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## DARING RAID BY BRITISH NAVAL MEN

SWOOP DOWN ON GERMAN SUBMARINE BASES OF OSTEND AND ZEBRUGGE SINKING FIVE CONCRETE SHIPS BLOC KING CHANNEL

NO REPORT OF ANY LIVES LOST IN RAID

(By United Press)

London, April 23.—British naval officers were engaged in a daring raid on German submarine bases at Ostend and Zbrugge early this morning, and blew up five concrete alien ships in the channel to block the egress of the enemy craft.

With the exception of our covering ships our forces consisted of auxiliary vessels, six obsolete cruisers and five ships allied with concrete used to block the enemy ships, which were then grounded and blown up the admiralty announced.

## PLEASURE CAR PRODUCTION CUT

(By United Press)

Washington, April 23.—Sharp curtailment of pleasure car production is expected shortly as the result of a conference between leaders in the automobile industry and Chairman Baruch, of the war industries board.

The automobile men have been requested by the government to present complete details and sworn figures of 1917 production of pleasure cars together with an estimate of this years output.

## HUNGARIANS ARE NOW AROUSED

Zurich, April 23.—Two hundred thousand persons participated on a demonstration for electoral reform at Budapest yesterday, according to the Bas Tisza which states, "Work and traffic was halted when similar demonstrations were conducted at various towns on Sunday, when von Seydell told the Polonaise leaders that Galicia would be restored to Poland."

## BRITISH MAKE LOCAL DRIVES

London, April 23.—Successful local operations last night improved our positions north of Albert. General Haig reports. "We took sixty prisoners and a number of enemy prisoners were taken in the local fighting in the Robecq sector, and at Wyche the fighting resulted advantageously for us."

Raiding parties entered the enemy trenches near Famboux, four miles east of Arras, penetrating their support lines.

Hostile artillery was active yesterday afternoon and last night west of Albert, south of Nieppe forest and east of Ypres.

Our artillery engaged a hostile concentration at Villiers Bretonneux sector, in the neighborhood of Serre.

New Lord Mayor of Dublin



LAWRENCE O'NEIL, LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN.

Lawrence O'Neil has just been installed as the new Lord Mayor of Dublin, and this photograph shows him in his robes of office.

## SEAGULLS SEARCH OUT SUBMARINES

(By United Press)

Philadelphia, April 23.—In regard to the many reports from abroad concerning the part the common ordinary sea-gull is represented as taking in the capture of the U-boat—following the underwater craft in quest of food and "pointing them out" to our destroyers, listen to this "yarn."

Says Frank H. Stewart, president of the Ocean City (N. J.) Fishing Club, one of the largest on the Atlantic coast:

"Every gull on our coast is an aviator in our defense and worth almost as much as a soldier or sailor for our protection. You see, the gulls live chiefly on the fragments of fish left by the hungry tigers of the sea feeding on school of fishes."

"Every boy on the seashore knows that a diving, screeching flock of gulls indicates a school of fish."

"Like an aviator, they can see below the surface, but they cannot reason that all things under the surface are not fish. They expect something to appear on the surface of the water following a commotion underneath. The something is food."

"When gulls detect a submarine they follow it like a school of fish, and if this nation ever is attacked by the U-boats we shall be sorry that we haven't ten gulls for every one we have now."

Dispatches tell us that Secretary Baker has set before three Kings during his visit to the other side. Shucks, that didn't put any change on Newt. He can always hold a better hand than three kings.

## 'OVER THE TOP' EVERYBODY BUYS LIBERTY BOND

(By United Press)

The \$50,000 Scotland Neck's quota for the Third Liberty Loan has been subscribed by 486 of its citizens, and all credit is due them for the patriotic spirit that has embued them in coming forward to aid the great cause.

