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OSTEND HARBOR PARTLY IF NOT COMPLETELY BLOCKED BY KAID MADE BY BRITISH NAVAL CRAFT

Hulk of the Obsolete Cruiser Vindicative Now Lies Across Navigation Channel.

RERLIN SAYS RAID FAILED

This, However, Cannot Be Relied Upon, as Same Claim Was Made About Zeebrugge.

NOTABLE GAIN BY FRENCH

Local Fighting Takes Place On Ypres and Somme Sectors.

German submarine operations from and if not rendered impassable by a the British Friday morning. An official statement issued by the British admiralty says the channel leading out of the inner harbor has been completely blocked by the hulk of the old cruiser Vindictive, which was maneuvered into position under heavy fire and then sunk by bombs. It appears however, that there is some doubt that the entire channel is blocked, one report sying that the vessel lies at an angle se of the fairway.

Berlin Minimizes Damage The German official statement conerning the raid says the attempt was failure and that the hulk of the old uiser lies outside of the navigation annel. This report may be comparto the one issued on April 24, the day following the raid on Zeebrugge, 90 NAMES ON THE LISTS CHURCH BACKS PRESIDENT hich claimed that no damage was one to the mole or the harbor there. ubsequent events have proved that the amage done by the raid on April 23 was of a serious nature.

It is pointed out that the obstruction the channel at Ostend will tend to ventually close the harbor through he action of the tides and the rapid illing up of the harbor.

Effect of the Blockade. If Ostend and Zeebrugge are removas ports from which the German boats may be operated the Germans pparently will be compelled to withraw their submersibles to their home forts. In this connection it is interesting to note that a week ago it was anounced that the greatest mine field mown to naval operations had been planted in the North Sea to combat the It was officially stated that the area of this mine field would be 121,782 square miles and that it would be completed by May 15. Some months ago Admiral Jellico of the British navy announced that the submarine menace, would be met by August 1 and it is possible that he had the blocking o fthe harbors of Zeerugge and Ostend and the laying of immense mine field in mind when

made his statement. Local Fighting. While the naval arm of the entente at one was busy on the Belgian coast military forces were engaged in cal fighting in the Ypres and Somme The French made a notable vance at Grivesnes where they took part of the town which had been hands for three weeks. ing the front to the north there ere scattering engagements, notably Aveluy wood north of Albert, where contending armies are striving for There were also mall operations in the Kemmel hill

ont, southwest of Ypres. There have been the usual local enagements between patrols on the Italan and Macedonian fronts, but nothing ipproaching a general engagement has been fought.

Catholies to Pray for Peace. ope Benedict has set aside June as a day to be observed in the Cathic churches of the world as a day prayers that peace may be restor-

ed to the world. ARTIAL BLOCKADE OF THE

HARBOR HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ondon, May 10 .- The Vindictive at an angle not effectively blocking the channel at Ostend, but serva very useful purpose, according press association. A partial very serious blockade has been achieved, and under the conditions of de and silting prevailing, this obtruction will certainly tend to in-

HANNEL AT OSTEND "QUITE FREE" ACCORDING TO BERLIN May 10.—(Via London.)—The attempt to blockade the har-Ostend was a failure, according oficial statement issued today. es, hes aground before the har. Carolina food administrator, who has copal church, South. diside the navigation channel, no more useful or loyal assistants in the entrance to the harbor is quite the state than the traveling men. He GETS FIFTEEN YEARS FOR will discuss food conservation and an the statement continues.

absolutely wheatless period until the he text reads: 1 3 o'clock Friday morning Brit- new harvest is in. This has no terrors on Ostend. Several enemy yet. which, under the protection of It looks like O. E. Wilson, of High the harbor, were driven off by dent. excellently directed fire of our astal batteries.

An old cruiser, entirely battered to ces, lies aground before the har- judiciary committee favorably today outside the navigation channel. reported a bill amending the law reentrance to the harbor is quite garding compensation of United States

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Americans Help the French Carry Out Successful Raid

May 10 .- (By the Associated Press) .-The American artillery participated and the American infantr, lent some assistance in a successful French raid in the Apremont forest, northwest of Toul, at dawn today. The American batteries, acting with the French artilleries in a heavy two-hours bombardment, were showered with gas shells by the Germans.

