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Premier Lloyd George Says Allies Are Winning But Sacrifices Necessary

Russia Ignores All German Overtures

Disregarding The Insidious Pressure of Tens of Russian Army Repledges Itself

NEW REGIME PROVES A SUCCESS

By Arthur Mann
Copenhagen, April 27.—Far from being affected by the insidious German pressure to complete a separate peace Russia's ties with allies is slowly strengthening according to information received here through diplomatic channels.
The most interesting evidence of Russia's increased war power is contained in the information just at hand of the highest authenticity stating that the Russian army has repledged itself to war.
A plan of sending provisional leaders to the different fronts to explain the plans of the new regime has proved successful.

COLORADO IS FIRST TO START FOOD DRIVE

(By United Press)
Denver, Colo., April 27.—Colorado, the first state to act when the importance of the bread basket's part in the war became known has virtually completed organization the administrative machinery for the biggest "food drive" in the history of the country.

Immediately following the declaration of war, Gov. J. C. Gunter anticipated the national movement by naming a ways and means committee, headed by J. K. Mullen, president of the Colorado Milling and Elevator Company, and Ex-Gov. Ammons, one of the state's largest farmers.

The committee already has completed organization of a sub-committee in every county of the state. Working on the assumption that money, or its equivalent credit, is the greatest need of farmers to meet the crisis, the committee has assured farmers capital with which to finance his food raising operations.

The home gardening movement was given tremendous momentum by the outbreak of war. The Civic and Commercial associations of Denver is urging a movement whereby employes will agree to pay full wages to employes, but allow them one working day off each week, provided they work their gardens on that day. Under the auspices of the Denver Mothers' 50,000 packages of seeds are being distributed without cost to school children.

Mrs. Cecilia Ward Shea, a prominent worker, has inaugurated a project advocating that the state itself turn farmer, and lease or rent approximately 15,000,000 acres of tillable land in the state which has never been cultivated, sub-letting this to families who would come into the state, she believes, if they were assured of ground to farm at a low rental.

Russian's Caused Muniton Explosion

(By United Press)
Chester, Pa., April 27.—Indications point to Russian plotters as responsible for the disaster at the Eddystone munitions plant some weeks ago, according to information at the coroners inquest today.
The authorities are now seeking a supposed Russian know as "Waskoff", who sent a message saying to the radical Russian Newspapers of New York, stating "Explosion occurred today, our crowd safe."

Over Blood Stained Ground The French Make Progress

Paris, April 27.—Official news comes today of the terrific work of the French troops who daily gain more ground from their enemies and shower defeat upon at every point.

Yesterday the French troops gained more ground around the blood soaked forest of Hurtebiz and Cerny.

They stormed and captured German trenches and then attacked the heights of Moronvillers which they took.

The Germans throughout the day suffered heavy losses in these raids particularly near the forest of St. Cobain.

Germans Abandon Guns in Retreat

(By United Press)
London, April 27.—The British today captured the quarries on the eastern outskirts of Hargecourt. The Germans in fleeing abandoned their guns so great was the hurry to escape. General Haig reports the capture of considerable equipment and guns.

French Sailors Join Hands With Navy Boys

(By UNITED PRESS)
Norfolk, Va., April 27.—Just to prove brotherly feeling several hundred French sailors marched in the patriotic parade this afternoon. The streets were lined with viewers and cheering was universal as the tri-color boys swung along the streets in line with the American bluejackets.

Congress To Hold A Night Sessions

General Opinion is That The Senate Will Pass The Selective Draft Bill

16 SENATORS ARE TO SPEAK

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Washington, April 27. The senate at ten o'clock today began the concluding drive to put through the presidents selective conscription draft plan for raising the army.

It was announced this morning that night sessions would be adopted if the necessary progress was not made.

There are sixteen senators to speak, and in the address of Senator Jones he said that conscription was necessary if only to convince the enemy of the folly of continuing the terrible struggle.

GERMAN DESTROYERS ARE BEATEN OFF ENGLISH COAST TOWN

London, April 27.—German destroyers who were evidently attempting to raid Ramsgate, an east coast British summer resort, were driven off by a British patrol is the official information received today.

THE MEN WHO RUN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Washington, April 26.—"Man power" is just now about the most pressing of the Navy's problems.

With the rapid increase in fighting ships, the question of finding men—suitable men—to man them is becoming more and more serious.

The big job of raising about 40,000 recruits, and that in the very near future, is up to Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. This bureau has to do with all matters of personnel, present and prospective.

Moving pictures, cartoons, placards "open-door" recruiting stations, brass bands, and all forms of publicity and exhortation, are among the means Admiral Palmer is employing to fill up the ranks. Incidentally, a seductive \$5 a month salary increase, which will be urged in congress for the Navy enlisted men, is expected to prove a great stimulus to recruiting.

The new "open-door" policy, chiefly advocated by Admiral Palmer whereby 100 bluejackets are to be annually admitted to the Annapolis cadet academy to become full-fledged officers, now offers a further—and very powerful—inducement for enlisting.

VA. "PLANTING DAY" SAYS GOV. STUART

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Richmond, April 27.—This is Gov. Stuart.

Preparedness planting—so that this nation may not only feed America but our allies too.

Meetings were held in various cities of the state to consider the food shortage and its relations to the war.

Agreement Reached In War Con.

Balfour Cabling Shipping Arrangements to His Government to be Made Public Soon

AMERICANS NOT NECESSARY

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Washington, April 27.—The first chapter of America's part in the world war was penned in black and white here today by former premier of England, Balfour, when he cabled to his home government the report of the agreements of the greatest war parley in American history.

