

THE BRITISH GIVE UP ARMENTIERES BEFORE CONTINUED GERMAN FURY; VIOLENT FIGHTING YET CONTINUES

German Effort to Break Through the Allies' Line is Being Maintained All Along Front From La Bassee Canal to the Ypres-Comines Canal

BRITISH POSITIONS WERE MAINTAINED NORTH OF ARMENTIERES

London, April 11.—The British have withdrawn from Armentieres on the northern battle front, the war office announced today. Violent fighting continues all along the front from the La Bassee canal to the Ypres-Comines canal.

The Germans pushed on yesterday from Croix du Bac, southwest of Armentieres, and parties of them are reported near Steenwark, five miles west of Armentieres, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports.

With the British Army in France and Belgium, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The fighting continued this morning north of Armentieres. The British are still holding Messines ridge and Wytschaete, which yesterday changed hands several times during the day.

The Germans this morning were in possession of about half of the village of Ploegsteert and Ploegsteert wood on the Flanders battle front just north of Armentieres.

NO INFANTRY ACTION

On French Front, Said Last Night's Communication. Paris, April 11.—The war office announcement last night says: "On the front north of Montdidier and in the region of the Oise canal artillery fighting was maintained with considerable violence; there was no infantry action."

"We took about 30 prisoners in the course of engagements last night. The day was relatively calm on the rest of the front."

"It is confirmed that five additional airplanes have been brought down."

BIG STEAMER LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN

The Minnetonka of 13,528 Tons, Formerly in New York-London Service, Torpedoed.

New York, April 11.—The British steamship Minnetonka, 13,528 tons, formerly in the New York-London passenger trade for the Atlantic-Transoceanic line, was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean during February, the maritime register reports today.

SPAIN SAVED FROM ANARCHY.

King Alfonso Brought the Conflicting Elements Together. Paris, April 11.—How Spain last month barely missed falling into a state of anarchy and how King Alfonso, taking the reins into his own hands, brought the conflicting political leaders under his own domination and saved the situation, is told in a delayed letter from Madrid received by Le Matin.

At the height of the crisis on March 21, the letter says, when the situation appeared to be desperate, the king took hold of the helm. He summoned the leaders of all parties to the palace, where each stated his case, thinking he was summoned privately, was surprised to find himself in company with all his rivals. The letter continues:

"At the same time the captain general of Madrid arrived and declared to the king: 'Sire, you may be tranquil. If you are unable to form a ministry with these gentlemen of the Cortes, the army will form one for you tomorrow.'"

"Immediately on opening the conference King Alfonso said: 'This no longer is a question of days and hours, but it is a question of minutes. If nothing comes from this conference the royal family will leave the soil of Spain. As for me, I shall remain at my post so long as a battalion remains faithful to me to defend Spain, its constitution and the dynasty.'"

"On the following day, when the announcement was made that a coalition cabinet had been formed at the behest of the king, crowds gathered before the palace and obliged the monarch to show himself and acknowledge their delirious ovations. The entire day of March 22 was a day of joy in Madrid."

"King Alfonso, who a few days before had appeared to be at the point of breaking with his people, traversed the streets of the capital in an open carriage, shaking hands extended from all sides and acknowledging cheers from constantly growing crowds."

FRENCH LOST TWO SHIPS.

Both of Them Were of More Than 1,600 Tons. Paris, April 11.—Only two French merchantmen, both over 1,600 tons, were sunk by mines or submarines during the week ending April 6, according to the official announcement last night. One vessel was unsuccessfully attacked.

U. S. NAVAL BASE ON THE AZORES

Important Action Has Already Been Started by the Government

WITH THE CONSENT OF PORTUGAL

The Base Will Also Serve as the Homing Station for American Airplanes

Washington, D. C., April 11.—For the protection of the Atlantic trade routes to southern Europe the United States, with the consent of Portugal, has established a naval base on the Azores islands. Guns have been landed to begin the fortification of the station, which, in addition to being used as a naval base for American submarines, destroyers and other small craft, also will serve as an important homing station for American airplanes, a number of which are already assembled there.

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE

Imposed on Jack Brown—H. Lundt Was Found Guilty Too.

