

A DRAGNET FOR WORLD NEWS

Flotsam and Jetsam of Live Interest Caught From the Wires and Boiled Down.

GREAT CONFLICT EPITOMIZED.

Important Happenings in Forty-eight States of the Union—Occurrences at the Capital—Latest Cable Condensations.

WAR BULLETINS

Germany's supreme drive on the western front has been halted at all points except in the sector due east of Amiens, where fierce fighting continues.

The allies have taken the offensive in Picardy.

The British lines are holding bravely, and with the appointment of the heroic General Foch as generalissimo there is reason to believe that the tide will turn and a great allied smash will thoroughly envelop the weary Huns.

There was a general feeling of relief in the decision of the allies to place their forces under one head, and big results are expected from the agreement.

The Associated Press learns the enemy has used 87 divisions and still has 40 more which might be thrown in. The German line outside the offensive front is being held by mediocre troops.

The French took the most important part in the terrific fighting Thursday, smashing the German flank in what possibly may be the opening of the great allied counter thrust at the invading Huns.

Argentina is on the eve of another diplomatic and more critical crisis with Germany. This is the general opinion in political circles, and it is based on the torpedoing of the Argentine steamer Ministro-Rodrigo in the Mediterranean on January 20.

WASHINGTON

Capital and labor, after a month's conference in Washington, agree to ban strikes or lockouts during the war through the settlement of industrial disputes by a federal mediation body.

The United States Shipping Board granted permission to private builders to construct wooden craft in American shipyards, a privilege that has been refused them since the war began.

Mr. Hoover, virtually declaring present method of handling meat situation is a failure, recommends naming of a federal commission which would take charge of packing industry.

President Wilson congratulated General Foch on his appointment as commander in chief of the allied armies. Washington has no news of the reported offer of Gen. L. H. DeWitt to take command of the entire American army for service in the counter offensive against the Germans, but believes that the report is true.

James E. Kepperley, manager of the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation, answering the sensational charges by Senator Overman, denies that German spies infected the airplane plant.

Senator Overman declared the breakdown in America's great aviation program was due to German spies, whose number in this country he estimated at 400,000.

The Japanese, by an agreement just concluded, will supply America with 12 large ships, representing a tonnage of 200,000. In exchange they are to receive steel.

The American Federation of Labor announced the selection of a mission of nine members to assure British and French labor that the workers of America are squarely behind the war.

GENERAL

Enlargement of the Marine Corps and dropping of the proposal for a big drydock at Charleston (S. C.) Navy Yard will be urged by house Republicans.

Paul J. Pelz, who designed the Congressional Library and other public buildings, died at his home at Washington, D. C.

A mob of about six hundred people visited 16 homes in Coshocton, Ohio, and forced 30 pro-Germans to kiss the American flag.

By vote of the Executive Committee of the United Mine Workers at Springfield, Ill., \$155,000 will be invested in Liberty Bonds.

A movement was begun at Berlin, Mich., to have the name changed to Pershing. The town has about four hundred and fifty residents, mostly Scotch and Irish.

Draft age men and married men are again eligible for service in the Marine Corps.

Gov. A. O. Stanley of Kentucky vetoed a bill prohibiting the use of German language in public schools.

Senator Overman announced that the death penalty will be given in many cases for violations of the espionage act.

The Labor Planning Board has brought about an agreement between capital and labor for the duration of the war, which will prevent strikes in any industries engaged in government work.

Citizens of Hammond, Ind., built a "Liberty" temple in nine hours. They contributed the material and 500 carpenters worked.

Lieut. Marty McHale, former pitcher of the New York Americans, is signing up athletes all over the country for a bombing squadron for the United States.

The National Association of Credit Men will wage a nation wide campaign against fraudulent business enterprises.

Adoption of the daylight saving scheme was effected without trouble, railroads in particular experiencing little delay in schedules.

Food Administrator Hoover announced a complete suspension of "meatless days" for a period of 30 days.

Major General Wood passed the physical examination and will continue in active service.

Pieces of glass discovered by a woman in a loaf of wrapped bread led to the questioning by Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams of New York of the head of a large baking company. The latter admitted there had been other complaints, but said he had been unable to detect the guilty party. He promised to employ detectives.

The New York Federal Reserve district's allotment for the third Liberty loan has been set at 30 per cent. of the whole issue, or \$900,000.

German-American War

A woman arrested in Newark, N. J., with a Curtiss employee asserted the Curtiss airplane plants were infested with German spies. Airplane designs were found in their room.

