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AMERICAN TROOPS AGAIN TAKING THE OFFENSIVE ON THE LORRAINE FRONT

In Three Savage Raids They Penetrate German Lines, Destroy Defenses and Get War Material

TROTSKY KICKED OUT BY LENINE BECAUSE HE OPPOSED TREATY

Fighting On Large Scale On Italian Front, Where Enemy Attacks Have Been Checked. British Still Driving The Turks Back In Palestine; Air Raids On The Increase On Both Sides; Fighting Spreads Along Flanders Front

American initiative has asserted itself on the Lorraine front in France. Three savage raids on the German lines have been made by the Americans, who succeeded in reaching the second line of enemy trenches before being ordered to return. During their stay in German-held territory they destroyed carefully built defenses and picked up much war material.

The American artillery ably assisted the infantry in the operation.

Germans fled.

A heavy barrage fire was laid down in front of the advancing Americans and the Germans had fled before the wave of infantry reached the hostile positions. After the Americans had been in the German trenches for a few minutes the German barrage fire was loosed on them, but the American guns answered shot for shot and silenced a number of batteries.

The American artillerymen used gas shells with good effect. Near Toul the American heavy guns have been in action.

British Reprise Enemy.

Three raids on the British lines have been attempted by the Germans in the Armentieres sector, but the British, in spite of a heavy fire from the enemy's heavy guns, repulsed the Teutons. The fighting has spread along the Flanders front, the Ypres and Passchendaele sectors figuring in the official reports. The activities of the contending armies have spread farther south, encounters near St. Quentin being fought.

Information received from German prisoners was responsible for the disclosure of German plans for heavy attacks on the British southeast of Houthoult Wood. On February 20, February 28 and March 8 attacks were forestalled by a terrific British artillery fire and while an enemy attack on March 9 was successful to some degree the British on Saturday succeeded in re-establishing their lines.

The British in Palestine have once more advanced north and northwest of Jericho. They have taken positions at a depth of 3,000 yards over a front of 12 miles. The Turks fought stubbornly at various points of vantage.

Trotzky in Better Light—If True.

The resignation of Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister is explained by a report that he acted after a quarrel with Nikolai Lenine, the Premier, who insisted that the Russian people agree to the disastrous peace of Brest-Litovsk, while Trotzky protested against submitting without a struggle. The only fighting reported in Russia is in the neighborhood of Kiev, Radzivilin and along the Shmerinka-Odesa Railway, where the Germans claim to have scattered bands of Russians.

On the Italian Front.

There has been fighting on quite a large scale on the Italian front. In the mountain sectors of the line enemy attempts to advance have been checked, while along the Piave river the Austrians were defeated in an attempt to launch pontoons for an attack on the Italian lines.

The French have been in scattered encounters with the Germans at various points along their part of the front but nowhere has there been serious fighting.

Aerial Activities.

The air squadrons have been busy of late. The most spectacular of these operations was made by the Teuton airmen, who raided Naples. It may be that they started from their bases on the eastern shores of the Adriatic and flew over the sea and across Italy in their raid. British raiders have dropped large quantities of bombs on military points in Belgium while the allied airmen have been active in Italy.

GARDNER'S FORMER AID SUCCEEDS HIM



WILLFRED W. LUFKIN
 Meet Representative Lufkin of Massachusetts. He was for 15 years secretary and political adviser to the late Augustus P. Gardner, whom he succeeds.

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General Pershing's Judgment.

Major General March, acting chief of staff, and the officers immediately around him are in agreement, it is understood, that General Pershing's judgment should be accepted on all questions of this character. As the man on the ground, he is regarded as best fitted to gauge the results at the front.

Since relatives of the men killed or wounded are promptly informed, it is argued that no hardship is imposed by the new order upon those most nearly concerned. The staff officers therefore contend that if there is the slightest chance that the giving out for publication of any more than the names of the men being of military value to the enemy, that practice could not be defended.

