

WEATHER FORECAST.

North Carolina and South Carolina—Fair tonight and Thursday; somewhat warmer tonight.

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OLD GLORY BATTLE BATHED IN FRANCE

Billion Dollar War Bill To Be Quickly Passed

SPEED AND POWER OF BRITISH ADVANCE ASTOUNDS ENEMY

British Attack So Vigorous Enemy Unable to Make Counter Attacks. GERMANS BUSY SAVING CANNON

Vigorously pressing their great offensive on the Arras-Lens front, the British have pushed into German-held territory behind the famous Hindenburg line.

Today's official statement from London reports the capture of the village and heights of Monchy-le-Frenay, nearly five miles southeast of Arras and just north of the Arras-Cambrai main road.

Satisfactory progress along other sections of the fighting line is announced, one of the points taken being the village of LaBergere.

Apparently the first swift rush of the offensive is over, but the reports from correspondents indicate that the work of consolidating the ground won was taken up speedily and done thoroughly.

The minimum advance has been effected in the sector of Vimy ridge, the northern pivot of the Hindenburg line, now turned by the British, where the German resistance was naturally stiffest.

Brazil's decision to sever diplomatic relations with Germany has so far not been followed by the South or Central American nations.

BRAVE TEXAN WENT TO ATTACK UNDER AMERICAN FLAG

(By Associated Press.) Ottawa, April 11.—The Stars and Stripes went into battle for the first time during the world war during the recent offensive storming of Vimy Ridge, in France, according to an official dispatch received here today from Canadian army headquarters in Europe.

"To a young Texan, who came to Onatrio to enlist and who is now lying wounded in the hospital," the dispatch reads, "belongs the honor of first carrying the American flag into battle in the European war, into which the United States, as a belligerent, has just entered. He went up to the assault at Thelus carrying the Stars and Stripes on his bayonet and fell thus."

ATTITUDE OF ALL LATIN COUNTRIES AS TO GERMANY

(By Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, April 11.—La Razon publishes a series of interviews with national leaders on the questions of Argentine neutrality. Luis Marie Brago, former minister of foreign affairs, urges that Argentina join the allies.

"How can Argentina break the bonds of solidarity with its Latin brothers and abandon its traditional policy to remain in an isolation which nothing would justify?" he asked.

Edouard Bidau, Doyen of the faculty of law, thinks that Argentina is not yet obliged to modify its position as a neutral, but that the resolution of Brazil to sever relations with Germany renders it more difficult to maintain neutrality.

Uruguay For Neutrality. Montevideo, Uruguay, April 11.—The Uruguayan government today issued a decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany and between Cuba and Germany.

Rio Janeiro, Apr. 11.—Pro-ally demj diplomatic circles that other South American nations will soon follow the example of Brazil in severing relations with Germany.

GREAT MEASURES WILL BE RUSHED BY LAWMAKERS

Leaders in Congress Today Discuss Ways For Financing War.

PRESIDENT HELD CONFAB AT CAPITOL

Urges That Plan of War Department Be Adopted—Leader Kitchin Wants to Examine it.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 11.—The war financing bill, providing for \$5,000,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates, was unanimously reported for passage today by the Ways and Means Committee.

The bill authorizes a bond issue of \$5,000,000,000 and provides that not to exceed \$3,000,000 from the proceeds of the bonds may be used in extending credits to foreign governments.

Representative Kitchin assured the President the bond bill would be passed Friday without difficulty. The War Department's plan for raising an army by selective conscription was the principal subject discussed.

Democratic Leader Kitchin, who will pilot the war revenue measures through the house, summoned and the President, the Speaker and Mr. Kitchin entered into a conference.

Indications were that the President would continue to insist upon the War Department plan as drawn, although sentiment appeared to be developing for putting a provision into the measure under which an effort would be made first to raise the army by volunteers.

Table with 2 columns: Location and American League status. Includes Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Boston, Caldwell and Nunamaker, Ruth and Thomas.

SPECULATION HAS BEEN STOPPED.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, April 11.—Speculation in butter and eggs through the Chicago butter and egg board was abolished "as a patriotic duty" by unanimous vote of the directors today.

BIG DEATH LIST STILL GROWING; CAUSE MYSTERY

WHOLE WHEAT A CHEAP FOOD

Nutritious and Palatable Food. Directions For Preparing it For The Table.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 11.—Whole wheat which can be bought in the grain at seed or feed stores is one of the best all-around cheap and nutritious foods in the country.

It has been estimated that whole wheat, cooked over night in a fireless cooker, or cooked all day on the back of the kitchen range, makes a cereal costing one-sixteenth the price of some of the patent commercial breakfast foods, and furnishes, moreover, fully equal nourishment.

The Bureau of Chemistry has worked out a recipe for bread made primarily from home-ground meal. Two cupsful of wheat meal, 1 cupful of white flour, 1-4 cupfuls of lukewarm water, 1-2 cake of compressed yeast, 1 level tablespoonful of salt, 1 level tablespoonful of sugar, and 1 level tablespoonful of shortening if desired, is the formula.

THE RUPTURE WITH AMERICA

Logical Consequence of State of War Between Latter and Germany Declares Press

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, April 11.—(Via London)—The rupture of diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is declared by the Vienna newspapers to be a logical consequence of the state of war between the United States and Germany.

Opinion Differs As to What Caused The Explosion in Munitions Plant.

SOME HOLD RESULT OF FOREIGN PLOT

Others Declare It Was Due to Accident—Investigators are Working Hard on The Ghastly But Important Problem.

(By Associated Press.) Chester, Pa., April 11.—Revised lists of the fatalities resulting from the explosions yesterday at the shrapnel loading plant of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation at North Eddystone, near here, place the number of dead at 122, the majority being girls and young women.

Although police and company officials worked through the night attempting to establish identities of the dead they were hampered by the condition of the bodies and the fact that the time book, recording all employed in the structure, was destroyed.

Official opinion of the cause, whether accidental or malicious, is divided. Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which owns the Eddystone Works, asserted the disaster probably was due to an accident or carelessness on the part of some of the persons within the building.

"Although we have only circumstantial evidence," Mr. Johnson said, "it looks as if some one touched off a bomb or a time clock with an explosive attached. I have become convinced, after a talk with the Eddystone officials, that the catastrophe could not have occurred through an accident."

The Chester police have released two suspects, father and son, named Cohen. Nobody is in custody in connection with the explosion, but developments are expected shortly. The Chester police say that if the explosion was the work of plotters, whoever caused it must have died with the rest. Mr. Vauclain said today: "The disaster occurred in the building devoted to loading shrapnel with black powder, commonly known as the base charge. The shrapnel made in the building was three-inch shrapnel for the Russian government. There were 10,000 pieces of shrapnel in the building. We cannot understand how the disaster could possibly have happened accidentally. There were three explosions, it appears, in rapid succession, with about ten seconds between the first and last explosion."

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