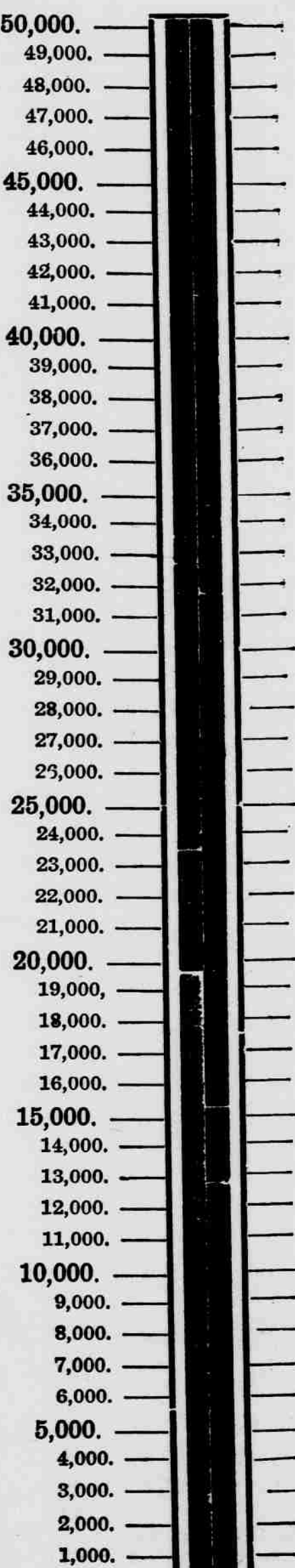
Whilst this amount exceed the amount set for this community the government is asking for large oversubscriptions to this issue so that instead of the three billions asked for five billions may be raised and thus prevent another issue of bonds this year, therefore it is to be hoped that all those who have not yet subscribed will do so during the time in which the lists are open, that's between now and May 4. Let the good work continue. The best you can do is not enough. You are not fighting in the trenches, but you can fight effectively at home, and that is your part. Be manly, be heroic, be patriotic, above all be American.

The following subscribers have come in since we went to press with the names on the inside page.

A. W. Outerbridge, R. J. Madry, Mrs. R. J. Madry, S. E. Savage, De Allen Harrell, Francis Suiter Harrell and Sam C. Jones.

### SCOTLAND NECK'S LIBERTY BOND THERMOMETER

(This will be registered every day to indicate the amount raised as the drive progresses towards the honor mark of \$50,000.)



## FRENCH REPORT ATTACK FAILED

(By United Press)

Paris April 23.—Artillery was active along the Somme and east of Rheims, the French war office reports.

German raids between Lassigny and Noyon, northwest of Rheims, in the Vosages, fell down, the French taking prisoners.

## GEN. FOCH HAS SUPREME POWER

(By United Press)

Paris, April 23.—After a full discussion the allies have agreed to give Commander in chief of the allies armies, Foch, complete and absolute power on the west front, he not to be influenced by any external pressure.

## AIRMEN ATTEND ENEMY'S FUNERAL

(By United Press)

With the British army in France, April 23.—A number of American airmen attended the funeral of Baron von Richtfen, the famous German aviator. British and French airmen were also present, when he was given the honors of an allied officer.

## IRISH TIE-UP ALL INDUSTRY

Dublin, April 23.—In a country wide one day strike as a protest against conscription Irish leaders plan to absolutely stop all public utility service including street cars, trains and newspapers.

## RIVETER DOES HIS LITTLE "BIT"

Philadelphia, April 23.—There is one "king in the United States, and he is "doing his bit for democracy." William Baker, of this city, is the uncrowned "riveter-king." With his compress-air, steel scepter he hammers into place 1,000 rivets a day on the modern "Old Ironsides" that are being constructed at the Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Company's plant at Gloucester, N. J. With apparently little effort he drove 1247 of the little red-hot pins into a ship's side when someone contested his supremacy.

The average riveter hammer from 300 to 350 rivets in eight hours.

