

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE OF ALLIES TO BE HELD

WILL CONSIDER QUESTIONS OF VAST IMPORT

Tariff System for all Allied Countries to be Brought Up.

PEACE PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

Affairs Affecting Enemies and Neutrals to be Taken Up.

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This is Estimate Made in Paris—Tell of Various Attacks.

Paris, April 7.—The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public here today from a semi-official source.

Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authenticated permit the giving of precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans in the battle of Verdun.

Use Reinforcements. The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line.

The nineteenth German infantry had already suffered similar losses in attacking the village of Vaux on March 9. Its thirteenth company was surprised and annihilated.

Three regiments of the Eleventh Bavarian division which led the attack on Malancourt and Avocourt woods on March 10 and 11, were each reduced to one-half.

NO GERMAN WARSHIP OR SUBMERSIBLE SANK SUSSEX, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, April 8.—The German government announced that no German submarine or warship is responsible for the Sussex disaster.

GERMAN PLUNGE UPON AMERICAS NOT THOUGHT OF

Herr von Jagow Brands all Such Rumors as "Silliest Kind of Talk."

NO ANTI-AMERICAN POLICY CONSIDERED

Bran Canadian Reports of Invasion as Malicious Stories.

Berlin, April 8.—Recent press dispatches have brought word of statements in the Canadian parliament and Canadian newspapers that Germany is planning after the war to plunge upon the American continent.

"How can the people invent or believe such stories?" von Jagow asked. "To anyone not entirely blinded by prejudice it is beyond a doubt that Germany never pursued any senseless aims and never contemplated doing so."

Circulating Medium is Scarce in India

Bombay, India, April 8.—From 20,000 to 25,000 sovereigns have been melted down in India every day for the last eighteen months for the purpose of making up for the falling off in the imports of gold bullion.

FOURTH GERMAN WARLOAN GROWS

Many Subscriptions are Announced by the Berlin Government.

Berlin, April 8, Via Wireless to Bayville, N. Y.—The total sum subscribed to the fourth German war loan is 1,011,000,000 marks, says a statement given out by the Overseas news agency.

Peking, April 7.—Formerly Sheriff, former chief of the forest service in the Philippines, has arrived in Peking and assumed his duties of director to the Chinese forest service, which is a department of the ministry of agriculture and commerce.

GERMANS MAKE SLIGHT GAIN

Renew Attack South of Harcourt in the Verdun Region.

Paris, April 8.—The Germans renewed their attack south of Harcourt in the Verdun region last night and gained footing in two small fields works between the Hill No. 287, the war office announced.

Women Are Used In French Army As Auxiliaries

Paris, April 7.—Women are now being employed in garrisons in the place of soldiers of the auxiliary service.

SENATORIAL ELECTION AFFORDS OPPORTUNITY TO TEST STRENGTH OF TREASURER BURKE IN STATE

Admirers Insist He Cannot be Defeated—Some Democrats Surprised at His Entrance—Many Influences Enter into Fight.

Fargo, N. D., April 8.—North Dakota's senatorial election of next November, with the strong possibility that John Burke, present treasurer of the United States, will be the nominee of the democrats for the position now occupied by United States Senator Porter J. McCumber, will afford an opportunity of testing Burke's present political strength in this state.

There are democratic leaders in North Dakota who are surprised at Burke's entrance into the most complicated senatorial situation the state has seen in a decade.

Other elements also entered. For instance, the influential Grand Forks Herald, openly took up the fight for Burke's election.

Mr. Burke also will bring to the state such prestige as the democratic administration may be able to give him—and such strength as President Wilson's need for men in the next United States senate may give him.

Mr. Burke, however, comes to North Dakota to find a democratic party that is badly disorganized; he comes to find a republican candidate who will have a more general support than his own party than did any gubernatorial candidate ever opposed to him.

Mr. Burke comes to North Dakota to find a Non-partisan organization, taking a hand in affairs—a league that is seeking to control the republican primaries, and in the campaign prior to which there are liable to be engendered bitterness that will extend to the general election.