Slightly to the east of the section raided, American patrois created a diversion. One patrol entered Apremont village, which was found to be Jeserted. This provoked a Jerman barrage while the men were returning. Another patrol cut the enemy's first system of barbed wire and was engaged the harbor of Ostend, Belgium, have on the second entanglement, ton yards been seriously hampered for a time from the trenches, when it was attacked by fifteen Germans, using rifles, bombs and pistols. The Americans daring air raid made on the harbor by fought for fifteen minutes and retired without suffering casualties, on the

Wounded-Three Lieutenants Pre-

viously Reported Missing

Are Prisoners.

following commissioned officers:

caster, O., both slightly wounded.

previously been reported missing.

Captain Otto J. Kindler, Lancaster,

eapolis, died of wounds.

Hopewell, Va.

tions

hundred persons.

\$3,000 a year.

Fry, Columbia, Tenn.

Baker, Parsons, Tenn.

C., was wounded slightly.

T. P. A. CONVENTION IN

Travelers of North Carolina Holding

Annual Meeting-O. E. Wilson

May Be President.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, May 10 .- The annual con-

vention of the N. C. Traelers' protect-

ive association opened here this morn-

ing with a parade and more than 100

delegates in attendance. Every train

is bringing additions to the delega-

neard from posts all over the state.

Amend Compensation Law.

Washington, May 10.-The house

SESSION AT WILSON

With the American Army in France, approach of enemy reinforcements. On the Luneville sector quiet pre-

GERMANS MAIN DRIVE MAY

BE MADE ON SOMME FRONT London, May 10 .- "The bulk of the German reserves is still in the rear of the Somme front and it must be assumed the enemy's big, main effort will be in that direction," said a representative of Gen. Delma Radcliffe, chief director of military operations at the war office in summing up the week's war developments today. "It is equally certain that he will not discontinue his attacks in Flanders.

In the period between March when the German offensive was begun and April 25, the josses of the French were only one-fourth to onefifth of the British, General Radcliffe's for Camp Sevier at Greenville and the representative added. Since April 25, he said, there has been no reason to believe the losses of the Frnch have been any heavier than those of the a trestle, a big steel coach struck a British. (The losses of the British spreading rail. This hurled the wood-(Continued on page six.)

Total Number of Deaths Was 29, Methodist Commission to Look Eight Soldiers Being Killed After Expenditure of Million In Action. Dollars a Year.

One Officer Killed and Two Slightly Letter From Mr. Wilson Thanking the Conference For Telegrams of Encouragement is Received with Much Applause.

Washington, May 10 .- A second cas-Atlanta, Ga., May 10 .- A general ualty list issued tonight by the war conference commisson on war work to look after the expenditure of \$4,- ney, N. C. department contains 69 names divided 000,000 during the coming four years Killed in action, 4; died of wounds, for religious training of American 4; died of accident, 2; died of disease, sallore and soldiers was authorized 9; died of drowning, 1; wounded seat today's session of the Southern verely, 20; wounded slightly, 26; prisence sitting here. The list contains the names of the work commissions in each of the an-First Lieut. John P. Rosenwald, Min-

four years for the work.), and Lieut. Wm. J. Belhorn, Lan-Lieutenants J. S. Abbot, St. Paul, Minn.; R. H. Jeffrey, Uniontown, Pa., chaplains, nurses and other workers. and Abraham Strauss, New York, prisoners. The three lieutenants had poses outlined by the president of the The southern men in the list include: United States shall have been accom-Killed in action: Private F. Bryant, plished and that the church should assume its share of providing for the Died of accident: Cadet Clarence H.

army and navy. Slightly wounded: Sergeant Percy A letter sent to the conference to-Alexander, Forest, La.; Private James day by President Wilson in which he thanked the members for their The list isued during the day contelegram of encouragement, was retained 21 names and was divided as ceived with much applause.