MORE CENSORSHIP OF CASUALTIES

War Department Willing To Accept Judgment of Gen. Pershing

HOW NEWS PROVOKED AIR RAID ON TROOPS

List of Killed Reported Last Night Largest Yet Given Out in Single Day

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 11.—In discussions today of the war department's new policy of announcing names only in the casualty lists from France, it developed that department officials are considering adopting the European custom of publishing casualties weekly or semi-monthly instead of daily.

This plan has been suggested on the ground that it would effectually conceal from the enemy the losses in particular engagements or series of engagements. Even if it is approved by the general staff, however, final action on the suggestion is expected to await the return of Secretary Baker from Europe.

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HALF THE BANKS MUST DO BETTER

That Many Did Not Subscribe To Last Issue Liberty Loan Certificates

SEC. TREASURY GIVES OUT THE STATEMENT

In Announcing Another 500 Million Issue For Third Liberty Loan

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, March 11.—In announcing tonight another \$500,000,000 issue of 41-2 per cent certificates of indebtedness in preparation for the Third Liberty Loan, Secretary McAdoo gave out figures showing that only one-half of the banks in the country subscribed for the last issue.

Although the report was issued without critical comment, it was made plain that the banks had not complied with the Secretary's request of a month ago when the \$3,000,000,000 program of certificates was announced, that each bank set aside one per cent of its resources weekly for ten weeks to invest in certificates in order to insure a wide distribution of the temporary securities to ease the floating of the next loan.

Of the 28,000 banks—20,400 state institutions and 7,600 national banks—14,472 subscribed for the last issue, dated February 27. The issue was subscribed in full, however.

The New Certificates.

The certificates offered tonight are to

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"FOUR HUNDRED" IS SHOCKED—MEMBER ENTERS THE MOVIES



HON. MRS. WM. BERESFORD

Despite the shocked surprise of other members of the "Four Hundred" of New York, is becoming a movie star. She is a sister-in-law of Lord Decies, who married Helen Gould. When her husband joined the British army Mrs. Beresford took a principal part in "The Cross Bearer," which revolves around the Russian court, as a diversion. She found it interesting and is now going into other productions despite the disapproval of her friends.

POE AND BUTLER TO DELIVER WAR FOOD MESSAGE

United States Department of Agriculture Selects Them As Missionaries For South

TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Institution Near Asheville To Cost \$1,700,000; Proper Way To Spell New Bern. Land Condemned in Caldwell and Avery For Government Forest Reserve

News and Observer Bureau, 406 District National Bank Building. By S. R. WINTERS. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 11.—Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and Dr. Tate Butler, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, were today designated by the United States Department of Agriculture as two foremost missionaries of the South that are to convey the war message to Southern farmers for a multiplied food production. Prof. W. K. Dodson, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of the Experiment Station in Louisiana, has been called to Washington to assume active charge of the food production campaign in the South.

The burden of the message, as described by the Department of Agriculture, is to reduce food production in the South at this time would be a national disaster. Food is a vital item of national defense. The South must feed itself.

The essential objects of this speaking and preaching campaign, which will be participated in by the editors of the Progressive Farmer, are to awake the farmers of the South to the necessity of the war, to explain the critical food condition and the necessity for each State to rely on itself and to urge the fullest possible agricultural efficiency. The production program that applies specifically to North Carolina and the South is thus suggested:

"Home gardens throughout the country villages, towns and cities in each Southern State; more corn for live stock and for human beings; more peas and soy beans because of their value for vegetable oils, food for human beings and the by-products of feed and forage for live stock; more velvet beans for feed and forage; more alfalfa, peas and beans, especially cowpeas; more hay and other forage; more sugar and syrup; more hogs and poultry and early setting of hens to increase production of all domestic animals and the most intensive scientific feed; maximum production of beef, especially for local use through proper feed and the preservation of breeding stock and full use of pasture and all roughage.

SHOOTS YOUNG WOMAN, KILLS SELF

Little Chance For Recovery of Miss Emma Rose, Shot By D. E. Crocker

(Special to The News and Observer)

Selma, March 11.—D. E. Crocker, a young farmer who lived in the county near here, after shooting Miss Emma Rose, of this city, inflicting perhaps fatal wounds, shot himself through the heart, killing himself instantly.

