

AMERICANS IN FULL CONTROL OF NO MAN'S LAND

Along Lorraine Sector, Where They Play Havoc With German Patrols.

GERMANS GLAD OF CAPTURE

American Sharpshooter Dislodges Boche in Tree.

When He Falls, Irish Sergeant Exclaims, "Sure, the Fall Would Have Finished Him."

By Bert Ford, International News Service Correspondent.

With the American Army in France, April 17 (6 p.m.)—Heavy spring rains have brought a period of comparative calm to the American sectors for artillery duels. The weather has limited aerial activity also. The enthusiasm of the Americans, however, is growing stronger daily. The first request of American wounded is to return to the front.

An American lieutenant, who sports more medals than a Russian general as a result of his marksmanship, lay in ambush for many hours to get a boche sniper who was annoying the Americans. He sighted the German climbing a tree, and the German fell at the first shot. An Irish sergeant who had witnessed the performance exclaimed: "Sure, Lieutenant, the fall would finish him, anyway."

This American officer has seen seventeen years' service in the regular army.

German snipers have been very busy against Americans. They killed two mules and wounded a sergeant, but the Americans are taking their toll in reprisal. Each day fresh acts of bravery on the part of the Americans are revealed. In a recent skirmish a Yankee private, finding his part of the front too quiet to suit him, crept over to the right flank, where there was brisk fighting, and killed two Germans. He was wounded in the side, but not seriously.

Wounded German prisoners are kept separate from wounded Americans in the hospitals. They all say they are glad they were captured. Most of them are rugged and deny that there is any lack of food in the German army. They say that American prisoners are well treated and that their captors are not allowed to take even a button from their uniforms.

One prisoner—a hand grenade expert, who had served through the war unscathed—tried to throw back an American grenade before it exploded. He was a trifle slow and part of his hand was blown off. Americans are in full control of No Man's Land in the Lorraine sector, and have been playing havoc with German patrols.

Rev. Father Des Valles, a Knight of Columbus chaplain from New Bedford, Mass., proved himself one of the heroes on the recent fighting on the American front. Although under heavy artillery and machine gun fire he gave aid and comfort to the wounded in No Man's Land.

Disregarding danger, Father Des Valles went among the men cheering them up and giving them cigarettes. So greatly did he endear himself to the Americans that they now call him the "Guardian Angel." An American officer successfully led his men over the top twice in twenty-four hours to assist French troops.

One of the small men of a certain regiment became exhausted carrying in the wounded. His hands became so sore from holding stretcher handles that he could not keep a grip on them, so he tied them to his wrists with wire so he could continue. It was a long journey back to the dressing stations.

An American private, though wounded, refused to quit fighting until the end of the battle. Then it was found that he had thirty-nine wounds, all from shrapnel.

GALLANT DEFENSE OF SHELL-WRECKED VILLAGE

Worcester Infantry and King's Royal Rifles Face Five Furious German Assaults.

London, April 18.—The last man to leave the shell-wrecked village of Neuve Eglise after the Germans had stormed it with terrific loss of life was the commander of the Worcester infantry. His gallant troops and the King's Royal Rifles held out in the face of five furious German assaults, inflicting tremendous losses upon the attackers.

More than once the Germans broke into the village, only to be hurled back by British counter-attacks. Neuve Eglise lies about four miles northeast of Baillou, in Belgium.

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Scoreboard Reflection

(By Jack Velock, International News Service Staff Sporting Editor.)

LIMBING IS RIGHT. A player they call Leo Marce. Hit the ball with the limb of a tree. Whereupon Pitcher Horn remarked with fine scorn, "I believe you are limbing 'em me."

From the looks of the box score, the Dodgers can't hit a flock of barns.

Lee Magee's five hits were wasted against Pittsburgh. Lee made two doubles and three singles in five times at bat.

The Athletics are a better club than any one thought, or else the Red Sox are a worse club than they look to be on paper.

Wallie Schang's single in the ninth saved the game for Boston, making three straight over the top. But the scores have all been close.

The Braves buried the Phillies alive under four runs.

Walter Johnson's opinion of the Yankees has been deleted by the censor. The Yankees have beaten Walter twice in three days.

Popular pastime of ball players for 1918—enlisting in the navy.

Alexander hasn't won a game for the Cubs, but Weegman has already got \$50,000 worth of publicity out of him.

Herman Schaefer, comical coach, has signed with the Cleveland Indians. Since war was declared Herman has refused to answer to "Germany."