In county court Wednesday afternoon Jack Brown was given a sentence of six to 18 months in the house of correction. His attorney, A. G. Fay, asked for probation, but the court declined to begin the forfeiture of the station, which, in addition to being used as a naval base for American submarines, destroyers and other small craft, also will serve as an important homing station for American airplanes, a number of which are already assembled there.

JAPANESE THREAT AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

But Lying of Japanese Marines at Vladivostok Is Considered First of All a Protection Measure.

Tokio, April 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The landing of Japanese marines at Vladivostok, regarded here as protective measures made necessary by the incapacity of the Bolshevik authorities to police the city, is not necessarily the precursor of a general occupation by the Japanese.

"EXTREMELY SERIOUS."

Is the Way Grafon D. Cushing Characterizes Allies' Situation.

An Atlantic Post, April 11.—The conviction that England and France "have reached the maximum of their present effort," and that the successful outcome of the war now rests heavily on the United States, was expressed by Grafon D. Cushing, former lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts, a member of the Liberty loan committee, on his arrival here yesterday on a French steamer, after a visit to England and France.

Mr. Cushing said that the situation was "extremely serious," and that the United States should realize the fact that victory depended on our efforts in providing man, munitions and ships for their transportation.

"I have been in both countries facing the battle line and have been over the ground that has but recently been drenched in blood," Mr. Cushing said. "The men in the trenches are fighting with their whole hearts and spirits and they are counting on America to turn the tide of battle."

Mr. Cushing was one of the special delegates of 10 men sent to England and France by the Liberty loan managers to gather first-hand from the battle front information to be used in pushing the present bond issue.

"We were taken in hand on our arrival by the British and French military and naval authorities," he said. "We were permitted to visit the grand fleet of England, we saw the soldiers in training, we visited the hospitals and we were received by Bonar Law, British chancellor of exchequer. In France we went down to where the fighting was taking place and we visited the American troops preparing to go into action. I also had an interview with Premier Clemenceau. We did not see General Pershing for the reason that his time was then occupied with Secretary Baker. We have come back to appear before the American people and tell them from first-hand observation something of the vastness of the struggle and of how their dollars can help win the war."

TWO WOMEN RE-LEASED.

Mrs. Amelia Woods left the county jail this morning, the provisions of her probation having been extended during the rest of her sentence, with the provision attached that she keep out of Washington county and that she go back to living with her husband and care for their son.

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RUSSIA HAS LOST 32 PER CENT BY PEACE

Population of 56,000,000 Now in German Hands, According to the Commissioner of Commerce.

Petrograd, Wednesday, April 10. (By Associated Press.)—Under the terms of the peace treaty, the commissioner of commerce announces that Russia has lost 32,000 square kilometers of territory, with 56,000,000 inhabitants, or 32 per cent of the entire population of the country.

AIRPLANE IN FOX HUNT.

Occupant Told People on Land Where Animal Went. London, April 11.—An airplane recently joined in a fox hunt, according to Country Life. Its correspondent says: "While running we saw an airplane following us overhead about one hundred feet up. The airman waved us the direction in which our fox had gone and when we checked we heard several shouts from aloft and were put right by our friend above, the hounds verifying his information."

"A little later he landed in a field, told the master where he had seen the fox, then rose and circled above us. But the fox beat us."

THREE VERMONT TOWNS GET HONOR FLAGS

Hardwick Oversubscribed Its Quota Four Times—Proctor and Lyndon Among Top-Notchers.

Boston, April 11.—Official subscriptions to the Liberty loan in New England the first three days of the campaign were \$46,321,900, far ahead of the corresponding period of the two previous years. Vermont's total was \$1,779,000. Honor flags were awarded today to Proctor and Lyndon, Vt. Hardwick, Vt., reported its quota four times over-subscribed.

CONSCRIPTION BILL ADVANCES.

Passed Second Reading in House of Commons Last Night. London, April 11.—The House of Commons last night passed the second reading of the government's man-power bill. The vote was 323 to 100.

In moving the second reading, Sir George Cave, Unionist member for Surrey, said it was the duty of the country to do everything it could do and then only should it be entitled to use to the fullest extent the help given by its allies. Germany had made Europe an armed camp, he added, and the necessity of taking every man who could be spared was overwhelming.

Sir George declared that he had been advised that the application of the man-power bill to Ireland would yield a large number of men, but questioned if only five divisions could be got from Ireland would it be worth while. He did not believe the army would be needed to enforce the measure.