The shooting took place about 7 o'clock on the sidewalk near the home of Miss Rose, who was coming from the telephone exchange where she was employed as an operator. Crocker fired three shots at Miss Rose, two of which took effect. One of the shots entered a cheek and passed out through the mouth. The other shot entered her chest and it is thought passed through the lungs. Physicians do not think that there is any chance for her recovery.

Crocker fired two shots into his own body.

Crocker and Miss Rose, it is said, had been sweethearts for a year or more, but things had not gone smoothly with them.

UNCLE SAM WANTS ENERGETIC FIGHT ON FRENCH FRONT

Much Significance Attaches To Visit of Secretary of War Baker

WILL SIZE UP BRITISH AND FRENCH MACHINES

As Well As Learn From Gen. Pershing Directly The Prospects of Our Own Forces. It's Military Information the President Wants Now and Not "Diplomacy"

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 11.—Safe arrival in France of Secretary Baker and his party having been formally announced today by the Navy Department, press reports about his movements on the other side are being watched closely here. Many officials think it possible that the story of his activities, if permitted to pass the censor, will throw interesting light upon the object of his mission to the theatre of war.

Wilson Means Business.

Emphasis laid by the War Department upon the fact that Mr. Baker's trip was purely a military pilgrimage, without diplomatic significance, has directed attention to the known desire of President Wilson to see an energetic campaign waged by the allies. With American troops holding a constantly increasing sector of the battle lines the wishes

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PRESIDENT INSISTS ON PASSAGE OVERMAN BILL

North Carolina Senator Says No Compromise With Opponents Probable

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 11.—President Wilson today renewed his request for enactment of the Overman bill, giving him greater powers to coordinate and reorganize government departments and was said to be insistent upon its passage substantially in the form originally presented to Congress. After a conference with the President Senator Overman of North Carolina, author of the measure, said it appeared probable that a compromise could not be reached and the dispute "would have to be fought out."

NAVY APPROPRIATION BILL IS TAKEN UP BY HOUSE NAVY COMMITTEE

Provides For Increase of Enlisted Force To 187,000 and Marine Corps To 50,000 Men

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 11.—The House Naval Committee today began consideration of the annual naval appropriation bill, as framed by the Navy Department and a naval sub-committee. The bill carries approximately \$1,300,000,000 for the navy for the next fiscal year, but the amount would be made immediately available so the navy can meet promptly any emergencies that may arise.

The measure provides for an increase of the enlisted force of the navy from 150,000 to 187,000 men and an increase in the marine corps from 30,000 to 50,000 officers and men. Some members favor increasing the marines to 80,000 officers and men with a view to putting a full division in France.

The bill does not change the three-year building program adopted by Congress three years ago. Increases in the number of destroyers, patrol boats and other special types of craft, made necessary by the war, have been taken care of in special appropriation bills.

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RITCHIE ARRIVES TO START THINGS

Breaks Board Over His Head To Show Earnestness and Promises Other Stunts

WILL URGE THRIFT AND SELL STAMPS

Plans Big Parade Saturday When He Will Give Exhibition of Strength

Texas Ritchie is here to boost War Savings Stamps and encourage thrift. He announced his presence last night by smashing a three-quarter inch board across his head and by driving his fist into the furniture of The News and Observer's business office. He was immediately engaged in conversation and deferred from his ordinary habits of bending gas pipes and pulling up telegraph poles. Saturday Texas Ritchie, who has won the title of the champion single-handed reclaimer of the United States army, will stage a parade on Fayetteville street, in which he will pull by the strength of his powerful neck a dozen wagon loads of girls down Fayetteville street.

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CONGRESS FORCLOSES ON ALL GERMAN PROPERTY IN U. S.

Bill Authorizing Sale Is Passed By Unanimous Vote and Will Break Kaiser's Grip

DOES NOT AFFECT THAT OF RESIDENT GERMANS

Washington, March 11.—Legislation authorizing the sale of all enemy property in this country, requested by the alien property custodian to permanently uproot German commercial influence, was approved today by the Senate and added to the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

An amendment empowering the President to acquire title to the German steamship company's docks and wharves at Hoboken, N. J., also was accepted.