CONGRESS IN RESPONSE TO DEMANDS OF PEOPLE

Senator Calder Defends Congress and Feels Sure People Indorse Its Conduct.

(International News Service.)

Rochester, N. Y., April 18.—Strong defense of congress and its right to criticize the administration was offered here this afternoon by Senator William M. Calder, of New York, speaking before the Rochester Ad club. "Every day I hear criticisms of congress," Senator Calder said. "People are prone to say that if we—the congress—would only adjourn and go home and permit the president to conduct the entire business of the nation, the country would be better off. I am quite sure that the people, in the main, do not entertain this very unfair opinion of the law-making part of their government."

"I insist that congress has responded to the demands of the country in this war period more radically than ever before in the history of our country. "I have felt that the president was in error last summer when he made it plain that he did not wish to have congress provide for the improvement of a congressional committee on the conduct of the war. I am sorry that was his view and, frankly, I feel certain that if he had permitted congress to do as it wished, the executive branch has failed, until quite recently, to keep congress informed on the progress of things."

"I believe that senators and representatives can render no better service to their country than by criticizing and pointing out ways that will bring remedy wherever and whenever, in their opinion, real fault exists. "But I do not believe all is wrong at Washington. We are just settling things in motion, and when this war machine has its full momentum no nation on earth can withstand it."

Wild Rumors Caused Cotton to Fluctuate

New Orleans, April 18.—Wild rumors caused wild trading and wide fluctuations in cotton here today.

Around the opening the tone was fairly steady, and at one time prices were 18 to 24 points over yesterday's close. From this there was a break until late in the session, the market stood 160 to 178 points, or \$8 to \$9 a bale, down from the top. Last prices showed net losses for the day of 19 to 27 points. Much easy selling was due to reports that the price of cotton goods would be fixed in the near future, but in the afternoon the market was thrown into confusion by unconfirmed rumors of the piercing of the German lines by the French army and the fall of Dunkirk. Besides there was a report that a bill had been presented in congress fixing the price of cotton at 20 cents a pound. At its highest today, May stood at 23.50c.

Joseph S. Carels, 93, State's Oldest Mason, Dies

Nashville, April 18.—Joseph S. Carels, 93, treasurer and librarian of the Tennessee Historical society, died here this morning. He had been a Mason over seventy years. His boyhood was spent in Philadelphia. Tennessee had been his home since early manhood.

Mrs. Worley Denies Words Attributed to Her

Washington, April 18.—Navy department officials said today that Mrs. Worley had told their representatives in Norfolk that she never had said her husband was born in Germany, and that she had made no statement in which she said she expected word of the safety of the Cyclops within twenty-four hours.

Four-Masted American Schooner Abandoned

Washington, April 18.—The four-masted American schooner Herald was reported waterlogged and apparently abandoned in a dispatch to the state department today from Tampico. The position of the ship was given as latitude 23-44, longitude 105-54. The vessel was last reported at a gulf port on March 17.

BRITISH NAVAL POWER REVEALED

Recent Success Against German Mine Sweepers in Baltic Demonstrates Superiority.

(Associated Press.)

London, April 18.—The British naval success against German mine sweepers in the Cattagat recently, says the Daily Telegraph, is sufficient answer to the Germans, who say that the British grand fleet is in hiding. Contrasting the British fleet in the Cattagat with the German raids in the straits of Dover, the Daily Telegraph points out that while the Germans in their bases on the Belgian coast are only twenty miles from the straits, the exploit in the Cattagat was a carefully planned operation conducted more than 500 miles from the nearest point on the British coast.

"Such a sweep," it adds, "can be made only by a power in real control of the sea confronted by an enemy who will not risk protecting his small craft, suspecting that such intervention might be the prelude to a general action which he desires to avoid. The Germans had large forces near the scene on this particular Monday. They did not send them out, but on the contrary, permitted ten trawlers to be destroyed virtually under their very eyes."

Gained Little New Strength.

The newspaper then discussed the theory that the Germans might be inviting naval action near their mine fields and coast defenses, and that all such suggestions have no foundation among those who have knowledge of naval conditions. The enemy, it says, has gained little by the Baltic situation, while British superiority has been increased since the battle of Jutland, by the co-operation of the American forces and the entire naval strength of the United States would be available, if necessary. Moreover, if the German naval forces were to be employed advantageously as the right wing of the German army they should have been thrown in before and not during or after the opening of the battle in France.

