

125 KILLED; 300 INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Congressman Helgesen Dies Suddenly at Washington

SERVICES FOR FLOOD VICTIMS AT AUDITORIUM

Bodies Will Lie in State at Municipal Building Between Hours of 12 and 2 o'Clock

BUSINESS HOUSES OF BISMARCK WILL CLOSE

Elks' Band to Precede Funeral Cortege From Undertaking Parlors

PROCLAMATION.
Funeral services in memory of H. A. Barwind, A. A. Von Hagen, N. F. Prentice and J. A. Vale, our esteemed brother citizens who lost their lives in Sunday's flood, will be held at the Municipal Auditorium at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, April 11.
As a mark of respect to the deceased and to express our sympathy for the living, it is desired and requested that all business of every description be suspended in the city of Bismarck between the hours of 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. on that day.
(Signed) A. W. LUCAS, Mayor.
R. H. Thistlethwaite, City Auditor.

The bodies of the late Harry A. Barwind, H. F. Prentice, John A. Vale and A. Von Hagen, all of Bismarck—four of the five victims of the Easter morning tragedy on the Mandan side of the Missouri river—were brought to Bismarck this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The remains were accompanied by Jeff White and Fred Talbot, both of Bismarck, and a delegation of about 12 Mandan Elks. The bodies of Barwind and Von Hagen were taken to the Lucas undertaking parlors and the bodies of Vale and Prentice to the Webb parlors.

The station platform was crowded with members of the Elks, United Commercial Travelers, Masons and business men of Bismarck, who defiled in line and marched behind the bodies to the undertaking rooms.

Mass Services at Auditorium.
The funeral over the remains of the four bodies will be held at the Auditorium commencing at 3 o'clock sharp Wednesday afternoon. The bodies will lie in state at the municipal building between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock tomorrow.

Members of the Fraternal Order of Elks with their band will meet at their hall at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and march in a body to the two undertaking parlors and from there escort the remains of their brothers to the Auditorium. The committee has made special arrangements for seating of the members of the families and immediate relatives.

The service will be in charge of Rev. H. C. Postlethwaite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the Rev. George Buzzelle, pastor of St. George's Episcopal church of Bismarck. Selections will be given by the Bismarck male quartet.

At the suggestion of A. W. Lucas, president of the city commission, merchants of the city will close their places of business between the hours of 2:30 and 4 o'clock. The banks will close at 2 o'clock.

Other Lodges to Participate.
The Elks committee on funeral arrangements announced late this afternoon that members of the United Commercial Travelers, Masons and friends are invited to participate in the services and to march in the funeral cortege which will leave the undertaking rooms at 10 o'clock.

The selection of pall-bearers was announced this morning and are as follows:
For John A. Vale—H. P. Goddard, F. A. Copelin, Robert Dutton, H. F. O'Hare, Edward White and J. C. Oberg.

For Nat Prentice—Fred Talbot, Jeff White, Edward Finney, J. L. George and John C. Whitney.
For Harry A. Barwind—C. M. H. Hollist, A. P. Leubart, Ray M. Bergeson, O. H. Hendrickson, W. J. Reibold and J. P. Sell.

For A. Von Hagen—B. R. Bonnell, C. Woods, P. H. Throdahl, Edward Maynard, L. W. McLean and S. F. Lambert.

Relatives Arriving in City.
Relatives of the dead men are arriving in the city, and with the restoration of traffic on the Dakota division between Mandan and Bismarck it is expected that Mandan will send over a large delegation to attend the obsequies.

The body of Harry A. Barwind will be taken to his old home in Milwaukee for interment; that of Nat Prentice to the home of his father, Charles Prentice, at 1605 Dayton avenue, St. Paul, and John A. Vale to Fargo. The remains of A. Von Hagen

REPRESENTATIVE FROM FIRST NORTH DAKOTA APPENDICITIS VICTIM

First Elected Member From State at Large in 1910; Re-elected When Re-organization Took Place in 1912—Special Election Will Be Held to Name Successor—Governor Frazier Expresses Regret Over Loss.

Washington, April 10.—Representative Henry T. Helgesen of North Dakota, Republican, and member of congress since 1911, died here today. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, and he had been in a precarious condition for some time.

CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE.
Henry T. Helgesen first was elected to the United States congress as representative at large in 1910. On the re-organization of the North Dakota congressional districts in 1912 he was elected representative from the First district, and in 1914 and 1916 he was re-elected by large majorities over Democratic and Socialist opponents.