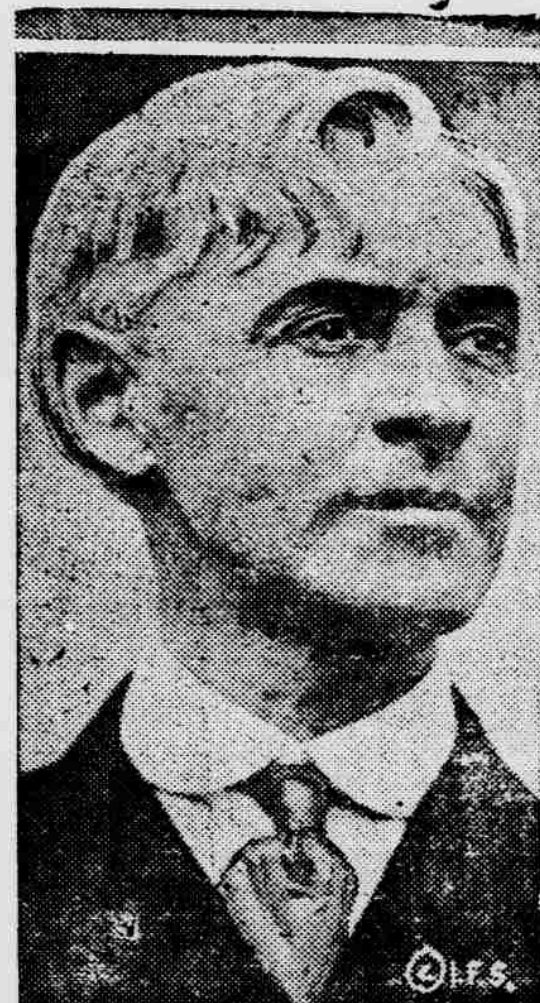
## AMERICAN LORRAINE ARMY MAKES KILLING

FIGHTS OFF LARGEST RAIDING PARTY ATTACKING THE ENEMY FRONT, WHICH, REACHING TRENCHES, LEAVES 300 DEAD

GERMANS REPORT AFFAIR GREAT SUCCESS

By Frank J. Taylor

Blame This Man When You Get Up Earlier



WILLIAM P. BORLAND.

Representative William P. Borland, whose home is in Kansas City, where they arise early, is the author of the Daylight Saving Act, and his efforts put it through congress.

## HERBERT HOOVER APPEAL NEGROES

Raleigh, April 23.—Recognizing the negro as a great economic factor and hence a great military factor, United States Food Administrator Herbert Hoover has addressed a special appeal to the 12,000,000 negroes of the country to heed the appeal of the Food Administration in the matter of food conservation and food production. The appeal follows:

"Our Nation is engaged in a war for its very existence. To win this war we must save food, grow great crops of foodstuffs, and substitute other foods for those most easily shipped to our associates in this war and our own soldiers in France, thousands of whom are men of your own race. The Food Administration realizes that the Negro population of this Nation can be of the utmost help in food conservation and food production. Every Negro man, woman and child can render a definite service by responding to the appeal and instructions of Food Food Administrations of the Food Administration and its representatives. The negroes have shown themselves loyal and responsive in every national crisis. Their greatest opportunity of the present day to exercise this loyalty, is to help save and grow food. I am confident that they will respond to the suggestions of the Food Administration and thus prove again their patriotism for the winning of the war."

HERBERT HOOVER.

A subscriber suggest that in dealing with loiterers we exempt the fishermen. We'll agree to that if they are required to establish the absolute truth of every tale told, and demonstrate that they have really contributed to the meat supply.

The American army in Lorraine April 23.—Fifty Germans raided the American sector north of St. Mihiel, between St. Mihiel and Verdun yesterday.

The American artillery repulsed the Boche as they reached the American barbed wire entanglements. The Germans carried off their dead and wounded, but two dead were left on the wires. The Americans made a counter raid of the German trenches, bringing back two prisoners.

All other American sectors were quiet.

The American official reports of Saturday's engagement in Toul and the losses sustained by us, which was no larger than could reasonably be expected of an engagement to severe, the most desperate the Americans have hitherto been engaged in. The enemy losses were more than he anticipated as evidence of more than three hundred dead in American trenches, and in "no man's land" the German wounded were dragged back into the German trenches. The number of these are unknown, but heavy damage was also inflicted by the Franco-American artillery where the line joined.

Washington, April 23.—Two were killed in action, one dead of wounds, four dies of diseases, nine wounded severely, twenty seven wounded slightly, makes up a total of forty three casualties in the report of General Pershing today to the war department.

The American report of this fight inclines to the belief that the battle went contrary to the enemy, that a great number of Germans were left dead upon the field while prisoners were taken, the loss to the American not being out of proportion to the severity of the engagement, the list of dead and wounded published above if totalling the losses in this fight, bearing out the contention.

On the other hand the German report would lead to believe the battle was a complete success to their arms; that bitter hand to hand fighting ensued around the dug-outs and the Americans were killed almost to the last man.

In the Remieres wood the American casualties were especially heavy they say. Dense columns of troops were badly mauled by the German fire, and further back the German airmen located the American reserves filling the trenches at Jury wood and work-fearful havoc in the closely filled trenches. The Germans further report that they captured five officers, one doctor, 178 men and twenty-five machine guns.

### COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	29.04	29.04	28.81	28.81
July	28.65	28.74	28.65	28.69
Oct.	27.56	27.73	27.56	27.73
Dec.	27.22	27.40	27.22	27.40
Jan.	27.00	27.26	27.00	27.26

Local Market Notes: