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## AMERICANS ARE ARRIVING AT THE FRONT IN FORCE; IN SUCCESSFUL RAID BRITISH TOOK THREE MACHINE GUNS

### Little News From Battlefront Given Out Today

**IN RIGID INVESTIGATION, CHAMBERLAIN SAYS COMMITTEE WILL PUT ITS FINGER DIRECT ON THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDITIONS NOW EXISTING**

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, May 7.—American troops continue to arrive at the front in force. Premier Clemenceau told the Echo de Paris, on returning today from a two days' visit to the front.

**British Take 3 Machine Guns**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, May 7.—The British made a successful raid last night near Newville Vitasse, southwest of Arras, the war office reports. Three machine guns were captured. The statement says there is nothing further to report.

**Active Artillery**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Paris May 7.—Active artillery fighting occurred last night on both sides of the Avre, on the front southeast of Amiens, it is officially announced.

**British Losses Past Week 38,691**  
(By Associated Press.)  
London, May 7.—British casualties reported for the week ending today reached 38,691. Of these 32,136 are wounded or reported missing.

**Red Cross Train Fired On**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, May 7.—In the event of the full flight from Jassy, the Rumanian capital, the American Red Cross mission to Rumania, which now has arrived in London, escaped from Odessa 36 hours before the Germans entered the city only to be fired on by a German battery in Ukraine. No damage was done to the Red Cross train.

**Start Investigation**  
(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 7.—Attorney-General Gregory, acting at the President's direction today, began planning an investigation which is to disclose if there has been malfeasance or misuse of the great \$640,000,000 appropriation for aircraft production.

Nurseries are reported in 32 counties of Florida, a total of 166, each with specialties, either citrus fruits or deciduous varieties, pecans, ornamental trees, shrubbery and flowers. Some of the nurseries in the southern part of the State specialize in tropical and oriental stock. There is no need of growers going out of the State for any kind of trees, shrubbery or plants, says the State Marketing Bureau. It is better to buy at home and get stock acclimated and adapted to local conditions. A number of these nurseries issue comprehensive catalogues with much practical information to producers, in short, guide books to success in growing fruits.

Keep fire out of the woods and the fields. It burns fertility. If you want to help our enemies in Europe, burn what helps to enrich the soil. Fire in the woods injures growing trees. To conserve fertility is patriotism and common sense. To keep farm machinery—"the artillery of agriculture"—under shelter, too, is not only economy but patriotism. Farm tools may cost more next year, and be hard to get at any price.

Hogs can be increased quicker than any other kind of meat animal. Half of the meat used in the country is pork. It is put up in more forms. The supply is short. A large number of sows must be bred now—more than in former years.

### THE REQUISITIONING OF DOGS IN OCCUPIED BELGIUM

It is known that in occupied Belgium the Germans have made it obligatory to report all dogs more than 40 centimeters in height. The Teutonized press in their notices of it announces that the animals will be drafted as military police dogs, or as auxiliaries in field service, to search for and bring first aid (?) to the wounded of either side.

### AMERICAN SHIP SANK SUBMARINE

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 7.—Fighting occurred between the American steamer Tidewater and a German submarine March 17 in which the submarine was defeated and probably sunk, it was reported today by the Navy Department.

### 11 Lost When American Ship Torpedoed on March 17

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, May 7.—The American steamship Tyler, thirty-nine hundred tons, formerly the Old Dominion freighter, was torpedoed and sunk off the French coast March 17. Eleven members of the crew were killed or drowned. These included five navy gunners.

### GERMANS SUPPRESS THE WAR BULLETINS

According to a Dutch daily, the Germans in occupied Belgium have given notice that owing to the paper shortage the war bulletins will be discontinued. This has been in force since Dec. 15, 1917.

The paper crisis must be acute considering that the Germans are foregoing the means of demoralizing the population, which they have employed ever since their entry into Belgium. However, their lack of success has probably influenced their decision.

### A SUBSTITUTE FOR COPPER STOLEN FROM BELGIUM

The list of substitutes is daily growing in occupied Belgium, and a new substitute has been found for the copper removed from Belgium. It consists of rockpaper passed through a copper-colored bath. Some handsome and shapely articles, such as candleholders for pianos and door knobs, have already appeared on the market.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, May 6.—The telegraph system under postoffice control was operated during the year ended in March at a loss of £529,639, but the telephone service shows a surplus on the year of £201,729.