Born in Iowa, Congressman Helgesen was born on a farm near Decorah, Ia., and received his early education in the public schools and the normal institute and business college of Decorah. After graduation, he embarked in the mercantile business in Decorah, in which he remained until 1887, when he moved into the territory of Dakota, settling at Milton, Cavalier county, where he engaged in the hardware business, also handling furniture and lumber.

Retiring from business in 1906, Representative Helgesen devoted his entire attention to his farming interests until 1910, when he made his first race for congress. He was married in 1880 to Bessie H. Nelson of Decorah. (Continued on Page Three)

CONGRESS NOT PREPARED TO DRAFT MEN

Washington, April 10.—Efforts to break down opposition to the draft feature of the proposed army bill were continued today by President Wilson.

There was considerable talk of a compromise to be presented by opponents of compulsory service. Chairman Dent of the house military committee declared it would be at least a week before a bill is reported from his committee.

GUATEMALA IS PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 10.—Martial law has been declared in Guatemala. The action was taken on information of disturbances along the Mexican and Salvadorean frontiers, supposed to have been created with German assistance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD PUT BAN UPON GRAIN SPECULATION

Minneapolis, Minn., April 10.—Directors of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce today adopted a report of the committee recommending to the association that they discontinue speculation in grain futures at this time.

KITCHIN PROMISES TO ASSIST MEASURES

Washington, April 10.—Democratic Leader Kitchin today announced his readiness to pilot the administration war program through the house. He voted against the war resolution. Mr. Kitchin also announced that he would give the Democratic caucus a chance to decide, if it desired, to depose him as house leader.

MINNESOTA SOLONS VOTE MILLION TO AID IN HOME DEFENSE

St. Paul, Minn., April 10.—Without a dissenting vote, the Minnesota state senate today passed the Sullivan bill appropriating \$1,000,000, to be used for war purposes in Minnesota at the discretion of a public safety commission, to be appointed by the governor. The measure now goes to the house.

BREAD BULLETS TO WIN WAR

Agricultural Experts Called Into Conference to Formulate Food Policy
St. Louis, Mo., April 10.—The conference of agricultural experts called here by Secretary Houston to discuss war food problems is expected to adopt a resolution asking congress to pass a law granting minimum prices for farm products.

Dr. Charles McCarthy of the University of Wisconsin urged the adoption of a plan to create a staple market.

"Bread bullets are going to win the war," he said. "And it is up to us to ask now if the farmer is to have any assurance as to the disposal of his crops. We should ask congress to protect the farmer by establishing a minimum price for crops and a minimum price for him to pay his labor."

Publishers of farm journals, having circulation of 10,000,000, are gathering to discuss means by which their readers may be impressed with the importance of making their crops this year the biggest in the history of the country.

DRIVE ON HINDENBURG LINE CONTINUES DESPITE BLINDING SNOW STORM

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)
With the British armies in France, via London, April 10.—Under blinding snow squalls, with intermittent flashes of sunshine, the British pressed their attack against the Germans today all along the line from a point south of Cambrai to the vicinity of Lens. So much booty was taken in the first push of this new assault that it has not at all been reported, but it is said a large number of guns were captured.

Yesterday's fighting and gains far surpassed the first day of the battle of the Somme last July. The Canadians today command the Vimy ridge and are reported to be well beyond it at some points. More villages were captured today in the direction of Cambrai. The fighting there is intense.

Clearing weather yesterday afternoon prompted the airplanes to detect German trains moving toward the rail head, apparently for a counter attack on Vimy ridge. This fact was reported to the artillery and all long range guns for ten miles around were concentrated suddenly on the indicated points in what probably constituted a new record for long distance barrage fire with heavy guns. Thus the plans for a counter attack were absolutely destroyed before the reserve troops could detain.

WANT BAN ON USE OF FOODSTUFFS TO MAKE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Leeds, Eng., April 10.—At the conference here of the Independent Labour party, a resolution was adopted calling on the government to prohibit the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of alcoholic liquor during the war.

9,000 MEN AND 40 GUNS TAKEN FROM GERMANS

Canadians in Hardest Bit on British Front Give Good Account of Themselves

LEISURELY RETREAT OF TEUTONS IN JEOPARDY

Whole Line Is Wavering—Anglo-French Chain Around Douai Slowly Tightening

London, April 10.—The British offensive between Lens and St. Quentin which has opened spring operations and which is still in progress has proved even more successful than the earlier accounts indicated.

General Sir Douglas Haig today reports that yesterday's captures exceeded 9,000 men, and 40 guns.

