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## BAILLIEUL STRONGHOLD FALLEN TO ENEMY

THIS IS THE FIRST MAIN GEOGRAPHICAL OBJECTIVE OF THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN FLANDERS DRIVE TO FALL

### ENDANGERS BRITISH POSITIONS AT YPRES

(By United Press)  
With the British armies in France, April 1.—The Germans are in Baillieul.

Von Stennin's fresh troops attacked from the south while Von Carlowitz hurled his strun troops northward, simultaneously assaulting le Raivesburg heights.

Several division were swept against Baillieul itself.

London, April 16.—Baillieul, the most important strategic point on the northern portion of the Flanders salient has been captured by the Germans according to report to hand from General Haig, in the following cablegram:

"We have fallen back north of Baillieul. Wulverghem and Baillieul are in the enemy's hands."

Baillieul was the scene of the most desperate fighting in the entire Flanders drive. It was the stronghold from which the British hurled their attack against the Germans from the northern edge of the Flanders salient. It guarded the entire Ypres salient from the south.

Its fall endangers British positions in Ypres, on the Messines ridge and in Sonnebeke.

Baillieul is the first main geographical objective of the German drive to fal. It is located on the main Armentieres - Hazebrouck railway.

Fresh German attacks were made in the neighborhood of Wythchaete, four miles south of Ypres, and southwest of Vieuf Berquin, four miles southwest of Baillieul, and the same distance due north of Merville, were repulsed in minor operations last night south east of Robecq, a mile and a half south of St. Venat.

## CZERNIN HEADS AUSTRO BRIGADE

Copenhagen, April 16.—Count Czernin, who resigned yesterday as Austrian foreign minister, has been appointed to the command of an Austrian brigade on the Italian front.

There was a sharp conflict of opinions when Czernin conferred with Emperor Karl on Sunday morning. Later the emperor received Count Tisza and Wekerle, the Hungarian minister.

## COTTON MARKET

|      | Open  | High  | Low   | Close |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| May  | 28.50 | 29.00 | 28.50 | 29.00 |
| July | 28.00 | 28.60 | 28.00 | 28.60 |
| Oct. | 28.05 | 27.53 | 27.05 | 27.53 |
| Dec. | 26.70 | 27.10 | 26.70 | 27.10 |
| Jan. | 26.60 | 27.06 | 26.60 | 27.06 |

Local Market Nominal.

## SECTY BAKER REACHES PORT

(By United Press)  
Washington, April 16.—Secretary of War Baker returned to this country after his tour of inspection in France, landing this morning at an Atlantic Port.

Baker notified officials here by long distance of his safe return. He plans to return to Washington soon.

At an Atlantic Port, April 16.—"I have a feeling of pride and confidence in the American army and its achievements in France," Secretary Baker said today after he had landed from the ship that brought him back from France.

"Things I have seen on the other side would justify one in making trips to France. We landed here this morning after a quiet and uneventful voyage."

Baker spoke highly of the morale of the French forces. He was abroad when the big offensive began.

## TEN GERMAN TRAWLERS SUNK

London, April 16.—Ten German trawlers were sunk by British warships in the Cattegat yesterday the British admiralty announces.

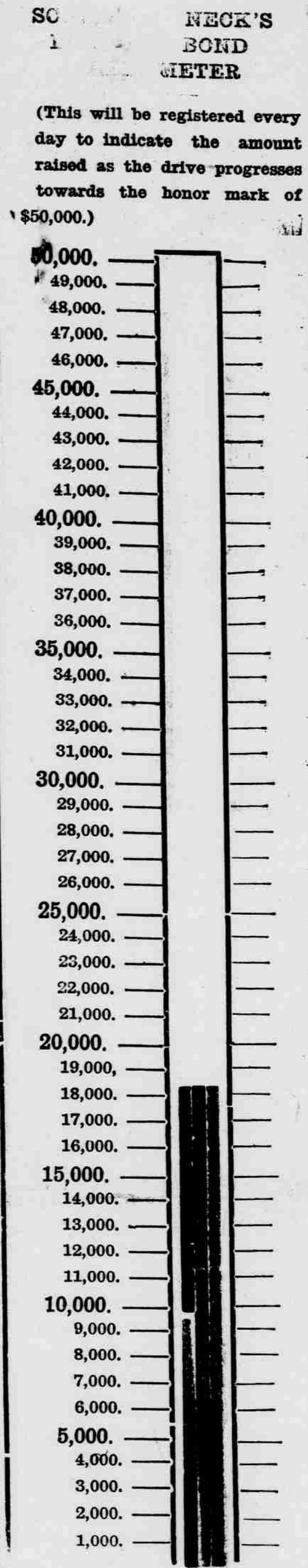
The Cattegat was swept Monday, the statement said, and ten German trawlers were sunk by gunfire. The crews were all saved by the British ships. There were no British casualties.

## U. S. TROOPS DEFEAT ENEMY

At the American front in France April 16.—Details of Sunday morning's battle on the bank of the Meuse proves the American army more than masters of the Germans in the matter of personal fighting.

The Boches used their best storm troops in their attack upon the Americans, which numbers naturalized Italians, Poles, Irish, English, and Scandinavian, who were in the American forces, and which, with knock out blows, repulsed the Germans.