(By Associated Press.)  
Rome, May 7.—Turillo Sindoni, the sculptor, has just completed and forwarded to President Wilson a bronze figure entitled "Italian Valor." The warrior symbolizes the part Italy has taken in the war. The bronze was made at the request of Italian senators and deputies.

### ALL STATES BUT THREE TO SEND SPECIALLY DRAFTED MEN ON MAY 20

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 7.—Requisition on all States except Arizona, Delaware, and Vermont for 4,060 especially qualified draft registrants to go to camp May 20, was sent out today.

(By Associated Press.)  
Melbourne, May 7.—A regulation designed to suppress Sinn Fein and other disloyal movements in Australia has been issued by the government, under the War Precautions Act. The government's action followed representations by a delegation of citizens who informed the premier, William M. Hughes, that the Sinn Fein colors had been displayed during a procession here and also at Sydney.

### Sinking of Lusitania Was Commemorated Today By British Newspapers

(By Associated Press.)  
London, May 7.—The Lusitania anniversary was commemorated by newspapers today with big captions, and special articles recalling the crime which the British public is not likely to forget. The Daily Graphic in an editorial laments that the public apparently is becoming dulled to the sorrow of the Lusitania atrocity.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 6.—During April, the first anniversary month of the declaration of war against Germany, Floridians to the number of 252 enlisted in the regular and national armies, passing the record of March by 54. A majority of those enlisting were white men of a high type, but a large number of patriotic negroes were also included. An even

### Birmingham Kuklux Give Idlers A Startling Warning to go to Work

(By Associated Press.)  
Birmingham, May 7.—About 150 white-robed men attired in the regulation Kuklux Klan uniform with an American flag, and a fiery cross in the lead, rode through the streets last night warning idlers to find work and do it.

Atlanta, Ga., May 4.—There was no finer exhibition of the good done by the tour of the Special War Relic trains during the Third Liberty Loan campaign in the Sixth Federal Reserve district than the showing made by the two trains during the final week of the drive.

In practically every town visited during this period, the local committees had already secured their quotas, but all were working still and the enthusiasm at the train was no whit less than that encountered in the height of the campaign at other towns. Subscriptions came over the rail in the same steady stream that has characterized the tour from the beginning.

One of the most commendable instances of this work which has yet been reported comes from Chambers county, Alabama. This community had a quota of \$68,000, but by the time the relic train number two reached it, it had gone over its quota by nearly five times the amount.

Much of the final work has been done in pouring rains. In fact, practically fifty per cent of the weather encountered during the month was of the most discouraging nature. At stations where there have been train sheds, the crowds stayed under shelter listening to the loan addresses made by the speakers. At other places, where no shelter was to be had, the trains were opened for inspection and the speakings were

### WOMEN ADMITTED AS MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COM. TAMMANY HALL

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, May 7.—Tammany Hall established a precedent today when it admitted women as members of the executive committee. After the fall primaries there will be an equal number of men and women chosen.

The regulation provides for the punishment of any person who advocates or encourages disloyalty or hostility to the British Empire or to its cause in the present war; anyone who advocated dismemberment of the Empire or any person who wore the symbol or displays the flag of the Sinn Fein Society.

### 41 Names On Casualty List

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 7.—The American casualty list contains 41 names: killed in action, 4; died of wounds, 2; died of disease, 5; died from other causes, 1; wounded severely, 15; wounded slightly, 12; missing in action, 1.

### "MYSTERY SHOCK" FELT AT TAMPA LAST NIGHT; EARTHQUAKE OR EXPLOSION; WHAT WAS IT?

(Tampa Tribune.)  
Tampa had a mysterious explosion or disturbance last night that disturbed a good many hundred residents, brought telephone calls to the Tribune office, and kept two men busy for more than an hour trying to trace it down. After the hunt was over the solution was just as far off as it was at 11:25 p. m., when the first rattle was heard.