The majority report o fthe commit-Killed in action, 4; died of wounds tee on boundar'es and finance was ; died of accident, 1; died of disease, adopted, which provides for the budg-3; wounded severely, 3; wounded eting of all sums for benevolent pur- Taft and Walsh Directed to Medi lightly, 7; missing in action, 1; lost poses by a commission on finance to be constituted by the general confer-Lieutenant Samuel G. Love, Chester,

Tonight a large audience greeted the Rev. John T. Tasker, fraternal delegate rrom the British Wesievan church, and Rev. L. Curtis, fraternal delegate from the Methodist church in Canada. Bishop E. R. Hendrix pre-'he introducsided at the exercises. tory speeches were delivered by Rev. W. N. Ainsworth and John S. Candler. Disappointment was expressed that Rev. Wm. V. Kelley, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal church, was unable to be present on

account of sickness. The committee on episcopacy, at meeting tonight decided to recomend the election of six bishops. The episcopal address recommended the election of five bishops but since Bishop Lambuth today was recommended for The preliminary business sessions of war work, the committee decided that the association today proceeded har- another bishop should be elected.

moniously and many fine reports were SECRETARY DANIELS WILL ADDRESS METHODISTS TODAY Tonight the annual banquet and con-Washington, May 10 .- Secretary Danvention ball were enjoyed by several iels left today for Atlanta, where to-The program for Saturday includes morrow, he will speak before the genold cruiser, entirely battered to an address by Henry A. Page, North eral conference of the Methodist Epis-

DESERTION AND LARENCY

Greenville, S. C., May 10 .- Fifteen haval forces, after a violent bom- for the T. P. A.'s, most of whom were years in the federal prison at Atlanmilitary court-martial at Camp Sevier upon Private Dudley Wallace, 117th tificial fog, tried to force their way Point, will be re-elected state presi- infantry, convicted of desertion and larceny. The sentence also provided dishonorable discharge and forfeiture faithfully at'de by its dec'an on of 000 or about a half billion more than Senator Thomas as well as much other of all pay an dallowances due or to principles to govern the relations be- had been anticipated some months ago. data from the war department, have become due.

Storm Warning. Washington, May 10 .- Storm warn-

AT CAMP JACKSON

Wooden Passenger Coach Carry. ing Members of 321st Infantry Jumps Trestle.

TWENTY-SIX ARE INJURED

Four North Carolinians Among the Dead and Several Others Among Those Hurt.

Columbia, S. C., May 10 .- Eight soldiers were killed and 26 injured when wooden passenger coach carrying members of the 321st infantry jumped a trestle at Camp Jackson this morning. The soldiers had just entrained train was pulling out of camp at a very low rate of speed. As it approachen coaches immediately in front down the embankment.

Reports from the cantonment tomight were that all of the injured were resting well, although four were so seriously hurt that they might die.

A military inquiry into the cause of wreck was begun tonight by a boarded headed by Liept. Col. Halstedt of the 321st infantry, 21st division, to which all of the dead soldiers were at tached.

The official list of the dead, all of whom were privates, follows: Edgar Simmons, Patmos, Ark.; Phil-

etus C. Swann, Asheville, N. C.; Marion O. Hawkins, Marion, N. C.: Wm. E. Lowery, Alta Pass, N. C.; Jess Reno, Soddy, Tenn.; Andrew Scoggins, Coltewah, Tenn.; James L. Weatherwood, Waynesville, N. C.; Brenton Goldsby, Paul's Valley, Tenn.

Seriously Injured. The seriously injured are:

Corporal Franklin P. Poindexter, Moonville, N. C.; Privates Robert C. Bogan, Othel, N. C.; W. C. Bryson, Candler, N. C.; Chester Sircy, Defeated, Tenn.; George S. Thompson, Sway-

Slightly Injured. Slightly injured are:

Corporals Thos. I. Fitzgerald, Trenton, Tenn.; Leftwich-P. Ramsey, Asheville, N. C.; Charles M. Deal, Hickory, Methodist Episcopal general confer- N. C.; Cook Jacob M. L. Kluttz, Spen-Subsidiary war cer, N. C.; Privates Dewey Kilpatrick, Asheville, N. C.; Richard Gray, Shallotte, N. C.; Hugh Aldridge, Baldwin, nual conferences also were provided Miss.; Robert A. Moore, Trio, S. C.; for and the church was asked to con- Roscoe Braswell, Montezuma, N. tribute \$1,000,000 a year for the next Willie South, Ashland City, Tenn; Lonnie H. High, Whiteville, N. C.; Jno. E. Hyatt, Weaversville, N. C.; William The report of the war work commit- Ledford, Almond, N. C.; Andrew Shoultee pointed out the need for more ders. Dierks, Ark.; M. McKinley Henry, Willets, N. C.; John W. Frost, Gillikin. It expressed conviction that the war Miss.; John W. Rook, Bethel, N. C.; should not end until the high pur- William A. Brown, Ramseur, N. C.; Robert C. Harris, Rocky Mount, N. C.; William J. McKinnon, Henderson, Tex.

spiritual welfare of the men in the TELEGRAPHERS CLAIM **DECISION AS VICTOR**

ate Differences.