Canadians Make Good.
The Canadians, who had one of the hardest bits of the front to contend with, now hold the famous Vimy ridge, even its eastern slopes having been cleared of Germans. The Canadians also have repulsed German counter attacks.

Important Position.
These positions by the Germans indicate the importance they attach to this position, whence the conquerors look down over the plain of Douai. With Vimy ridge gone, the whole German line covering the French town and industrial districts to the north becomes a wavering one and any leisurely retreat the Germans may have planned is made uncertain and precarious.

Anglo-French Chain Tightens.
With the capture of the famous ridge, the British made a considerable stride along the road to Douai, while the capture of the high ground northwest of St. Quentin tightens the chain which the Anglo-French forces are drawing around that town.

A German diversion southeast of Ypres, according to General Haig's report, met with no success.

The British have made further advance north of Bagdad, the war office announces. They have captured the Balad station on the Bagdad-Samarah railway, and the town of Herbe.

PENETRATE LINES.

Berlin, April 10.—The British succeeded in penetrating the German lines on the roads radiating from Arras, but did not break through, according to today's German army headquarters' statement.

"In stubbornly resisting the superiority of the enemy," adds the statement, "two of our divisions suffered considerable loss. The battle near Arras continues," the statement says.

50,000 Americans in Trenches for Allies; May Train U. S. Navy



Two of the 50,000 Americans helping the Allies. The man at the left took a large number of dogs to France, then enlisted. At the right is William P. Fay, a graduate of Harvard, who drives an American ambulance and has been decorated for bravery under fire.

By F. M. KERBY.
New York, April 10.—Fifty thousand Americans, fighting in the allied armies of France and Great Britain, will be available to train an American "foreign legion" if the United States sends troops to fight side by side with the allied armies in Europe.

Forty thousand Americans are with the British army at the front; 10,000 more are with the French. These men are actually in the fighting ranks and do not include Red Cross contingents or others not of the fighting branch.

DECLARATION OF WAR NOW UP TO AUSTRIA

President Wilson Inclined to Wait for Overt Act Before Deciding

SEIZURE OF SHIPS MAY CAUSE FINAL BREAK

Rumored in London That Brazil About to Join United States in Conflict

Washington, April 10.—War between the United States and Austria-Hungary seemed practically certain today, following the break in diplomatic relations. President Wilson, however, was believed to have no intention of forcing it by asking congress to declare that a state of war exists unless some future overt act is committed.

The seizure of a number of Austrian ships in American ports may be interpreted as an act of war by Austria.

The intentions of Bulgaria and Turkey were not known today, but officials generally believe they also will break relations eventually.

BRAZIL SEVERS RELATIONS.

London, April 10.—Diplomatic relations between Brazil and Germany have been broken off, according to the Evening News.

RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE.

London, April 10.—Russia has renounced all idea of territorial expansion, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's, quoting a statement of Minister of Justice Kerensky.

CONGRATULATES WILSON.

Lisbon, April 10.—President Machado has sent a cablegram to President Wilson, congratulating him on "America's noble resolution."

A popular demonstration was held today outside the American legation.

BOSTON-NEW YORK OPENING GAME IS POSTPONED—SNOW

Boston, April 10.—The opening day of the National league in this city scheduled for tomorrow, with New York, was postponed until Thursday. The diamond is covered with snow.

Teddy May Lead Army In France

Hurries to Washington on What Is Believed to Be an Important Mission

Washington, April 10.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who reached Washington unheralded at midnight and went to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, would not discuss this morning the subject of his hurried visit. He had no plans for the morning, it was stated, but might have something to say during the afternoon.

Colonel Roosevelt's desire to take a force of American soldiers to France is believed to be the object of his visit at this time.

Col. Roosevelt, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, called on President Wilson at the White House today.

\$500,000 LOSS IN MILL CITY ELEVATOR FIRE

Military Guard About Property Redoubled—Believed Blaze Was of Incendiary Origin

CHIEF RINGER SAYS FLAMES WERE STARTED IN INTERIOR

Minneapolis, April 10.—The police and military guard about the grain elevator district in Minneapolis was doubled today, following the destruction last night and this morning of two elevators and damage to three others by fires that, according to firemen, were of incendiary origin.

Investigation proved, Chief Ringer said, that the fires started on the inside and that sparks from the first fire could not have caused the others.