Many thousands of American troops are advancing to take part in the great battle in Picardy. The men sing joyously as they go toward the front. The lines of motor trucks loaded with soldiers and the columns of marching men are miles long.

America will send troops abroad as fast as the ships can go in response to the allies' appeal, Washington says, and every ton available will be put to use in transporting men.

The house unanimously passed the new loan bill authorizing \$4,500,000,000 additional issue of Liberty bonds and making the total of bonds so far authorized for war loans \$12,000,000,000.

An American patrol of five men captured four Germans and killed two others in an enemy outpost. One German was so delighted at being made a prisoner that he asked permission to go back after his brother. Another patrol spent four hours exploring the German trenches by daylight.

American troops fought like veterans to stem the German offensive near St. Quentin, according to a French captain. Two wounded officers received the French war cross on the battlefield.

American Ambassador Page left Rome for the Italian battle front to meet Secretary Baker.

SPORTING

Miss Molla Bjurstedt won the national indoor singles tennis championship, and Miss Eleanor Goss and Mrs. S. F. Weaver took the doubles title at the Seventh Regiment armory, New York.

Charlie Herzog has settled his baseball differences and will join the Boston Braves.

The New York football team defeated the Joliet, leader in the Chicago Soccer League, by 2 goals to 1.

The disposition of the players belonging to the defunct International League was settled in a decision handed down by the members of the National Commission. The club owners of the International League failed to live up to the rules of the National agreement and thereby forfeited their rights to the players, who become free agents.

Another player the Yankees are likely to lose through the draft is "Bob" Shawkey, who has been placed in Class 1A of the draft.

The International Baseball League decided to disband, but a new league was immediately organized, with several of the old clubs forming a nucleus.

The Yacht Racing Association of Long Island decided to revive racing for the smaller boats next season.

The slander suits of John Lavan and Del Pratt against Phil Ball, owner of the St. Louis "Browns," for \$50,000, was settled out of court.

FOREIGN

Oscar Grusenber, famous Russian jurist and former senator member of the constituent assembly, in an interview says 4,500,000 Jews have been killed or driven into exile. He declares there are no strong men in Russia save Trotsky and Lenin and that they have failed.

Premier Terachi promised Japanese aid for allied interests in the far east, saying that German encroachments were still much to be feared.

Shelling of Paris by long range guns is resumed. At the same time ordnance experts find that the shells are fired with two fuses from a gun approximately 60 feet long.

British mounted troops cut off the line of the Hedjaz railway, east of the River Jordan, thereby hampering Turkish operations in Palestine and Arabia.

Vladimir Dourtsseff, famous Russian revolutionist and historian, says Russia's salvation still lies in the hands of the allies and that under German domination the empire would be absolutely lost and ruined.

AMERICAN TROOPS MARCH TO BATTLE

United States Forces Are All Turned Over to the Allies Under Foch.

OVER 100,000 FOR DRIVE.

Great Activity in American Zones—Troops in Lines Miles Long Plod Over Muddy Roads—Men Determined, But Cheerful.

With the American Army in France. —The acceptance by France of General Pershing's offer of all American men and material for the present emergency has in effect virtually resulted in a unified army command, so far as the French army and American forces are concerned. This is shown by the fact that the orders issued to the American troops are of French origin.

All the American troops have been turned over to the allies for such use as they see fit to make of them. American troops may soon be fighting side by side with their British and French allies in the battle which is raging in northern France.

It is enough to say that great activity of many kinds is in progress in the entire American zone. Miles of motor trucks loaded with Americans have passed through the towns, some going in one direction, some in another. Through a driving rain the motor trucks plod their way along muddy roads, the Americans singing. Many of the trucks had American flags fastened to their tailboards.

On other roads miles after mile of marching Americans splashed through the mud which came over their ankles. The horses were steaming from the work they had to do.

All the men are working as hard as possible, with the realization that they are to be of service in the common cause and used in the present conflict.

Great activity continued Sunday throughout the zone where the American troops are quartered. It began at four o'clock in the morning, when heavily loaded motor caissons began rumbling through the streets and over the roads, which by noon were crowded with caissons, both motor and horse drawn, marching men, horses and artillery.

As on Saturday, some parties were going in one direction and some in another. The Americans passing were cheered by others who stood along the roads watching the virtually endless procession, some of which were miles long.

Out on the open roads, the men in the caissons sang everything from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to "Tipperary." They exhibited the greatest enthusiasm for the work they have in hand and seemed to be anxious to get it started.

