line of the Picardy battle, but their progress is not nearly so rapid as had been expected, and they are, therefore, having to rely to a remarkabl extent on much gunfire, according to reports from British headquarters today.

New Zealanders, who went over the top and captured 1000 yards of German front trenches after they had been yielding doggedly for days, got 200 prisoners and more than a hundred machine guns, an unusual concentration of such guns, considering the length of the position taken.

Stories coming in from press headquarters reveal the falsity of the German claims of heavy capture of prisoners. The assault on Arras and Vimy Ridge, jouted by the German wireless as a victory, although the Germans failed to take the famous ridge, is generally recognized at headquarters as one of the bloodiest and most disastrous defeats ever inflicted on the enemy by British troops.

The punishment which the Teuton masses have sustained is revealed in a startling way by the news that one battalion near Vaulx-Vraicourt used more than a quarter of a million rounds of small ammunition in a single day.

GERMAN-SWISS FRONTIER ORDERED CLOSED

ZURICH, April 4.—The German-Swiss frontier will be closed Friday, it was announced here today. (The closing of the German frontier at any point in the past often has preceded important troop movements in that vicinity.)

CHANCELLOR HERTLING SERIOUSLY ILL

AMSTERDAM, April 4.—German Chancellor Hertling is seriously ill, it was learned here today.

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN WILL CLOSE MAY 4

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The third Liberty Loan campaign will close May 4, after a drive of ofur weeks beginning Saturday, it was announced at the Treasury Department today. Confidential instructions have been issued to banks to have their books closed five days after the close of the campaign.

OWNERS OF MOTORS TO AID LOAN DRIVE

Automobile Club Solicits Cars for Use of Liberty Campaign Speakers

If you have an automobile and a slight supply of patriotism, offer the car to the Liberty Loan committee for use during the drive, is the appeal addressed to the citizens of Philadelphia today by S. Boyer Davis, secretary of the Automobile Club of Philadelphia.

Many cars are needed to carry speakers and do other work in the drive, he pointed out. If you cannot give your entire time, give what you can. There have been many cars volunteered to date, but the committee cannot have too many. The division of the load among a number of cars will lighten it for every one, the loan committee says, and you are not doing your full "bit" until you have done everything in your power to help the loan.

To subscribe is little sacrifice, Mr. Davis says. It is a business proposition. There is no better and safer investment in the world. By treating yourself to as many bonds as you can buy is merely what you have to do.

You are asked to go a little further by giving your time and a small contribution to the campaign in gasoline and tires, for which you will receive no return save the satisfaction of having done a little more than you were forced to do. And the boys at the front are depending on you. Will you help them by helping us to make the third Liberty Loan a success? This appeal is addressed to every owner of an automobile by the committee.

Communicate at once with S. Boyer Davis, 23 South Twenty-third street, and tell him on what days of the week and on what hours of the day you will lend your car to the Liberty Loan committee during the campaign. You are requested to do this at once.

RAILROAD FINED $8420

Jury Finds L. and N. Guilty of Nuisance for Fatal Wreck

Lexington, Ky., April 4.—As an outgrowth of the disastrous wreck at Shepherdsville, Ky., on December 20 last, when a fast train crashed into a load filled with Christmas shoppers, mostly women and children, killing and wounding forty-nine, a jury in the county court today found the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company guilty of maintaining a common nuisance and imposed a fine of $8420.

Prosecution against officials of the railroad company, who were under indictment, was dismissed.

BAKERS TO ORGANIZE SERVICE COMMITTEE

National Body Will Assist State Food Administration in Enforcement of Law

A move to organize 30,000 bakers in the United States into a union to facilitate interchange of ideas in the baking of wheat substitute bread will be launched next Wednesday at a meeting of 1000 bakers to be held in this city. The meeting is under the direction of William Freihofer and Jay Cooke, Philadelphia food administrator.