THREE BRITISH SHIPS ARE LOST

Lloyds Reports Sinking of Vessels—Austrian Transport Sunk.

London, April 8.—The loss of three more British vessels is reported by Lloyds. The steamship Braunton and the schooner Clyde of the White Star line, blown up, and the crew were saved. The steamship Chantala was sunk. The Braunton was of 4,575 tons gross and 380 feet long. The Chantala was 405 feet long and of 4,949 tons.

Transport Goes Down. Paris, April 8.—It is officially announced that a French submarine has sunk the Austrian transport with troops in the Adriatic.

Vienna, April 7.—The Austrians are engaged in rebuilding and repairing a large part of the city of Belgrade. Besides restoring the public buildings, 100,000 panes of glass have been replaced and 12,000 new keys made.

NEW SHORT LINE IN CHASE FOR VILLA CONSIDERED BY ARMY MEN; NO THOUGHT OF RECALLING TROOPS

BANDITS CAUSE SUFFERING TO MANY MEXICANS

Some Facing Actual Starvation Because of Depredations.

El Paso, Tex., April 8.—Two Americans, the first to arrive here from El Paso for several days, reached Chihuahua today on a train from Chihuahua City. They said that there was absolute quiet in the state capital.

As the case for a week now the whole Mexican situation seems at a standstill pending the outcome of the negotiations between Washington and General Carranza regarding the use of the Mexican railroads by the American expeditionary force.

Repeated intimations that the supply situation had reached an acute stage have received strong support by the statements made by soldiers returning from the front and by references in letters received here by relatives of the men and officers in General Pershing's advance columns.

The question of adequate clothing for the American soldier appears to be becoming as urgent as that of food. Stories from the front of the desperate conditions prevailing among the peons in the bandit ravaged regions of southern Chihuahua and Durango, toward which Villa is heading, it is said that the unfortunates in the district around Torreon, where Canuto Cano is upholding the cause of Villa by wholesale looting and murder, are facing actual starvation.

There is considerable interest here in persistent reports that General Juarez, the Carranza commander at El Paso, is about to be superseded. One story, published in a Mexican paper, declares that General Pablo Gonzalez is on his way here from Mexico City and that when he arrives he will take supreme charge of all the Carranza soldiers in the field.

DIVIDEND DECLARED

Berlin, April 8.—The German Iron Works at Niederschoenevide has just declared a dividend of one hundred per cent on its entire capital.

APPARENTLY NO HOPE FOR USE OF MEXICAN RAILWAYS; LARGER FORCE NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PRESENT LINE

Original Orders to Funston Published for the First Time—Contain no Direction For Death or Capture of Bandit Chief.

Expeditionary Field Headquarters, South of Naniquipa, April 8.—It is believed that the American troops are on a trail of Villa as the result of reports made by army aviator observers who have returned from what may prove one of the most important scouting flights of the campaign.

The flight made over 80 miles of territory hitherto unexplored, developed information which military authorities here consider valuable. It was the consumption of a plan which General Pershing and his staff have had under way for several days.

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NOT TO RECALL TROOPS

Washington, April 8.—Recurring reports that American troops are to be withdrawn from Mexico were met at the state department with the statement by Secretary Lansing that no such withdrawal is contemplated so far as he knew.

HOLLAND MAY CALL OUT HER RECRUITS OF THE 1917 CLASS

London, April 8.—A bill has been submitted to the second chamber of the Dutch parliament to authorize the government, in view of the prevailing extraordinary circumstances, to call up if necessary recruits of the 1917 class.

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HOLLAND MASSES TROOPS ON FRONTIER; QUEEN INSPECTS GUARD



Queen Wilhelmina of Holland inspecting frontier guard. The unusual activity of Holland's armed forces during the past few days has attracted universal attention. More than 100,000 troops are mobilized, the most of them on the German frontier. The queen had been seen going about the country, inspecting and reviewing various divisions of the army.

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