HOUSE OF LORDS WILL PASS HOME RULE BILL

(International News Service.)

London, April 18.—That the house of lords will pass the home rule for Ireland bill today as a virtual certainty. This was shown by the speech of the Marquis of Lansdowne, in which he said: "It is our duty to help encourage the gallant army to the utmost of our ability. I feel so strongly on this point that I am quite ready to throw to the winds many old notions and antagonisms and I believe that this can be done without loss of consistency or the pledges of the government."

Lord Lansdowne had been regarded as one of the chief opponents to Irish home rule in the upper house. The government already has pledged itself to put through both the manpower bill, extending conscription to Ireland, and the home rule bill. In fact, the cabinet has threatened to resign if the house of lords rejected the home rule act.

ATTEMPT TO ADVANCE ON AISNE FRONT BROKEN UP

(Associated Press.)

Paris, April 18.—After a preliminary bombardment, strong German detachments attempted to advance last night near Corbeny on the Aisne front. Today's official statement says the attack was broken up by the French fire. The statement follows: "In the region of Corbeny the French caught under their fire, and dispersed, a German detachment which attempted to approach the French lines after artillery preparation. "The Germans undertook several raids in the Champagne and on the right bank of the Meuse, especially to the east of Carrières wood and near Damloup. All the enemy's efforts were repulsed and prisoners remained in our hands."

Plans for Solution of Aircraft Problem

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 18.—A solution of the aircraft problem similar to action taken with regard to the shipping board will be reached by President Wilson within forty-eight hours, it was stated today in administrative circles. Edward R. Stettinius, second assistant secretary of war, will be placed in a post on the aircraft board practically identical with that of Charles M. Schwab, who has been made director-general of the shipping board. Chairman Howard E. Coffin, of the aircraft board, will probably retain his duties, but will share his authority with Stettinius, it is said.

ALL IRISH-AMERICANS RALLYING TO ALLIES

Washington, April 18.—Irish-Americans are rallying to the support of the allies despite threatening troubles concerning conscription in Ireland, Senator Phelan, of California, this afternoon told the senate. "Americans of Irish extraction are giving their all to the support of the allied armies and their cause and they believe that by winning the cause of the allies they will win their own cause—the freedom of Ireland," Senator Phelan declared.

DRAWS LINE AT BATHLESS, SMOKELESS, HOMELESS DAYS

Chicago, April 18.—Heatless, wheatless and meatless days were all right with Carl Schmidt, but when he, by all means, his wife, aided and abetted by her folks, issued a ukase ordering smokeless, bathless and homeless days, it was too much. Today Schmidt filed a suit for divorce against Mrs. Schmidt, and another suit asking \$50,000 for alienation of affections has been filed against William R. Wallace, his father-in-law.

Schmidt said he was prohibited from smoking in his own home, taking a bath on Sunday and being at home on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays.

AUSTRO-GERMAN RULE TO BE INSTALLED IN UKRAINE

Washington, April 18.—In carrying out their plan to make the Ukraine an Austro-German colony, the central powers intend to dissolve the Ukraine and to install an Austro-German government, a report reaching the state department today said.

PROHIBITION WINS FIGHT IN NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y., April 18.—Recapitulation today on Tuesday's and Wednesday's local option election in New York showed that although prohibition forces won out in a bare majority of the 39 cities voting, the wets carried the larger municipalities and retained more than 1,400 of the 2,132 licenses, or nearly 70 per cent. of the total involved.

Revised returns early today from Syracuse and Schenectady, the largest cities voting, went wet by big majorities, ranging from approximately 12,000 to 2,500, respectively. Binghamton, the only other second-class city affected, went dry. The total vote averaged 70 per cent. greater than that cast at the last gubernatorial election, due chiefly to women's participation. The sale of intoxicants must cease on Oct. 1 in the cities which voted dry.

BANKING INDUSTRY HOLDS MEETING IN MOBILE

Mobile, Ala., April 18.—J. M. Winkelman, of Memphis, was elected president of the Southeastern Association of Baking Industry at the closing session of the annual convention here today. Leroy Rogers, of Atlanta, was chosen vice-president, and J. B. Evered, of Columbus, Ga., was re-elected treasurer.

John C. McAlpine, of Philadelphia, expert accountant and specializing in bank accounts, made a patriotic address. Mrs. Ida C. B. Allen, representative of Food Administrator Hoover and a lecturer and writer, appealed for food economy.