Besides the Marfield Grain company's elevator and the Quinn-Shepherdson elevator, both of which were destroyed, damage was caused to the Hanner Grain company's elevator, the Van Dusen-Harrington company's elevator and the Spencer Kellogg & Sons' elevator by fires discovered in the basement. The loss totaled more than \$500,000.

The total loss, while not fully estimated, is believed to exceed \$200,000 on grain and buildings. The first fire, that at the Quinn-Shepherdson elevator, was out, and the three smaller blazes had been extinguished and the firemen were leaving when the first started in the Marfield elevator.

Blazes Mysterious.
Several firemen had been placed in the building with the company's watchmen, during the other fires, and they were about to go when the flames shot up from the floor and then appeared overhead.

Chemical lines were run in immediately but were of no value. "Flames appeared simultaneously in every part of the big structure," said Assistant Chief Hamilton.

The three smaller fires were extinguished with nominal damages. These blazes were as mysterious as the others.

URGE CARE IN SELECTION OF SEED TUBERS

Crookston, Minn., April 10.—In two special bulletins, issued today, the Northwest School of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, urges that potato growers use the utmost care in selection of their seed potatoes this season, pointing to the necessity of a large and pure bred crop. Planting of a "pure seed plot" to raise seed potatoes for the coming year is urged, and the co-operation of farmers' potato shipping association, to this end is asked.

KRONSTADT IS READY TO MEET NAVAL ATTACK

Kronstadt, April 10.—Kronstadt is feverishly preparing to repel an expected German naval attack when the Gulf of Finland is free of ice. A correspondent of the Associated Press reached the famous island of Fastnet by traveling over the vast ice wastes which separate it from the mainland, and found the garrison working night and day in anticipation of the long predicted assault.

DEATH LIST MAY REACH 250 MARK

Three Explosions Take Place in Aetna Munition Plant at Chester, Pa.

FIRE IS CONFINED TO SHRAPNEL BUILDING

Firemen and Police Still Dragging Bodies From Wreckage of Structure

Chester, Pa., April 10.—Three explosions occurred today in the Aetna plant of the munition works at Eddystone. Fifty persons are reported to have been killed, but the president of the Baldwin Locomotive works denies the stories of death and injuries.

A terrific explosion at the great plant of the Eddystone Ammunitions corporation at Eddystone, Pa., a mile from this city, is reported to have killed from 125 to 250 persons, and injured at least 300 more. A railroad official asserts that nearly 300 were killed, but this estimate cannot be confirmed.

At one undertaking place, there are 80 bodies, 75 of them are girls. Thousands of girls were employed at the plant, most of them coming from Philadelphia.

The explosion occurred in the pellet room of the shrapnel building, where 100 girls were employed. In a building adjoining approximately 30,000 shells were stored. A second explosion demolished this building.

Whispers of Plot.
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No official of the company was found who could tell anything about the explosion. There were whispers of a plot to destroy the plant.

The plant recently was taken over by the Russian government, which has been employing about 10,000 persons. It has been guarded, secret service men were working in the various departments, disguised as munitions workers.

From 50 to 150.
Late today it was said from 50 to 150 persons had been killed and about 200 injured.

The fire, which was confined to the shrapnel loading building in which it originated, had been subdued. In this building about 400 men, women, boys and girls were employed as loaders.

Firemen, policemen and others were still dragging bodies from the wreckage this afternoon, and bodies were piled up on the sidewalk outside the morgue for two blocks. The greatest confusion prevailed and no one was allowed to approach the plant in which the explosions occurred.

The first explosion occurred in what is known as 10-F building. Immediately there was another explosion in the old F building adjoining. These two structures were destroyed. About 400, mostly women and girls, worked in these buildings.

OPERATED BY RUSSIA.

New York, April 10.—It was stated here today that the Eddystone Ammunition company at Chester was organized by the Baldwin Locomotive company, but afterwards was turned over to Russian interests, and is operated by Russians now. The company, it was said, was making three-inch and 15-pound shells.

KIDDER COUNTY FARMER DIES IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

George Lipsack, farmer living near Robinson, Kidder county, died at a local hospital yesterday at the age of 34 years. Death was due to cancer.

The remains were taken to the Lucas undertaking establishment. Interment was made today in Fairview cemetery.
A widow and two children survive.

LINER NEW YORK STRIKES MINE; IS NOT DESTROYED

Washington, April 10.—Consul Washington at Liverpool sent the following dispatch to the state department today:
"The American liner, New York, struck a mine at 11:40 last night, five miles off Liverpool bar. No casualties. The vessel proceeded under her own steam and is now entering her dock."