The vote on the provision for sale of enemy property was unanimous, 64 to 0, and came after several hours' scathing denunciation of German knavery and intrigues for world dominion.

Cuts the Kaiser's Hold.

Enemy property within the meaning of the law is property owned by residents in an enemy country and official assurances have been given that there is no intention to interfere with the property or money of Germans or Austrians living in this country. The purpose is to sever forever the hold of Germans in Germany upon vast commercial and industrial enterprises in the United States, which have been closely entangled with the Kaiser's government, serving as outposts of the Teutonic movement for world dominion.

Custodian Can Now Sell.

Under the trading with the enemy act, the alien property custodian takes possession of and administers those properties, but is without authority to finally dispose of them. The new legislation will empower him to place them in American hands.

Virtually the only questions raised in today's debate were the possibility of violating the treaty of 1799 between Prussia and the United States and of too hasty action by Congress. Expect-

ed opposition to the provision for purchase of the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd docks at Hoboken, N. J. failed to materialize.

Prompt approval of both provisions by the House is expected as soon as the Senate finally disposes of the \$2,000,000,000 urgent deficiency appropriation bill to which they are added.

Treaty of 1799 Not Applicable.

Before the Senate acted, Democratic Leader Martin presented a memorandum from the State Department's legal bureau, declaring that the 1799 treaty was not regarded as applicable.

What is to be done with the proceeds of the sale of German interests, which some Senators today suggested are owned in part by Emperor William himself, is a policy to be determined later. In making this clear, Senator Martin vehemently declared that he believed personally that Germany should not receive one dollar until she compensates Americans for property illegally destroyed.

"Speaking for myself and, I think, for the American people," said the Senator, "if the German people ever get any compensation it will be after they have compensated the American people for the millions—I would even say billions—of dollars' worth of property they have ruthlessly destroyed."

That Germany regards the 1799 treaty as "a mere scrap of paper," was asserted by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who said the treaty does not interfere with the sale of German property proposed.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said the expectation of the treaty of 1799 and various authorities on international law convinced him that the amendment authorizing the sale of enemy property was proper. In urging his amendment providing for public auction sales of enemy property, prohibiting private negotiations, Senator Frelinghuysen said his purpose was to protect American minority stock interests in German-owned corporations. He also urged that the alien property custodian's act should be subject to review. Senator Martin opposed the amendment, which is subject to a final vote later, on the ground that it might handicap Mr. Palmer's action.

President Wilson Sends Message to Russian People

Wired To American Consul-General For Delivery To Soviet Congress Which Meets Thursday

HOPES THEY MAY YET BE MASTERS THEIR OWN LIFE

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 11.—On the eve of the gathering at Moscow of the Russian Congress of Soviets, which is to pass judgment on the German peace accepted by the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk, President Wilson has sent a message of sympathy to the Russian people through the Congress, with a pledge that the United States will avail itself of every opportunity to aid them in driving out autocracy and restoring Russia to her place in the world with complete sovereignty and independence.

The United States now recognizes no government in Russia, but the President enabled his message to the American consul at Moscow for delivery tomorrow to the congress, which is made up of soldiers and workmen's representatives and speaks for a considerable part of the Russian people. The message, made public tonight by the State Department was as follows:

Text of Message.

The President's message, telegraphed to the American consul-general at Moscow for delivery, follows:

"May I not take advantage of the meeting of the congress of the Soviets to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the Russian people at this moment, when the German power has been thrust

in to interrupt and turn back the whole struggle for freedom and substitute the wishes of Germany for the purpose of the people of Russia. Although the government of the United States is, unhappily, not now in a position to render the direct and effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia through the congress that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and full restoration to her great role in the life of Europe and the modern world. The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in the attempt to free themselves forever from autocratic government and become the masters of their own life.

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

First Word Since Revolution.