Will Settle Dispute Between Western Union and Postal and the Union Operators of the Two Companies. Victory For Men.

Washington, May 10 .- Former President Taft and Frank P. Walsh, joint chairmen of the war labor board, were instructed by the board today to mediate between the Western Union and Postol telegraph companies and the operators who are being discharged because of their affiliation with the Commercial telegraphers' union.

S. J. Konnenkamp, president of the telegraphers' union, declared the appointment of mediators a victory for the men. The case was given several days' consideration b ythe board charging union members in violation ary credits. of the industrial truce proclaimed by

ne president.

nouncement read. the 8th of April, 191 to the end that a treasury draft of a bill providing for the president into charges of graft, and all lines of business depending on employes injured in the service so as ings have been ordered up along the all employes shall be retained and con- a simple administration of tax collec-

FAMOUS \$50,000 PITCHER NOW A \$30 ROOKIE



Here is the first photograph of Grover Cleveland Alexander, snapped upon his arrival at Camp Funston. He entered the receiving station as the famous \$50,000 pitcher bought by the Cubs from the Phillies and emerg a \$30 rookie in the service of Uncle Sam.

BORGLUM CHARGED WITH PLANNING TO CAPITALIZE PRESIDENT'S FRIENDSHIP

M'ADOO'S REQUEST Documentary Evidence of a Serious Nature is Read Into the

Congress In No Mood to Enact New Revenue Legislation at Present Session.

WILL DECIDE NEXT WEEK

Revenue Problems Will Be Gone Over In Conference to Be Held With the President And Secretary.

Washington, May 10 .- Congress not taking kindly to the idea of abandoning its plans for adjournment about July 1 in order to undertake new revenue legislation. A decision on Secretary McAdoo's recommendation that immediate legislation to provide more money to meet increasing war expenditures was postponed by capitol leaders today until next week, pending conferences with the secretary and President Wilson.

Mr. McAdoo's suggestion was submitted formally today and it met with instant, opposition from leaders and the rank and file of both senate and house. Senator Simmons and Representative Kitchin voiced emphatic objection to proceeding during the present session unless treasury needs make immediate action imperative. Representative Kitchin added that it will be most difficult to show the necessity, since \$12,000,000,000 will be available between July 1 and next January

or February. President Wilson was given a preliminary treasury survey of the financial situation today and will confer next week with Secretary McAdoo and the congressional leaders. The decision whether congress shall go ahead or wait until the December session-or November elections as was suggested at the capitol today-will follow. Congressional leaders tonight beheads that the companies were dis- thorizing additional bonds of tempor-

"The board takes this occasion information. This report will show name. earnestly to request all persons to expected revenues of about \$3,000,000,tween workers and employers of date If the president decided to press for been placed in the hands of Assistant

Senate Record.

SECRET PLAN IS REVEALED

Negotiated to Form Airplane Company While Holding Presidential Commission.

SCULPTOR TO BE PARTNER

Hugo Gibson, of British Munitions Ministry, Also Concerned.

Washington, May 10 .- Sensational sworn statements, letters and telegrams from the files of the army intelligence service were read into the senate record today to show that Gutson Borglum, while holding a personal commission from President Wilson to inquire into the government's aviation program, was negotiating secretly for the formation of a private airplane company to take war contracts and capitalize his friendship with the president.

The sculptor, who has been the chief critic of aircraft production officials, is represented as seeking for The Consumers, However, Are Slow to himself a position as silent partner in the proposed new corporation, his sole asset in the transaction to be "his rersonal friendship with President Wilson whom, he stated, he could do anything with."

With Borglum was associated, according to the documents Hugo C. Gibson, an employe of the British ministry of munitions of war in the United States, located in New York, who was to share in the deal. President Called a Halt.