The organization when effected will be known as the National Bakers' Service Committee. William M. Campbell, of Kansas City, is national chairman and William J. Krider, of Homestead, is director for Pennsylvania.

Five bakers are to be named in each State to assist the State food administration, and county captains will be appointed to aid county directors. Prior to April 14 a meeting of bakers is to be called in every county of the United States.

The pledge card called for the national association pledges the baker to make every possible effort for the conservation of wheat in the attempt to save wheat flour. The most significant portion of the ruling reads: "I agree that I will give to any baker any formula or best method I know of for making bread with a percentage of cereals other than wheat, and I will demonstrate them in actual practice in my own shop. I will encourage practical demonstrations in my community to bakers collectively so that each and every baker may save his proper quota of wheat for our soldiers."

GROUND GLASS IN CANDY

German Merchant and Clerk Arrested After Sale to Sailor

New York, April 4.—Candy believed to have contained particles of glass was sold to a sailor in Brooklyn and the police and Federal authorities arrested Edward Waller, proprietor of the store, and his clerk, Henry Willems, both Germans. They were held as enemy aliens, the Federal authorities announced, pending a chemical analysis of the candy.

Saleswoman on Job 45 Years Dies

Chicago, April 4.—A saleswoman who had been "on the job" continuously here in one department store for forty-five years is being mourned today by thousands of persons who had come to know her before her death. Miss Mary Hallam, who was eighty years old, was declared the dean of the world's saleswomen. For forty-two years of her service she served at one place, the lace counter.

Petain Counter Seen in Big Gun Activity

LULL ON LINE, HAIG REPORTS

Renewal of Foe's Pressure Forecast for This Week

CIRCLING OF AMIENS GUARDED AGAINST

Germans Concentrating Men and Munitions Back of Lines

ADMIT "SLOWING UP"

Semiofficial Berlin Press Now Offering More Excuses

15TH DAY OF BATTLE

London, April 4.

The artillery duel on the French part of the front has assumed great intensity, today's communique from Paris says. This news, taken in conjunction with Berlin's recent statement that French long-distance fire set Noyon Cathedral ablaze and wrought havoc in Laon, is taken here as an indication that Petain is the aggressor and is preparing, by artillerying, to press ahead and regain ground relinquished in good order last week by the French at the southern end of the long Picardy line.

This may be a preliminary to a French counter-offensive to forestall the German renewal of driving, expected this week.

There has been no break in the lull on the British section of the battle line.

The British War Office in its announcement today reported only artillery activity at some points on the west Flanders front.

The big guns were active in the Menin and Passchendaele sectors, but there was no infantry activity of any importance. An enemy post in the Hebuterne sector was rushed.

New Drive This Week

Germany is expected to renew her offensive today or tomorrow. Military critics both of Paris and London today saw in the heavy artillery firing reported along the Picardy front the Kaiser's preliminary move in another effort to smash forward to Amiens.

British and French headquarters officials are supremely confident. The last few days have permitted the Allies to bring their reserves up and place them where desired without interference. The enemy will find attempts to advance strongly opposed at every point, critics declared today, and belief was confidently expressed that at no place would the Germans make any material gain.

Some strategists believe the Germans will not be able to launch the expected drive before the expiration of a three-day interval. They are agreed on Amiens as the objective.

French Report

The French official report received here says:

Artillery duel north of Montdidier assumed great intensity last night.

Northwest of Rheims (in the Chemin-des-Dames sector, where American troops are training), in the Champagne and along the left bank of the Meuse French troops penetrated various enemy trenches and took prisoners.

East of Rheims, in the Avocourt Wood (northwest of Verdun) and north of St. Die German raids fell down.

Haig's Report

The British front continues quiet, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

An enemy post in the neighborhood of Hebuterne (north of Albert) was rushed and a machine gun captured, he said.

A few prisoners were captured on other parts of the battle front. Elsewhere on the battle front, also in the Menin road and Passchendaele sectors (near Ypres), in

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