

WEATHER: Fair today and probably tomorrow; little temperature change. Temperature at 8 a. m., 55; average temperature for March 29 for last thirty years, 46 degrees.

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A King's Plaything. Amusing, But Dangerous. The Kaiser Is Busy.

The father of Frederick the Great said to the tutor of his sons "Always teach the young princes that a king gets his glory and interest in life only from the sword," or words to that effect.

In peace life is rather dull for an "All Highest," but in war every moment is of blissful importance—until the time comes to wake up.

Consider the Kaiser, see how busy he is.

Every day like a Prussian "little Jack Horner" he telegraphs to the Empress praise of himself, saying, "See what a good boy am I."

He sends to Hindenburg the iron cross with the gold rays—plain iron not quite good enough.

He appoints his oldest son chief of the Grenadiers, adding modestly,

"The brave and war-proved regiment will always be worthy of its princely chief." His fourth son, August Wilhelm, he makes prefect at Pottadam—training him for a "vice regal post in Lithuania or Courland."

He has plucked out kingdoms and principalities for all his boys at the expense of other nations. No use blaming him. He has been taught all his life what Frederick was taught by his father, that princes should help themselves, carving with the sword what they need out of other people's pockets.

The Kaiser telegraphs the Krupps praising the gun that shoots seventy miles, sending "my imperial thanks for this achievement of German science and labor"—the proud achievement being a machine that kills, seventy miles away, children that have not harmed the owner of the gun.

Having congratulated the makers of the perfected murder machine the Kaiser tells von Ludendorff that he is grieved by the sorrows of others and "has been deeply depressed by the terrible devastation."

He adds, "How glad we should be, that our country has been spared such terrible things."

If the energy of the United States could be expressed, as it should be, in flying machines dropping dynamite, the Kaiser would change that particular tune.

You read of great crowds singing in the Berlin streets celebrating Prussian victory.

Ten thousand flying machines over their heads would make them celebrate in the cellars, and give the Kaiser a chance to do some grieving at home.

Let us still hope that the flying machines will be made SOME day, and the devastation that touches the Kaiser's heart carried into Prussia.

The country is slow, but it is not absolutely petrified and will probably do something some time.

Very gay while it lasts is the life of a Kaiser, once the sword is drawn and dripping with blood. Dynamite explodes, bullets whistle, but the sacred person handing out iron crosses and plaudits is at a safe distance.

He and his family are well fed, unhurt. No wonder they think Frederick the Great's father a wise old man who said that the sword is the king's only satisfactory plaything.

For the rest of the world outside of the Prussian blood puddle there is no good news.

The sinkings by submarines are worse than ever.

The allies still fall back—their marvelous courage is the one bright spot.

Very inspiring is the calmness and courage of the French, led by the old fighter, Clemenceau.

Victor Hugo said when Napoleon III appeared in the hat of the real Napoleon, "It's the same hat, but not the same head."

The French know that the Hohenzollern they are dealing with has the same name as the great Frederick—but it isn't the same head.

Clemenceau says contemptuously of the Kaiser's seventy-mile cannon, "It's a political cannon." And so it is, intended to frighten France with the wonderful things that Germany can do.

The Kaiser complains of the "obstinate English" that refuse to admit defeat when he has defeated them theoretically. He complains also of the obstinate French, "blond white," as he prettily puts it. Those same Frenchmen, at this moment, are driving bayonets into Prussians that will never again see Prussia, and with an energy that indicates a few remaining red corporals.

The sword is a very amusing plaything for a king. A razor may be an amusing plaything for a child, but it is dangerous.

Let the All Highest, who calls God his partner in murder, and the Crown Prince, who so anxiously wailed "for the day," enjoy themselves while they may.

Germany in the long run will take care of them. They are starving children, killing and maiming millions of men.

PERSHING URGES FOCH TO PUT ALL AMERICANS IN THE BATTLE LINE

PARIS, March 29—General Pershing in a conference with French officials at the front yesterday asked in his own and his country's name that the entire American forces in France be engaged in the present battle, the war office announced today. Pershing said the American army was entirely at the disposition of the French. He made his request of General Foch, while Premier Clemenceau and General Petain were conferring with Foch.

LEGISLATION NEGLECTED BY CONGRESS IS PILING UP

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

Whenever something goes wrong with the war machine, inevitably the critics assail the executive branches of the Government. Somebody is a pacifist or hasn't his heart in the war or is temperamentally unfit or hasn't been a Republican or a Democrat or a business man or something else.

Congress is such a complicated and so often an invisible affair that the Senate and House can go along wasting their time on irrelevant matters at the expense of urgently needed legislation without much being said about it.

No One Responsible. Moreover there is no particular person to hold responsible, therefore no one is held responsible.

But the neglect of important legislation in the last few weeks is one of the most depressing things about the ability of our democracy to compete with the smooth working machinery of our enemies.

Most people imagine, for instance, that when the Attorney General asked for legislation three months ago to punish female spies—for the female of the species is more deadly than the male—that Congress would, of course, not hesitate to grant the request.

But the bills are still pending and even if a woman spy were caught she could not be given severe punishment.

Bills Still Pending. Most people imagine when the executive branch of the Government appeals to Congress to give it sufficient law to punish pro-Germans engaged in insidious efforts to interfere with the sale of Liberty Bonds that of course such legislation would be promptly passed. But bills amending the espionage act to cover such cases are still pending. And the Liberty Loan campaign opens on April 6th. The request was made in January.

Most people imagine that if a man put bombs on American transports carrying American boys to Europe and he is caught doing this that or

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Washington Flyer Killed in Italy



Photo by Harris & Ewing. LIEUT. MARCUS JORDAN. His death, after an airplane accident in Italy, has been reported to his brother here.

LIEUT. JORDAN, OF D. C., DEAD IN ITALY

Foggia, Italy. Eldridge Jordan, Washington.

Your brother, Second Lieut. Marcus Jordan, died this morning, March 27, from wounds contracted in an airplane accident. He lived two days, displaying wonderful nerve. Condition required burial here. Great loss to his country. I extend my deep sympathy. Details will follow by letter.

FROST, Commanding. This was the cablegram received today by Eldridge E. Jordan, well known banker, of Washington, announcing the death in Italy of his younger brother, Lieut. Marcus A. Jordan.

Young Jordan was twenty-three years old. Some time ago he joined the Canadian flying corps, and later

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WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH WAS PREARRANGED, BELL REVEALS

Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commander of the Seventy-seventh Division of the national army, just back from France, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee today the British withdrawal in the face of the German drive was prearranged.

"You may have heard that the withdrawal of the British was prearranged," said General Bell. "That is true. I knew in a general way something about their plans which I learned confidentially while I was abroad."

The general stated there was no objection to the publication of his statement because the plans had already been carried out.

British Prepared. "You may have seen that General Ludendorff said that it took two months to prepare for the drive," said General Bell. "It took longer. There seems to be an impression that the British were partially ignorant of what was going on. That is not true. I personally knew that the British made the best preparation possible."

General Bell described his observation in much detail. He told the committee that General Pershing has established schools to train American officers in the scientific method of warfare worked out by the British and French. The utilization of scientific methods worked out in the past three years necessitated the formation of many new organizations of special troops, he said.

That the allies, by reason of their knowledge of German plans and preparations to meet them, had whipped the Teutons before the west drive began, was the declaration of Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, to the Senate Military Committee.

The allied withdrawal was based, he said, upon complete familiarity with every step of the German preparation for the offensive.

"I knew of the British plans in a general way before I left France," he said. He told how each side is able now to locate enemy artillery by stationing observers who listen for the sound of guns. Six of these listeners report, and their reports are combined, with the result that an aerial observer is enabled to fly over a certain position and verify the fact that a gun or battery is located there.

Forces Removal. "Then it is easy to force the enemy to move his guns," said General Bell. "In spite of lavish fire on these positions, the guns themselves are seldom destroyed."

General Bell declined to state for publication whether in his opinion American officers of high command from 60 to 70 years old should be on active duty abroad.

"It is not true that there are German and French officers as old as this who are furnishing the brains

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General Foch May Head Interallied Army

LONDON, March 29.—"Under the pressure of urgent war necessities it would not be surprising if a supreme commander in chief were appointed for the western front with the hearty approval of Field Marshal Haig and General Petain," the Daily Chronicle stated today.

The appointment of a Generalissimo has been under consideration for some time and it is understood that a decision has been hastened by the German offensive.

It is expected that the post will go to General Foch, one of the most brilliant officers in the French army.



GENERAL FOCH.

HEAVY RAINSTORM ON BATTLEFIELD HAMPERS GERMANS

PARIS, March 29.—Nature is favoring the allies. Heavy rains have begun, making it difficult for Germans to bring up ammunition and supplies over the badly cut-up fields, which are becoming morasses of mud.

PARIS, March 29.—The French are holding firmly the territory recaptured from the enemy yesterday in the Montdidier sector, according to the official announcement issued this afternoon.

In the Montdidier region, despite counter attacks, we hold the villages recaptured yesterday," says the statement.

"We stormed and captured Lemontchel and repulsed counter attacks against Plesisdenojades.

"North of Montdidier the Anglo-French forces are holding the enemy on the Avre river.

Lemontchel is about two miles southwest of Montdidier. The Avre river flows westward through Roye and passes about three miles north of Montdidier.

GROUND IS GAINED, SAYS HAIG REPORT

LONDON, March 29.—British forces took a number of prisoners and machine guns north of the Somme, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

"His frequent attacks with great determination throughout the day (Thursday), only gained our outpost lines after severe hand to hand fighting," Haig said.

"His reserves, sent forward against battle positions, were thrown back everywhere with losses. "Our own machine guns, artillery, and rifles did great execution.

"Our positions were maintained against strong attacks north of the Somme yesterday afternoon and evening and we gained ground by successful counter attacks. "Heavy continuous fighting on

LATEST WAR BULLETINS

AMERICAN FLYERS IN BIG BATTLE.

PARIS, March 29.—The British and French successes of the last twenty-four hours have been due directly to the air men. They have remained in the air for hours at a time and have directed the guns with a precision that has excelled anything witnessed to date in the present war. American flyers are participating in this work in the Montdidier sector.

MUNITIONS EXPLODE NEAR PARIS.

PARIS, March 29.—Many persons were wounded in the explosion of a munition depot at Laxourneuve, near St. Denis, today. The damage was extensive. The explosion was heard for forty miles and the concussion shattered windows in the center of Paris.

An American Y. M. C. A. ambulance corps was the first to arrive at the scene of the explosion.

GERMAN RESERVES REPORTED SHORT.

LONDON, March 29.—In military circles here it was declared today that Germany is running short of reserves. This belief is based on dispatches reporting that Germany is now calling her naval divisions to the front.

REPORT GERMANS DECEIVING SOLDIERS.

LONDON, March 29.—German commanders are succeeding in deceiving their troops into believing that this is the last battle of the war and that peace will follow immediately, says a correspondent in Flanders.

"FOE HELD AT ALL POINTS."—BLISS.

"The enemy is being held at all points," was the dispatch from General Bliss read to the House Military Committee this morning by General March.

YESTERDAY The Washington Times GAINED 10,282 Lines of Advertising (37 Cols.) Over the Corresponding Day (March 29) Last Year. EDGAR D. SHAW, Publisher.