GERMAN ATTACK TURNED BACK BY AMERICANS

An Effective Artillery Fire Broke Up Enemy Formation, and Attackers Who Got to the Wire Entanglements Were Accounted for by Machine Gun and Rifle Fire

AMERICANS LOST NO PRISONERS

Violent Artillery Bombardment of Three Days Preceded the Attack, and the Latter Continued for Two Hours Before the Enemy Gave It Up

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans attempted to attack the American positions north-west of Toul just before sunrise this morning and were completely repulsed. Two German prisoners said that the enemy planned an attack with 840 men but that it was stopped by the effective fire of the American artillery.

The Germans lost no prisoners. One of the German prisoners died later of his wounds.

The brilliant work by the American gunners dispersed the German infantry before they reached the wire entanglements and those of the enemy who got into the wire were accounted for with machine gun and rifle fire.

The German attack came after a violent artillery bombardment of three days. A number of the enemy are believed to have been killed or wounded during the attack, which continued nearly two hours. Several bodies were seen hanging across the barbed wire after the enemy retired.

The attack was followed by a violent artillery duel, which continued at a late hour to-night.

MAJ. KIMBALL OF U.S. FORCES AMONG DEAD

Captain Francis J. Cahill Reported Missing in Action—Latest American Casualty List Contains Names of 124 Officers and Men.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—Today's casualty list from General Pershing gives 124 names, one killed in action, two died of wounds, five died of accidents, 13 died of disease, 69 severely wounded, 30 slightly wounded, and four missing.

The following officers were named: MAJOR EDWIN R. KIMBALL, died of wounds.

CAPTAIN FRANCIS J. CAHILL, missing in action.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES B. SEWARD, died of accident.

CADETS WILLIAM J. WHYTE and C. A. BRADER, died of accident.

LIEUTENANT PATRICK J. DOWLING, slightly wounded.

LIEUTENANT EUGENE C. HAMILL, slightly wounded.

BENNINGTON MAN SEVERELY WOUNDED

Sergt. William J. Sausville Was Injured in Action on March 28—His Parents Got Letter from Him Soon After They Heard He Was Wounded.

Bennington, April 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sausville were notified by the adjutant general's office by wire yesterday that their son, Sergt. William J. Sausville, Co. B, 6th engineers, was severely wounded in action March 28. A letter from the young man, written on March 19, reached the family a few hours after the telegram.

He enlisted in May, was sent to Washington for training and left for France with the regiment early in December. Before he enlisted he was employed here as a machinist.

THOUGHT TO BE VERMONT.

Hollis F. Cobb, Who Was Injured, as Published in Washington.

Brattleboro, April 11.—Sergt. Hollis F. Cobb, who is named in the casualty list published yesterday as seriously wounded, is supposed to be the Hollis F. Cobb who lived in East Putney previous to a year ago, who became a sergeant in Co. F, 6th engineers. He formerly lived in North Adams, Mass.

"STANDARD" CLOTHING IN DEMAND

Over a Thousand German Towns Apply for Supplies.

Amsterdam, April 11.—Eleven hundred German towns and cities have applied for supplies of the new "state standard" garments for men and women. Half a million pairs of standard trousers are to be distributed during the next three months, and a proportionate number of other garments. Women's skirts will sell at \$4.50 to \$9, dresses at \$15 to \$21. Nobody who has an income over \$30 a week will be permitted to buy state clothes.

FLATLY REJECTED.

Proposal to Give Workmen a Chance to Strike.

Washington, D. C., April 11.—A conference report on the bill providing severe penalties for the destruction of or interference with production essential to war materials, containing a clause giving workmen the right to strike for better wages or working conditions, was rejected today by the Senate, 84 to 2.

MORE SEAMEN WANTED.

Drive Being Continued in Barre to Help Man American Ships.

With renewed vigor the drive for U. S. shipping board recruits is being continued this week under the direction of J. C. Snowden, a representative of the shipping service, and Floyd G. Russell, who has qualified as a recruiting officer for the board. Already a number of Washington county young men have been enlisted through the recruiting station established at the Red Cross pharmacy, but the opportunity is open for others. All men in good physical condition who are not in the current or next draft quota are eligible for service in Uncle Sam's merchant marine.