The enemy came on in two wave formations. After the barrage the storm troops led the attack. After three hours of fighting four hundred Germans were hurled back, after losing sixty-four dead, eleven prisoners and twenty two mitrailleurs.



## LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE STARTED THIS MORNING

### GERMAN AIR DOME A TOTAL WRECK

Paris April 16.—Material losses by fire which destroyed the aircraft factories at Friederichshaff on Saturday night were enormous, including thirty squadrons of airplanes reserved for use against the American air fleet. One hundred and forty persons were killed and two hundred injured.

### LOCAL COMMITTEES WENT OUT TO ALL SECTIONS OF THE SUBURBS TO INTEREST THE FARMERS AND OUTSIDE BUSINESS MEN

## HUN PRISONERS REACH AMERICA

At an Atlantic Port, April 16.—The first German prisoners of war arrived in the United States today. They are the members of the crew of submarine U-58 which was sunk by an American destroyer.

The prisoners will be interned. The exact number has not been given out though it is believed there are about twenty.

### EXPECT TO WIND UP WORK THIS WEEK

## LIBERTY LOAN NOW ONE BILLION

Washington, April 16.—The Liberty Loan subscription will pass the first billion dollars today, according to the figures received from the twelve federal reserve districts, which showed a total of \$806,465,250 at close of business yesterday.

No official reports have been received from the Minneapolis district, where the campaign opened yesterday. The several committees got busy this morning and went forth enthusiastically to do their "bit" for the government in gathering into an organization the entire available list of men who are able, and should, contribute to the third Liberty Loan.

## Baraca Philathia Convene Apr. 26.

Rocky Mount Apr. 16.—Armies of young men and women, members of Baraca and Philathia classes in North Carolina, are mobilizing for their eighth annual convention here beginning Friday evening April 26th, continuing through Saturday and Sunday, closing with an impressive consecration service for greater devotion to their cause.

There are now more than 2,200 classes in the state, representing more than 75,000 young people of more than a dozen different denominations, the whole scheme being nothing more nor less than a plan of class organization for increasing interest in Bible Study and the Church as universal in its use as is the Sunday school plan itself.

## HOTELS MUST TOE THE MARK

Raleigh, April 16.—The hotel and restaurant men of North Carolina who have not been observing the conservation program of the Food Administration will be required to walk a chalk line from now on.

A number of North Carolina hotel men, with several hundred other important hotel men of the country, have pledged themselves to banish wheat products from their bills of fare until the next harvest. The Food Administration does not think that it is fair to the hotels and restaurants that are co-operating to the households that are co-operating, and least of all fair to our soldiers and the soldiers of our Allies in Europe to allow any unpatriotic, self-interested, establishments to disregard the wheat-saving program, and State Food Administrator Henry A. Page has addressed a frank, vigorous letter to the hotels and restaurants in the State which is designed to secure their immediate and rigid observance of the entire conservation program.

## 'MATTY' VISITS CAMP SHERIDAN



Christopher Mathewson the great baseball pitcher and baseball player known to all as Matty, paid an unexpected call on the boys in training at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala. He dined soldier fashion with the boys and after mess washed and dried his own dishes.

## WISCONSIN WAR CROP CAMPAIGN

Apleeton, Wis., April 16.—Outagamie County has started in on a vigorous war garden drive this year. The County Council of Defense is distributing 5,000 copies of the war vegetable gardening primer from the National War Garden Commission, Washington, to help all the city farmers in this section who are out to increase the nation's food supply through the back yard and vacant lot. The indications are that there will be little "sloacker land" around here this spring and summer.

Wm. H. Zuehlke, secretary of County Council of Defense, is pushing the campaign and calling on everyone to get busy with the hoe and the spade.

April 16, 1918.  
I am today in receipt of the following letter from Mr. C. A. Wyche, the County Chairman, which is self explanatory.

Roanoke Rapids, N. C.  
April 17 1918.  
Mr. J. H. Alexander,  
Scotland Neck, N. C.  
My dear Sir:  
On Saturday of this week we intend to have a Liberty Loan celebration in Roanoke Rapids, the occasion being the raising of the First Honor Flag of North Carolina. Chairman Brown of Raleigh will be here and he is trying to arrange to have Governor Bicket with us. It would be a very fine thing if we could announce at this meeting, that Halifax County had exceeded its allotment to the Third Liberty Loan. Would you please help workers to make an extra effort this week to raise your quota.

Halifax County is now about \$100,000.00 behind its allotment, and I am quite sure that this amount can be raised easily by Saturday, if all of our workers will go after the subscriptions with enthusiasm and determination.

I feel sure that I can count upon your co-operation, and I would thank you to phone me as soon as your committee has reported a full subscription.

Very truly yours,  
C. A. WYCHE Chairman.

In connection I wish to state that it is the desire of your local Committee to place a Bond in Every Home in Scotland Neck and Community. Will you help us to do this? Would you lend your influence to this great work? We have a corps of solicitors and co-workers, who are doing a great work, but we need the unlimited and untiring work of every individual in this community and unless you are helping in some way you are not doing your "bit". Would you then call at either of the banks and secure blanks and go out and sell bonds for YOUR GOVERNMENT?

Either of the banks are offering terms under which every one can own a bond. Buy Now! Put Scotland Neck on the map! ALL TOGETHER AND WE WILL OVERSUBSCRIBE OUR ALLOTMENT.

J. H. ALEXANDER, Jr.  
Local Chairman