Frequently during the day heavy motor trucks skidded down the muddy roads into ditches, but they were quickly literally picked up by as many Americans as could get a hand on them and set back on the road and started again toward their destination. A little thing like lifting the end of a five ton motor truck from a ditch means nothing to Americans who are in a hurry to get into the fight.

Quebec Anti-Draft Riot. —Quebec had a taste of real warfare when it witnessed a cavalry charge and dodged flying bullets. A mob of 10,000 assembled in the St. Roch district, the lower town, in which most of the trouble has originated, and marched in military formation to the barracks with the avowed intention of liberating the conscripts quartered there.

Fortunately the hotheads had announced their plans and the military was well prepared. When the first showers of missiles rattled on the drill hall windows the gates opened and a squadron of cavalry charged the mob, which scattered.

PITH OF THE WAR NEWS

The battle is slackening, according to news reaching Paris. The attacks of the Germans have been less violent and less numerous, and it has been observed that the enemy is feverishly digging himself in, particularly in the neighborhood of Laesigny. The general impression is that the situation is most satisfactory.

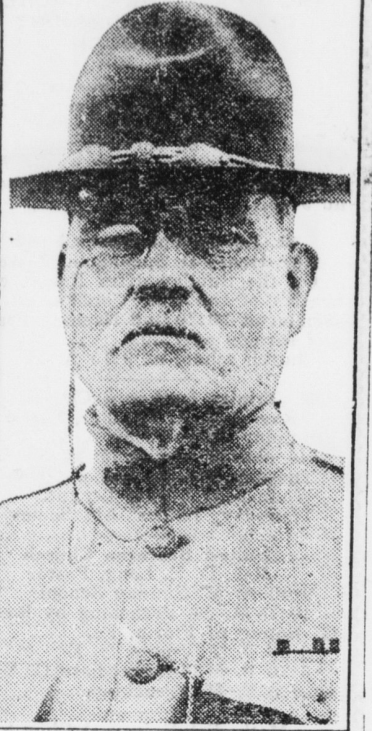
A German attempt to cross the Oise near Chauny ended disastrously. The entire battalion was either killed or captured.

On southern battlefield the French recaptured Ayccourt and Monchel. The German drive has been checked, and the Huns have been hurled back in several places on the western and southern edges of the salient. East of Arras the British have advanced and taken prisoners and guns. South of the Somme the allies have blocked the path to Amiens, recapturing Demuin and Moreuil on either side of the Roye-Amiens road.

Allied troops are now co-operating with the Bolsheviks in stemming the invasion of Finnish White Guards, who have Germany's backing.

MAJ. GEN. BLISS

Reserves of Allies Being Handled According to Bliss' Plans.



The great reserve army of the allies, in which American soldiers are carrying the Stars and Stripes into the most momentous battle of all history, is declared, is in motion. This news means the "brilliant American plan," credited to Gen. Tasker H. Bliss by Premier Lloyd George in January, is in actual operation.

SPIES DELAY AIRPLANES

"400,000 Germans in U. S. Up to Work Like This."

Fatal Accidents on Our Aviation Fields Are Due to Such Tampering.

Washington.—Senator Overman of North Carolina exhibited in the senate evidence of the activity of spies in aircraft plants in the United States. He showed a bracket which is used in the Bristol fighting plane and declared the steel had been removed and replaced by lead, which was so completely covered that it required an expert to find it.

The statement of Senator Overman and the doctored bracket caused quite a sensation, the senators gathering around him to get a look at the lead put in the bracket.

"There came into my office yesterday a very prominent man in the United States, who is a detective in the government service," said Senator Overman. "He brought this bracket, which holds the radiator rod that goes on the Bristol fighting machine. He brought it to show what German spies had done. I believe there are in this country 400,000 German spies up to work like this all the time.

"Two or three hundred Bristol machines were to be furnished the government on April 1. They were not furnished because of German spies, who had cut the steel in the brackets and filled them with lead, painted them over, and when the first machine was tried out it fell to the ground. A British officer, an inspector of the Curtiss plant, found that this plant of steel had been tampered with. That delayed the building of the Bristol machines for more than two months, for every machine had to be examined and all the pieces found changed replaced by others.

"If I were secretary of war or the President of the United States I would commandeer the Curtiss plant, where these machines are made, turf out every suspicious man and hire only loyal Americans. Some of the leading men in the plant have German names. I make no charges against these men. They may be innocent, but they have strange names to me.

"We know that spies are in the Curtiss plant, and they have delayed the building of the Bristol machines, or fighting planes, and prevented their delivery on time."