Nowhere in the service on land or sea is there greater promise of promotion for the recruit. The uniform worn by the merchant marine is quite the same as that worn by the sailor aboard the transports and fighting ships. However, there are larger opportunities for education, as the recruit, at the outset, is trained for two months in a shipping board school. America's new merchant marine is about to become a reality, and 50,000 men are wanted at once for the crews. Recruits may enlist for the duration of the war, but even after hostilities cease the merchant marine will continue to grow. Hence the avenues of promotion are permanent, and in a comparatively short time, the recruit may be getting higher wages and leading a more contented existence than he did in civilian life. It is purely a voluntary service, but one of the most important phases of war work, inasmuch as recruits in the merchant marine are helping to lay the foundation for their country's unprecedented commercial expansion on the sea, when peace returns.

Enlistment in the merchant marine means exemption from military service, for the government believes that the men who are to man our merchant ships are performing a high-grade military service. Either Mr. Snowden or Mr. Russell is ready to answer questions concerning the call sounded by the U. S. shipping board, and plenty of literature on the subject is available at the Red Cross pharmacy.

FOUR CHOSEN FOR THE ARMY IN APRIL DRAFT

Barre Contributes Two and Montpelier the Same Number—Men Will Leave April 30 to Begin Training for the United States Army.

The local board of exemption today made its announcement of the men who will respond to the call for Washington county to go to Camp Devens April 30. There are four of them and of these two are from Barre and two from Montpelier. They are in order with the numbers:

225 Bennie Prestini, Barre. 227 Sam Wilkes Nunn, Montpelier, now in Leonist, Mass. 234 Louis J. Henry, Montpelier. 237 Leonardo Petruzzelli, Barre.

The board has received a report from the war department that the six men who were sent from here recently to San Antonio, Tex., as carpenters passed the examinations and requirements as to their duties and have been accepted by the government.

The local board of exemption for Washington county has enlisted another photographer, making two from this county. The new man is Frank Clark Dickinson, employed in the A. D. Farwell company's store, who is a very efficient man in the work. The enrollment of men in this call is not very encouraging, there being but few registered in the branch of employment among the drafted men. Mr. Dickinson is a class 1 man who would not be called for some weeks at least. Oren W. Hills, also of Montpelier, signed his papers yesterday.

25 APPLICANTS FOR LIQUOR SELLING

The List of Seekers for Licenses Has Dropped Off Greatly Since Last Year.

When the time for filing license applications at city hall had expired yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, a total of 25 applicants had signified a desire to engage in the liquor business this year. There were 17 applications for licenses of the first class, six for second-class and two for fifth-class or druggist's licenses. The total falls far short of last year's aggregate, when there were 44 applications. In 1916, after Barre had swung back into the wet column for the first time in several years, there were more than 70 applicants.

The county license commission, composed of W. H. Ward, E. B. House and B. Lucchini, announced this afternoon that hearings on the several applications will be held in the council chamber at city hall on the morning of Tuesday, April 23, at 9 o'clock. On the same day, in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, the commission will hold a hearing in the Montpelier city hall on the application of Louis C. Rivers for a druggist's license in that city.

The following have applied for first-class licenses: Angelo C. Calderara, John B. Cassellini, Joseph A. Comelli, O. N. Granger, A. J. Guthrie, Charles M. Hawes, Michael H. Kickham, Paola Lucchini, Ernest J. Marchetti, John Pappin, Gilbert Phillips, Angelo Rossi, Angelo Scampini, Anthony Tomasi, William Wright, Paul Scampini and Charles Zanloni.

Applicants for seventh-class licenses are: Frank E. Austin, Santino Bogni, John E. Hoban, Paola Lucchini, Angelo Rossi and Arnold Villa.

The two applicants for druggist's licenses are Anthony Altieri and E. A. Brown.

YOUTHS MAY ENLIST.

Over 18 and Under 21 They May Join Vermont Volunteer Militia.

Gov. H. F. Graham has given authority for enlistment of men between the ages of 18 and 21 in the Vermont Volunteer militia, and Adj. Gen. H. T. Johnson has sent to the different company commanders an order to that effect. There has been some question as to whether the young men between the above ages should be enlisted in the service of the regiment, but it has been decided to enlist them, and it is expected there will be many young men who are approaching 21 years of age and who will want to avail themselves of their drilling chances in preparation for their call into federal service. This will give them a training which will advance them over men who have not seen that training.

