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## AMERICANS GAS ENEMY IN RETALIATION

BOCHES THREW SEVEN THOUSAND MUSTARD GAS SHELLS AGAINST HELD BY SAMMIES BUT WITHOUT MUCH EFFECT

## SHELLS LIKE RAIN OF GIGANTIC BAD EGGS

(By United Press)

With the American army in Picardy, May 7.—The rear of the German reorganization lines is bathed in gas as a retaliation for gassing the American areas. Guns roared all night, and the Boches threw over more than fifteen thousand Yperites mustard gas shells, gassing one village and all roads in the vicinity. There were three hours of bombardment with high explosives, the Americans keeping under cover. The concentration of the German gas attack was like the rain of gigantic bad eggs.

## GRADED SCHOOL ELECT FACULTY

A Meeting of the trustees of the graded school was held last night for the purpose of considering the election of teachers for the next school year.

The superintendent, Mr. R. D. Jenkins, was re-elected some time ago, so that the applications of the teachers were necessary to consider.

The following teachers were re-elected:

- First grade, Miss Eleanor Smith
- Second grade, Miss Wortham.
- Third grade, Mrs. P. E. Shields.
- Fourth grade, Miss Eva Moore.
- Fifth grade, Miss Pitts.
- Six grade, Miss Woody.
- Seventh grade, Miss Mary White.

For the high school Miss Irwin was re-elected, but the other teachers of the high school, who have been with us the past year did not apply for re-election for the next year.

## GERMAN PAPERS RAP PROFITEERS

(By United Press)

Washington, April 30.—The Committee on Public Information has made public editorial comment in the German press on the revelations in the Reichstag main committee in connection with investigations of the Daimler Motor Works. It was shown that the Daimler company was earning 173 per cent profit per annum, the company's sworn statement placing the profits at 11 per cent, and while the company was earning 400,000,000 marks monthly in excess of its peace-time profits it had threatened to reduce output unless higher prices were paid. The Berliner Tageblatt (Liberal), said:

"Energetic action of the authorities and the Reichstag is demanded. Such enterprises as the Daimler firm are not compelled to submit books for inspection, while every little trader selling vegetables must show his profits

## OVERMAN BILL REPORTED OUT

(By United Press)

Washington, May 7.—The house judiciary committee ordered the Overman bill, giving power to the president to reorganize executive and other departments, reported favorable without amendments. The bill has already passed the senate.

## BRITISH RAID ENEMY LINES

(By United Press)

London, May, 7.—Raiding activities have been reported by General Haig, in which a few prisoners were captured and three machine guns taken in a successful raid last night in the neighborhood of Neuville Vitasse, three miles northwest of Arras. The British troops suffered slight casualties. An attempted enemy raid near Boyelles, six miles south of Arras was repulsed.

## HALIFAX COUNTY CALLS 160 MEN

The local exemption board has received orders to call one hundred and sixty more white men into the camps to report from May 25 onward in small allotments.

Whilst it cannot now be definitely stated how far into Class One this number will go it is the opinion of the board that 3200 will be reached in this draft. This of course, is mere surmise until the board has fully tabulated the numbers, when same will be announced in The Commonwealth.

## FARM HANDS SHARING PROFITS

Pierre, S. D. May 7.—Farmers of South Dakota are arranging to pay their help on the profit basis. The wage scale now for farm hands now runs \$55 a month with board, room and laundry. In wheat growing sections, a sliding scale of \$50. minimum; \$55 for wheat of ten bushels to the acre; \$60 if it goes over 15 bushels to the acre and \$65. if it goes over 20 bushels is being considered.

## CROWDER CALLS CIVIL ENGINEERS

(By United Press)

Washington, May 7.—Provost Marshal General Crowder sent out a call today for four thousand and sixty men to fill vacancies in the civil engineers and ordnance quartermaster corps.

These men will be drawn from all states except Arizona, Delaware and Vermont. They will train on May 20.

The southern comp assignment are as follows: Camp Humphreys, Virginia gets 248; Camp Hancock Georgia gets five; Camp Sheridan, Alabama, gets 144; Fort Myer, Virginia, gets 267; Camp E. J. Johnson, gets 591.

## S. S. TIDEWATER SINKS U-BOAT

(By United Press)

Washington, May 7.—The American steamer Tidewater disposed of an enemy submarine on March 17 by three well placed shots, the navy department announces.

## REICHSTAG HAS BEEN ADJOURNED

(By United Press)

Hague, May, 7.—The Austrian Reichstag, the central legislative body, has adjourned to June 18 in order to permit Premier von Seydler to bargain with the opposition for the purpose of securing a working majority, according to advices received here.

## PROBE AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

(By United Press)

Washington, May 7.—The house military committee today opened an informal inquiry of its own into aircraft production work, it began its hearing on the one billion thirty two million dollar appropriation asked for by the department for aeroplanes.