One woman telephoned from Massachusetts avenue that the people in that section had "heard" or "felt" a violent explosion and were running about the neighborhood trying to find out what it was, but without success. Residents on upper Florida avenue reported a quivering of the foundations of their houses, but couldn't quite guess the cause. Firemen on duty at No. 1 and No. 5 stations "heard" or "felt" it and sat patiently awaiting a call, but no call came. Watchmen and guards at the Mallory Line docks felt and heard the shake but couldn't say where it originated. Fire Chief Matthews said he thought it was in the direction of Fort Dade, but a long distance phone call to that point brought forth the information that all was quiet as a church. Men on duty at the dam reported the Hillsborough river peaceful.

St. Petersburg heard nothing, according to a long distance call, and Plant City and Mulberry said the same thing. Bradentown was asleep with the chickens until Tampa awakened the Young Lady of the Telephone in an effort to trace down the mystery shake. Lakeland was knitting away in her office, thoughts far away from anything violent.

"Miss Long Distance," who so pleasantly and helpfully works the wire along about the midnight hours, rang the countryside from their cribs and couldn't get any information other than there had been a mysterious shake and she finally decided it was the "work of the Lord—something we couldn't find out about."

The shake which awoke so many people here brought back memories of the slight earthquake which shook this section of the country some five years ago, and the fact that nearly everybody felt the disturbance and didn't hear it last night, caused the belief that it might have been the same sort of tremor. One suggestion that it was gun practice or mine explosions at Fort Dade was dispelled

### RETIREMENT OF BISHOP HOSS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

(By Associated Press.)  
Atlanta, May 7.—The announcement that the committee on revivals had decided to recommend a concurrence in all memorials requesting parity rights for women, caused jubilation of that sex in today's session of the General Conference. The committee on Episcopacy recommended the retirement of Bishop Hoss, it was reported.

### OVERMAN BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 7.—The Overman bill granting broad powers to the President to re-organise and co-ordinate government departments, was ordered favorably reported to the House today by the judiciary committee by a vote of 15 to 1.

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## NOT ONE PLANE HAS BEEN SENT FROM U. S. TO EUROPE WAS CHAMBERLAIN'S DECLARATION

### AMERICAN RED CROSS TRAIN FIRER ON BY GERMANS BUT IT ESCAPED INJURY

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, May 7.—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, announced in the Senate today that with the support of the Senate his committee would investigate the aircraft situation. He declared the committee proposed to "put its finger on the men responsible for conditions of the aircraft production," and added: "The committee does not propose to engage in any whitewashing process, either." Replying to questions, Chamberlain unreservedly declared not one American-built plane had yet been sent to Europe, although materials in large quantities had been shipped abroad for assembly. A number of senators participated in the discussion.

### PEACE BY MILITARY MEASURES

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, May 6.—"How can you force President Wilson to make peace by military measures?" demanded Deputy Schulze-Gaevernitz, a member of the German Progressive party, during a budget debate recently in the Reichstag, says the Berlin Tageblatt.

"On the day on which the general and equal franchise becomes a law in Prussia a large part of the Anglo-Saxon will to war will collapse," the deputy continued.

"The dignified British House of Lords, responding to the necessities of war, has adopted the democratic electoral reform of the world," he declared. "It has given the franchise to the youngest soldier and to 6,000,000 women."

"The independence of Alsace Lorraine is a necessity. We cannot win the hearts of a country the latest spiritual background of which is the French revolution, by applying the methods of East Elbian (Junker) sovereignty. There must be no fourth partition of Poland. We desire to remain the German national state that we are now. The German idea of freedom has been darkened by the East Elbian junkerdom. The German censorship had done more harm than good. Why is the German word being gagged? The conditions prevailing today as a result of the dirty business of censorship are equally disgraceful to the one who is being censored as to the censor. We desire such a heavy taxation of all war profits that nowhere will there be a financial interest in a continuation of the war. England in this respect should serve us as a model.

"It should not be forgotten that about one-third of the army consists of socialists. If we have to reduce the bread ration, we must increase the ration of freedom. The recent strikes were a foretaste, an undesirable but an explainable reaction of the blind masses of the people to the postponement of Prussian franchise reform.

when the operator at the fort said there had been no activity there during the night and there were no reports of any powder or dynamite magazines in this territory going up in smoke.

What was it?  
There was certainly some kind of a disturbance that seemed more pronounced in the neighborhood of Buffalo avenue than anywhere else, but no one saw a giant meteor dropping from the sky, and like the mystery gun that swept over Paris, the disturbance will probably remain a mystery until some one runs across a probable solution.