PRIN. JACKSON HAS RESIGNED

Spaulding High School Head to Go with the National Life Insurance Co.

AFTER 10 YEARS' SCHOOL SERVICE

Prin. Lyman C. Hunt of Peoples Academy at Morrisville Succeeds Him

After 10 years' service on the faculty of Spaulding high school, three of them as principal, Henry H. Jackson has resigned to accept a position in the actuarial department of the National Life Insurance company at Montpelier, his resignation to take effect at the close of the present school year. Principal Jackson's purpose to resign was made known to the school commissioners some weeks ago, thus giving the school department time in which to look about for his successor. After considerable investigation, the board, through Supt. C. H. White, closed negotiations last night with Principal Lyman C. Hunt of Peoples academy of Morrisville to take Mr. Jackson's place.

Principal Jackson's resignation will be heard with regret by a large number of people in Barre and vicinity who have recognized in him a most competent teacher and an energetic, resourceful and progressive school leader. The high school has maintained a high scholastic standing under him, and the general tone of the school has been good. Mr. Jackson is himself a graduate of the school and was all the more interested in looking after its welfare. Immediately following his graduation in 1904 he entered Yale university and was graduated in 1908, supplementing his collegiate work during the following year by study at home and being awarded with the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution in 1909. He came to Spaulding in the fall of 1909 as instructor in English and was the following year made head of the English department. Three years ago he became principal.

Mr. Jackson's new work with the National Life Insurance company will be started on July 1 and, as already stated, it will be in the office of the actuary of the company, Clarence E. Moulton. In addition to the regular work of his department, it is planned that Mr. Jackson will take up the study of special features of the insurance business. In selecting him for that research work the National Life company was perhaps guided in part by his work in Yale university. It has not been generally known that Mr. Jackson not only led his class of several hundred men but that he also maintained the highest scholastic standing in Yale classes of a generation. Much of that application fitted him for the work which he is about to undertake.

For the present at least Mr. Jackson will maintain his residence in Barre.

Principal-Elect Hunt.

The new principal of the high school has been teaching for six years, following his graduation from the University of Vermont in 1912. He gained his college preparation at the Bellows Free academy in Fairfax, receiving a diploma from that school in 1908. He received the degree of A. B. from the University of Vermont, having taken the classical course. He passed the New York state professional examinations, which entitles him to a New York state life certificate for teaching.

While in school and college Mr. Hunt was somewhat prominent in student life, having engaged in athletics to a considerable extent. In preparatory school he was a member of the baseball, football and basketball teams and in college he played on the second varsity football team and was also a participant in the interfraternity baseball and basketball series. He was assistant editor of the University Cynic, the college newspaper, for two years, was managing editor of the same for one year. Moreover, he was an associate editor of the Ariel, the year book published by the junior class of the university.

On graduating from college he began teaching as principal of the Melndow academy and after two years there he went to Champlain, N. Y., as principal of the high school. After serving three years there he was offered the position of principal of Peoples academy and has served acceptably in that place during the past year. When it became known to the school authorities at Morrisville that their principal was considering the offer from Barre, a substantial increase in salary was held out as an inducement for him to stay in Morrisville; but he decided to take up the larger work in Barre and so informed the local school authorities yesterday.

It is expected that Mr. Hunt will come to Barre for the Spaulding commencement exercises at his own school closes a short time before those dates. He will assume the duties of his new position on July 1. Mr. Hunt is 28 years of age and is married and has one child. His home address is Essex Junction.

CRAZED SOLDIER SHOT SIX

Then Killed Himself on Returning from Leave of Absence.

Fishers Island, N. Y., April 11.—Sergeant James Boyle of the coast artillery shot and killed two men, wounded several others seriously, including First Lieut. Jean Bechoud, and then committed suicide with a service revolver at Fort Wright yesterday. He had just returned from a leave of absence.

The Dead. First Sergeant FRED H. COOK, emergency address, William J. Cook, 29 Bank street, Albion, Mass.

Private THOMAS G. GUZDECK, emergency address, Florence Woony, Holyoke, Mass.

Seriously Wounded. First Lieut. Jean Bechoud. Sergeant Adolph Heintz. Privates Ernest M. Green and Timothy J. Sullivan.

Boyle, according to information at the post, apparently ran amok immediately after his return to the fort. His emergency address is given as Albion, Pa.