Thus, in his first formal word to Russia since the revolution-torn country, under the leadership of the President, deserted the Allied cause, the United States to disregard the hard terms upon which the German and Austrian war lords have promised peace to the Russians, and to demand an accounting upon a very different basis when victory at last shall be achieved by America and the Allies.

Nothing Expected of Lenine.

The President does not urge the Soviets to reject the peace treaty, though the delivery of his message at this time may be interpreted as suggesting such a course. In fact, it is conceded in official circles that there is scant ground for hope that the Congress will refuse to give approval to the German terms. Trotzky, the Bolshevik

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GOING AFTER THE SEED PROFITEERS

Many Complaints Spur Hoover and Houston To Issue Joint Warning

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Mar. 11.—Profiteering in seeds was charged by Secretary Hoover and Food Administrator Houston in a joint statement tonight which said that prompt action in such cases would be taken whenever specific information was submitted. Many complaints of abnormally high prices are being received.

"Without adequate distribution of seed at reasonable prices, there is danger that acreage will be lessened and that seed of poor quality will frequently be used," the statement said. "If such conditions are to develop, it would seriously impair our national food program."

Secretary Houston discussed seed corn prices in a separate statement, which said a fair price should be determined by the actual service performed in obtaining and conserving such seed.

ANOTHER FATAL AIRPLANE COLLISION

(By the Associated Press.)

San Antonio, Tex., March 11.—Lieutenant Loren L. Mitchell, Eudora, Miss., was instantly killed, Cadet Jos. C. Wakefield, seriously injured and Cadet Pemberton slightly injured in an airplane collision at Kelley Field No. 2 tonight.

DELAWARE GOVERNOR URGES LEGISLATURE TO RATIFY

(By the Associated Press.)

Dover, Del., Mar. 11.—The Delaware Legislature convened in special session today. Governor John G. Townsend, Jr., delivering a patriotic address at the opening. The Governor recommended the ratification of the national prohibition constitutional amendment, "which was one of the subjects mentioned for consideration in his proclamation calling the extra session."

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CONTRACT FOR HOSPITAL

The War Department today awarded the contract for the construction of the tubercular hospital at Azalea, located five miles from Asheville on the Swannanoa river, to Gude and Company of Atlanta, Ga. The job entails an expenditure of approximately \$1,700,000. Senator Lee S. Overman and Representative Zebulon Weaver have been active in the interest of the location of these hospitals in North Carolina.

The M. H. Kelly and Company of Asheville was a bidder for the job and ran the winner a close race for the plum. The Fuller Construction Co., of New York, builder of the Durham, N. C., court house, and First National Bank, was likewise a bidder for the government job.

The government has purchased outright 25,000 acres of land and condemned 13,000 acres in Caldwell and Avery counties as property of the Appalachian forest reserves. The property has heretofore been in the possession of the Caldwell Land Company, a corporation composed of Pennsylvania citizens. J. C. Fletcher, a lawyer of Boone, was here today in the interest of the 28,000 acres of government reservation. The condemnation proceedings have already been filed in the district court of western North Carolina.

New Bern With A Capital B.

The spirited and good humored controversy that once consumed columns of space in the Charlotte Observer and of the News and Observer as to the correct way of spelling "New Bern" N. C. has been relegated to the event of yesterday. The United States Postoffice Department has rendered an official opinion on the subject in a decision that spells the eastern North Carolina town as "New Bern"—two separate words, capitalised. The Charlotte Observer maintained that the name should be written as a single word.

Kitchin's Pantry Looted.

The gas inspector played in a new role in Washington Saturday and in consequence the well filled pantry of Representative Claude Kitchin, the stalwart leader of the House of Representatives, was robbed of its fullness. Two unidentified parties, driving an automobile, stopped in front of the home of the North Carolina Congressman and described their business as gas inspectors. Their identity and profession were unchallenged, and consequently the future grocery supply and canned goods surplus were drafted upon a substantial quantity. The "gas inspectors" rode away, and their apprehension is but a faint dream.

Get Furniture Workers.

M. O. Brown, of High Point, United

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