A formal statement by Kenyon W. Mix, of the Dodge Manufacturing company, of Indiana, setting forth a with the two men, is among the papossibly for a special session after the pers put into the Congressional Record. They were presented by Senator Thomas ,of Colorado, a member of the senate military committee, who lieved that a way would be found to has been particularly active in confollowing the complaint of the union avoid legislation now, probably by au- nection with the aircraft agitation. The Mix statement shows that government officials, including Vice-Pres-Secretary McAdoo's assistants are at ident Marshall and Howard E. Coffin. statements to show former head of the aircraft board "Mr. Taft and Mr. Walsh have been the treasury's condition and outlook have had most of the information disdirected by the board to take up the until the December session of congress. closed today since last January. nediation of difference between the A report on estimated receipts from There is no indication, however, that Western Union and Postal companies incomes and excess profits and taxes it reached President Wilson himself and the telegraph operators with a in June virtually was completed to- at that time or that the president diment, again made a blockading "raised" on corn bread and like it ta, Ga., was the sentence imposed by a view to an amicable adjustment of night and this probably will be sub- knew of its existence until several their differences," the board's an mitted to the senate tomorrow in com- weeks ago, when he called a halt upon pliance with the senate's request for the sculptor's investigations in his

All of the documents submitted by the president in his proclamation of session congress will be furnished with just started the inquiry ordered by ances are reported. Construction work the 8th of April, 191 to the end that a treasury draft of a bill providing for only dead men were found on board to cover all civil officers of the United stranded vessel. Two survivors States whose salaries do not exceed (Continued on Page Six)

BRIEF STATEMEN

Mentions Publications He Says Have Suffered From Government "Favoritism."

RINGS IN HEARST

Says Statement is Only "Preliminary" to One Addressed to a Certain Senator.

New York, May 10-Theodore Roosevelt made public tonight what he termed "a brief preliminary statement" in reply to the request of Postmaster General Burleson that he prove statements he had made in an editorial to the effect that favoritism had been shown in the treatment of publications under the espionage act.

Mr. Roosevelt mentioned specifically the . ew York Tribune, Collier's Weekly and the Metropolitan Magazine as publications which have been assailed by George Creel, of the committee on public information, while others which "directly or indirectly aided Germany" have not been subjected to government criticism. In the latter category, he included the publications owned by William R.

"The prime failure of the administration to proceed against papers which opposed the war or attacked our illies or directly or indirectly aide Germany is afforded by the failure of the administration to deal with Mr. Hearst's papers as it dealt with certain other papers," said the state-

Referring to the Tribune, Collier's Weekly and the Metropolitan, the colonel asserted they have "consistently upheld the war" and have also "told that small portion of the truth it was absolutely necessary to tell about the administration's failure to

conduct the war efficiently. He said that Mr. Creel "officially speaking as President Wilson's representative and as giving a message from the united States government to Collier's and

the American people," had attacked Collier's and "he has also attacked the Metropolitan and the New York Tribune." He said neither the postmaster general nor the postoffice department has made any attempt "to remedy the wrong it did" in the case

of the Metropolitan. Colonel Roosevelt termed Mr. Hearst 'a very wealthy man, reputed to be much more than a millionaire, owning a dozen newspapers more or less, and a half dozen magazines in different parts of the country."

"At the very beginning of the war," he said. "the government proceeded successfully against Tom Watson's publication in Georgia. Yet Tom Watson had done nothing that was anything like as dangerous to this country and our allies and as helpful to Germany as Mr. Hearst has done." To support his contention he quoted from editorials in the Hearst news-

papers. The colonel declared it is "absolutely impossible to reconcile the gov-(Continued on page six.)

WAR DEMANDS ARE GIVEN RIGHT-OF-WAY

Business and Industry Being Rapidly Readjusted.

Economize-Reserve Board Issues Its Monthly Summary of Business Condition.

Washington, May 10 .- Rapid readjustment of business and industry to meet specialized war demands and abandon activities not contributing to the war industry is shown by the federal reserve's monthly summary of busines conditions issued today, based on reports from all federal reserve districts. One report said the transition "is being accomplished with little loss of momentum and business generally may be said to be broadening and settling on a satisfactory basis."

A note of concern is expressed, however, ove rthe slowness of consumers to economize on food, clothing and other materials needed for maintenance ment requirements demanded from unusual sources for goods of all kinds continues stronger than supply and consequently the mercantile and general business situation is described as "one of litense activity with war needs receiving first consideration."

The labor supply continues much below the demand and the scarcity of workmen is now increased by farmers' needs o flaborers for spring planting. The trend of wages is upward nearly