Balfour's report will tell European allies that the first problem has been settled, and this report dealing with shipping will be made public in London soon.

England's representative will say that the American government has asked how the allies wanted the shipping handled.

With a preponderance of men, munitions and food it was agreed between Balfour, Bridges and De Chair that with these necessities supplied the matter of America supplying men could wait.

The French commission was in complete accord with the shipping settlement that Balfour will report to his government today.

British Admiralty Severely Attacked By The Press

London, April 27.—The British press has turned loose upon the admiralty in criticism of its ineffectual work in coping with the submarining warfare.

English newspapers generally are of the opinion, and express themselves in no uncertain terms of the want of action of the navy department in not meeting the submarine war with sufficient energy.

There is also a wide spread of discontent over the withholding of information on the losses sustained through the submarine attacks, and the feeling is that the English people are lulled into a false security and are not impelled to the necessary sacrifices through the wrong impressions being allowed to simmer in the minds of the people that the submarine menace is being coped with, when the reverse is probably the fact.

U-Boats Successful Reports Berlin

Amsterdam, April 27.—Germany's submarine warfare having been most successful, as stated by the Reichstag sub-committee, today and quoted in Berlin dispatches, asserting that April successes have so far equalled all past months that the expressed opinion is that England will soon be forced to accept peace.

COTTON MARKET				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	19.88	20.25	19.76	20.25
July	19.62	20.06	19.56	20.06
Oct.	.00	19.01	18.52	19.01
Dec.	.00	19.08	18.60	19.08
Jan.	.00	19.10	18.65	19.10

Local Market 19c.

The Premier Says Nation Won't Starve

Eloquent Address at Gould Hall Last Night Receives Attention

ADMITS SUBMARINE AS MENACE

New From The State Capitol

Raleigh, April 27.—"Professional" baseball has advanced far enough to create the suspicion that the Raleigh club of the State League has drawn a Jonah aggregation for the 1917 season—or the beginning of it, to say the very least. The city turned out in great shape, as usual, to witness the opening game (generally won by the home club, for unexplained but not inexplicable reason) and the Raleigh Capitals took the Durham bulls by the horns and threw him over the fence.

Since then the Capitals have played a half dozen regular scheduled games—and lost every one of them, standing at the foot of the ladder today and way down in the score cellar. Unless the situation improves the blindest fan on the bleachers can't finish the misnamed "Howitzers" before many moons. Raleigh has had a lot of rotten ball players on its list for several years and some of the present bunch badly need to learn the game—and most of them were brought here on long mileage tickets from distant places, too.

\$10,000 For Flogging Prisoner

The first of two civil suits begun in the Superior court of Wake county against W. L. Wiggs, the recent and W. M. Miller, the present superintendent of county roads for heavy damages, based on charges of inhuman whipping of two county convicts has been attracting much attention here this week.

Henry Crawford a young white man sentenced to the roads for 60 days on conviction of "impersonating an officer," sued Supt. of roads Wiggs and county guards Nippen and Johnson for \$10,000 damages. The testimony presented revealed horrible cruelties with the "Black Aggie" not only on Crawford but on other prisoners and even the guards testified that the Crawford boy was beaten repeatedly (every other lay one witness said) and inhumanly.

It was this case in which the guards were criminally indicted and convicted, that stopped whipping at the camps in Wake county for a short time.

Last January Senator Bunn of Wake, at the instance of the present Supt. of county roads of Wake, got a "sneak provision" through the legislature that restored these whippings—the title of the bill to "amend the road law of Wake county" giving no inkling of such a permission in

By Ed Keen
London, April 27.—England is winning, and the ultimate success of the allies cannot be doubted, and that the success is being achieved at less cost" are the words of Premier Lloyd George last night in an eloquent address at the Guildhall.

"Victory is becoming increasingly assured" he said "The government is planning to produce at least one hundred and fifty million acres with three million acres available, and it can now be taken for granted that we would not starve if not a single ton of foodstuffs was imported, but we must economize."

Emphasizing the seriousness of the submarine war the premier stated that the best brains of England and America were now concentrated upon an appeal to the public to practice a food economy and give an increased production. The increased prices of food stuffs was unnecessary, and he appealed to the patriotic spirit of the allies of the world to remove all impediments that would stand in the way of a victory and speedy peace.

England must recognize that her people must make many sacrifices, and he further appealed to the people to subordinate party feeling in the settlement of the Irish problem.

the bill and the legislature didn't know what they were voting for when they passed it.

Bad Law Got Him in Trouble

It was not long before there bobbed up another case like that of Crawford and Senator Timmes legislative investigating committee had the white boy (named Jacobs, 16 years old) brought before him. His body was shown to be badly lacerated and his story was a shameful one to the county of Wake and the state of N. C.

"How come?" was the immediate inquiry, "we've got a law against this thing." Whereupon the bill of Senator Bunn of Wake was discovered which gave Supt. Miller legal authority to whip Wake county convicts.

Representative Winston of Wake at once presented a bill repealing the Bunn lash law and it was passed by both branches unanimously, not even Senator Bunn voting against it. So Jacobs mother has brought suit against Road Supt. Miller for heavy damages in a civil action which is expected to be tried soon. If the pocket books of these ultra disciplinarians are tapped in the process of elimination, the sooner and more effective will be the cure of such outrages on the good name of the state.