LIBERTY MOTOR STANDS TEST.

Propels Four Persons From Hampton to Annapolis and Back. —Hampton, Va.—A Liberty motor installed in a Curtiss machine was used by Maj. Roy L. Brown, chief flying officer at Langley Field, in a flight to Annapolis, Md., and back. Major Brown was accompanied by three passengers.

Army officers said the motor acted perfectly throughout the round trip, and splendid time was made. No other details were given out.

U BOATS TIE UP SPAIN'S SHIPS.

Merchants Demand Commerce With United States Be Resumed. —Madrid.—Ten large transatlantic steamships have canceled their sailings for America and are lying idle in various harbors of Spain on account of the submarine menace. Freight amounting to thousands of tons is lying on the docks at Cadiz, Barcelona and Corunna awaiting cargo space and heavy losses are being sustained in consequence. Merchants demand that commerce with the United States be resumed.

ARMIES UNIFIED UNDER GEN. FOCH

German Offensive Regarded as Failure Through Inability to Break the Line.

AMERICAN ARMY IS READY.

British Held Firm North of the Somme—Teutons Are Now Within Eleven Miles of Amiens.

London.—The enemies of Germany in France, for the first time during the war, fighting under the control of a single commander. General Foch, the great strategist, to whom has been accorded much of the credit for the victory of the Marne in September, 1914, is generalissimo of the entire allied armies in France. This report was received in the form of an unofficial dispatch from London, but it was officially confirmed by advices to Washington from Paris.

President Wilson sent a personal cablegram of congratulation to General Foch, and General Pershing placed at the disposal of the French commander the American forces now on French soil. General Foch has supreme command over all the men on the battle lines, and, in addition, has a strategic reserve force, the size and location of which is not known, but which, judging from reports, is very large.

The German offensive has slowed down. Instead of a sweeping advance its progress has been checked at all but one sector of the front, and there it has been merely creeping for the last two days—this fact even admitted by the German war office, which usually conceals nothing.

From Arras, north of Arras, to Albert, on the Somme, the British lines have been holding stubbornly and have thrust back the Germans at a number of points. From Albert south to Montdidier there has been a slow movement to the west, but the hills west of Montdidier are still being held by the French. No ground has been made against the French along the southern side of the salient driven into the allied lines, while it is asserted that the French counter attack from Lassigny to Noyon is still going on. The extreme depth of the German wedge is now about 37 miles.

Meanwhile the allied world is waiting for the entrance to strike back at the Germans. When this blow, if it comes, will fall or where is sealed in the minds of the men directing the progress of matters, but seemingly it must come soon if it is to be effective. The German advance is now converging on Amiens, the railroad center of northern France, which is known to be the garrison from which run the main communications of the British army in northern France. The railroad from Paris to Amiens was cut by the Germans at Montdidier, but this would not be vital if Amiens itself is held by the allies.

FOR \$7,500,000 TO FARMERS.

House Amendment May Nullify Baer Bill.

Washington.—The bill to loan \$7,500,000 to grain farmers, introduced by Representative Baer of North Dakota, nonpartisan, was pressed to final passage in the house, 251 to 67, but not until its enemies had inserted a provision which they confidently expect will nullify it.

Another day's debate was featured with bitter assaults against the Nonpartisan League, of which Representative Baer is the sole representative in Congress.

Just before the bill passed an amendment by Representative Garrett of Tennessee was adopted, which provides that the President must investigate the food situation and determine the appropriation necessary before any funds can be paid out.

WORLD'S NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

NEW YORK.—Mme. Despina Davidovitch Storch, one of the four German spy leaders arrested here on March 18, died mysteriously on Ellis Island, where she was held for deportation to France.

TOKYO.—Japan has made no move to intervene in Siberia, but stands ready to take up the matter when the allies agree, the foreign minister of Japan announces, saying Japan regards Germany's influence in Siberia with grave apprehension.

WASHINGTON.—The Shipping Board announced that 36 ships were turned out in March.

QUEBEC.—Antidraft riots here were resumed, and a mob wrecked a hardware store to obtain firearms.

PHILADELPHIA.—Mayor of Philadelphia and governor of Pennsylvania are warned by navy department that unless vice conditions in Philadelphia are cleaned up the city will be declared "out of bounds" so far as permitting men on leave to go there.

THE HAGUE.—Holland declared the seizure of Dutch ships in American ports to be "an act of violence, which it will oppose with all the energy of its conviction and its wounded national feelings."

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