The committee called Secretary Baker; General March, acting chief of staff; Director Ryan, of the aircraft production board, and General Kenny, chief of aeronautics, into the hearing this morning.

## WORK OF ARMY RAG PICKERS IS DANGEROUS

By Henry Wood

With the French armies, May 7.—Cleaning up battlefields has now become one of the highly organized and perfected auxiliary services of the French army.

The amount of material saved in this way for the future use of the army amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars a month. It is one of the most effective "efficiencies" that the present war has produced.

Paradoxical as it may seem there is nothing that produces a more painful impression on the occasional person who is allowed to wander over a battlefield just after an attack than the great quantities of highly perfected war material that lie scattered about with seemingly a reckless waste and profusion. The dead bodies both of the enemy and the attacking troops do not produce the same painful degree of impression.

There is this difference. The dead soldiers have done their duty and their role is ended. But all this material was made through long hours of sweat and labor, and toil to be used in saving the fatherland and here it all is lying in great quantities unused about a dead battlefield, having fulfilled its purpose and having served its end.

It is the thought of this great waste of human genius, of human skill, of human toil that produces the painful impression—or rather that did produce it in the early

## GERMANS ANNOUNCE DOUBLE OFFENSIVE

BERLIN PAPERS STATE THAT WITH ATTACK ON WEST AN EQUALLY HUGE OFFENSE WILL START ON ITALIAN FRONT

(By United Press)

Amsterdam, May 7.—German papers declared that the resumption of the west front offensive will be aided by a huge offensive on the Italian front, it has been learned today.

"A combined effort will thus bring the longed for German success," the paper says.

The beginning of the west front offensive has been definitely fore-casted in the German press.

With the British armies in France, May 7.—Allied guns have been steadily strafing German areas during the past twenty four hours.

This is not conducive to a quick movement of men and material across the war made desert areas around Noyon.

An infantry lull continues, only raids and petty exploits being conducted. On most of the fronts there has only been ordinary mutual cannonading. The terrain is being drenched by May showers.

Paris, May 7.—West of Hangeard en Santerre, where the American troops are in line, a German surprise attack failed. Our local operations there resulted in taking enemy prisoners. Mutual artillery firing on both sides of the Aisne is reported by the war office.

## BOOZE RUNNERS REAL "BAD MEN"

Memphis, Tenn., May 7.—Booze smugglers and whiskey runners in Memphis vicinity have become real "bad men." They have been furnishing the United States marshals with many thrills and the odds are that a quantity of hot lead will be spilled in the very near future.

Although but a year ago, the bootleggers never dreamed of fight, United States marshals today go armed with automatic shotguns, for shooting rifles and revolvers of heavy caliber. They have been forced to do it in defense of their lives.

Week by week the gangsters who sell booze have become more dangerous. They have developed into a class of daredevils, far more dangerous to hunt than the bucolic moonshiner in his mountain lair.

Of the booze-running gangs, two are especially dangerous. One of these operate by use of "stick-up" tactics. On two notable instances this gang impersonated United States marshals and bagged large quantities of booze from other bootleggers.

## ALLIED GUNS STRAFING ENEMY AREAS



GENERAL FOCH

Now in supreme command of the Allied forces in France. Gen. Joffre states he is the greatest strategist in Europe.

days of the war.

Now nothing goes to waste on the battlefield. With the greatest and difficulty of manufacturing war material, with the steady decrease in the world's supply of material from these things are made, France at least, sees to it that nothing falls short of serving the purpose for which it is made.

Hardly have the troops passed forward in an attack than a second army, usually of aged territorials follows it onto the battlefield and begins the cleaning up process. Sometimes their companions call them the "rag-pickers of the army" and sometimes the "drivers for spoils," but in the present official organization of the French army they rank as a very important corps.

Their work, too is often dangerous as that of the troops who dash to the assault as not only have they to handle abandoned explosives of the most perilous kind to touch but often enough their work has to be carried on under a terrific bombardment.

But they do it as heroically, as stoically and as methodically as do their brother territorials who carry the hot soup up to the fighting line through a barrage of machinegun fire, sharpnels and high explosives.

## GENS. CALLED ASSUME COM.

(By United Press)

Washington, May 7.—Three major generals and fourteen brigadier generals have been assigned by the war department to their new commands. Those recently promoted were confirmed by the senate.

COTTON MARKET.				
	Open	High	Low	Close
May	25.35	25.70	25.20	25.55
July	25.01	25.47	25.00	25.36
Oct.	24.40	24.88	24.38	24.72
Dec.	24.42	24.75	24.11	24.61
Jan.	24.10	24.58	23.40	23.80

Local Market Normal