The following chairmen for the national baking conservation plan as required by the government were named: North Carolina—H. O. Miller, Charlotte; South Carolina—Augustus Geiffuss, Spartanburg; Georgia—H. Molchow, Atlanta; Tennessee—Charles Evers, Nashville; Alabama—William Fisch, Birmingham; Louisiana—Al Vories, New Orleans.

House of Representatives Returns Burleson's Letter

Washington, April 18.—Postmaster-General Burleson's report, in which was included a letter by George Creel characterizing a statement made by Representative Treadway as "baseless," will be returned to the postmaster-general by the house.

The special committee appointed to sit in judgment, after a thorough examination of precedents, agreed unanimously today to recommend that the house decline to receive the postmaster-general's communication. It was made clear by committee members that the merits of the controversy over the forwarding of Creel propaganda literature to American troops in France was not gone into. The only questions considered were whether Creel's statement was "disrespectful" or "called into question a statement made on the floor" by a member of the house.

The committee's report will be made to the house tomorrow but probably will not be acted upon until Monday. The committee found abundance of precedents for the course it will recommend.

Army Officers Give Credence to Rumors

Washington, April 18.—While army officers here were without confirmation of reports that the French and American forces had delivered a mighty blow against the German lines, they were inclined to credit the rumors. They considered the time ripe for the counter-offensive and the southern part of the line a logical place for it to take place.

Young Woman Leaps From New York Hotel Window

New York, April 18.—A well-dressed young woman, identified from notes of farewell as Miss Florence M. Tackney, of Utica, N. Y., leaped to instant death from a fifth-story window of the Park Avenue hotel today. She left no clue as to the reason for her act.

Oklahoma May Obtain Government Powder Plant

Washington, April 18.—The Council of National Defense is considering the establishment of a government powder manufacturing plant at Fort Gibson, Okla., the head of navigation on the Arkansas river, it was brought out today during a conference of Oklahoma business men with Chairman Beach, of the council's advisory commission, and other members of that body.

PITTMAN SILVER BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, April 18.—The senate this afternoon passed the Pittman silver bill. The bill authorizes the payment of trade balances in silver; it also provides for the issuance of \$200,000,000 in bullion held as security for certificates, and for purchase of silver to replace the bullion. An amendment to fix the price of silver was lost.

The administration silver bill introduced by Senator Pittman, of Nevada, providing for the withdrawal from the treasury of \$50,000,000 in silver dollars, to be melted into bullion, to meet foreign trade balances was passed today by the senate without roll call and after brief debate. The bill now goes to the house.

Forty Men From Park Lieutenants With Tanks

Washington, April 18.—Organization of the national army tank corps was ordered accelerated today by the war department. Announcement was made of the appointment of 157 second lieutenants for the corps, forty being from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

BILLION RAISED ON LIBERTY LOAN

Treasury Announces New Subscriptions Have Gone Past That Mark.

Washington, April 18.—New subscriptions of \$107,000,000 reported to the treasury today, sent the total liberty loan pledges over the billion-dollar mark to \$1,059,558,000. "This figure," said a treasury statement, "while encouraging, is unsatisfactory to the liberty loan committee. The daily average still is short of what it should be if the \$3,000,000,000 quota mark set for the country as a minimum is reached or exceeded."

ALABAMA IRON AND STEEL WORKERS' STRIKE STUDIED

Washington, April 18.—The strike of iron and steel workers in Alabama, involving 7,000 men, will be the first case to come before the new national war labor conference board when it meets next Tuesday, it was announced today. This strike threatens to involve the entire steel industry of the United States and is considered by department of labor officials to be the most serious labor problem which the new board will be called upon to settle.

WEARING U. S. UNIFORMS TO DECEIVE PENALIZED

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 18.—A bill to make the wearing of naval or military uniforms of the United States "with intent to deceive" a federal offense was favorably reported by the house judiciary committee this afternoon. The legislation was asked by the department of justice because of returned heroes frauds in many parts of the country.

Bucketshop Rumor Causes Stock Advance

New York, April 18.—A rumor sent out over brokers' fires this afternoon that the American and French forces had launched a powerful attack in the vicinity of Noyon, caused advances of about 2 points in the leading stocks. The version of the stocks carried in Wall street, which was entirely without verification from any other source, was that a Canadian newspaper had received a cable regarding the counter-attack.

Steel common sold at 92 3-8 and shortly after 2 o'clock, a net gain of 1 3-4. Industrial alcohol was up 3 1-4 at 12c.

BOGUS AGENTS AT WORK

Heavy Pealty for Persons Impersonating Revenue Men. (International News Service.)

Washington, April 18.—Attempts to obtain information regarding the deceiving of individuals and corporations by fraudulent revenue agents and men impersonating income tax inspectors are being investigated by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Roper, it was learned this afternoon. Complaints have been received from taxpayers that bogus agents are operating in different sections of the country, and the internal revenue bureau has issued a warning urging persons to assure themselves that inspectors are bona fide agents of the department before showing their books. Heavy penalties are prescribed for persons impersonating revenue agents.

Report That Negro Murderer Is Lynched

Meridian, Miss., April 18.—Passengers arriving here at noon today report that "Diamond" House, a negro, who they say was convicted of manslaughter yesterday afternoon and sent to jail to await sentence for the shooting and fatal wounding of Plagman E. J. Bunks, of the Northeastern railroad several weeks ago, was taken from the jail by an enraged mob last night and lynched, at Poplarville, Miss.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF INCOME TAXES URGED

(International News Service.)

Washington, April 18.—Three telegrams from Illinois liberty loan committees, in which they asserted that the government must allow payment of income and excess profits taxes in installments to insure the success of the third war loan, were read in the house this afternoon by Representative Fuller, of Illinois. The ways and means committee has taken no action on resolutions by Representative McFadden and McCormick to permit such payments.

MAXIMUM PRICE OF COTTON MAY BE 80 CENTS POUND

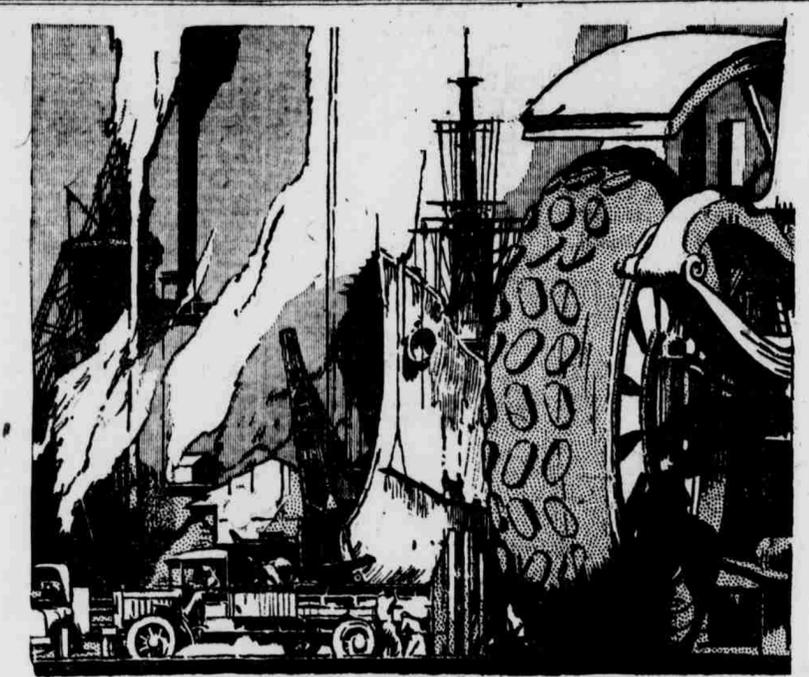
Washington, April 18.—A bill to fix the maximum price for raw cotton when sold by the producer or dealer to the manufacturer at 20 cents a pound during the war was introduced today by Representative Emerson, of Ohio. It proposed that the president may reduce or raise the price in his discretion.

Wounded American Soldiers Arrive Home

An Atlantic Port, April 18.—About 2,000 American soldiers and sailors, recovering from illness and wounds, are being distributed to base hospitals today. It is reported, following the arrival of a big American transport. No statement was forthcoming from army and navy transport officials regarding the reported arrivals.

FRENCH PREMIER GOOD MORE THAN SIX MONTHS

New York, April 18.—"Tell me frankly if I can continue for the next six months in that devil of a way existence I carry on now; six months is all I want," Premier Clemenceau of France, who is 77 years old, told an army surgeon when he asked for thorough physical examination recently. This remark was attributed to the premier in a dispatch from Paris given out here today by the official French bureau of information. "You have more than six months ahead of you," the surgeon replied, after the examination.



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