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NORTH SEAT GINS ARE HOWLIN

On Proportion of General Engagement

BRITISH AND FRENCH

most Within Their Grasp-Artillery Fire Increases In Intensity

The fighting on the western front has assumed almost the proportions of a general engagement along the whole line, from the North Sea to the Swiss border.

As yet the infantry has not been heavily engaged much to the north of Loos, in the Lens region, or east of the Soissons region, within which confines the battle of Arras and the struggle for St. Quentin are being

The artillery duel, however, is growing in intensity in the region of Rheims, in the Champagne, and down the line to Lorraine and Alsace. Raiding operations by the French in these sectors also have assumed great importance, and similar significant ac-Beigians north of the present great in the House of Magnates:

battlefield Were attention not centered on the framatic situations about Lens and St. Quentin, the fall of both being going on for several days, doubtles would have attracted more notice. As it is expected, the potential importance of this duel of the big guns cannot be minimized, presaging, as it may, offensive movements of the in-

from the Rheims region to turn the Premier said: left flank of the Hindenburg line, as

guns and stores to follow the popula- to content itself with this statement." tion in the exodus which already has

The situation around St. Quentin is little changed, but both the British and French statements reveal a situation there which is making the town untenable for the Germans. In the district to the south the French are steadily pushing forward, reporting today the capture of several upper Coucy Forest.

Increasing probability of the opening of important operations between Soissons and Rheims and in the western Champagne is indicated by the German official report that "infantry fighting developed this morning over wide sectors," after heavy artillery hring and reconnoitering drives.

The severity of the fighting accompanying the German counter attack yesterday on a six mile front on both sides of the Bapaume-Cambrai road is emphasized by today's German headquarters statement. It announces the capture of 475 prisoners and 15 machine guns from the British and the destruction of 22 British guns which had been captured by the Germans, but apparently could not be taken with them when they were driven off.

According to reports brought to Amgeneral strike began in Berlin this Scorpion, has been interned. morning, accompanied by rioting.

Have Not Fallen As Yet.

tobeen officially announced.

the German resistance has stiffened, key's ally, Germany. (Continued on Page Eight).

BOND BILL UP IN SENATE

TOMORROW.

(By Associated Press). Washington, April 16 .- The ad-KEEP PUSHING ON * ministration's seven billion dollar * 4 revenue bill, which has passed • the House, was approved today by Lens and St. Quentin Al- + the Senate Finance committee and will be taken up in the Senate tomorrow for passage.

Hungary's Premier Declares His Country's Attitude Toward America and Russia.

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, April 16.—(Via London.)

press our point of view. Since, as I plan for watching the papers. considered imminent, the great artil- have previously pointed out, the Unitlery battle in the region between ed States, to our regret, has declared of the secrecy which has been to be secrecy which has surrounded to the secrecy which has surrounded to be secrecy which has surrounded itself in a state of war with Germany, army and pavy matters in Europe has the legical conclusion necessarily had been unaccessary. to be drawn. That is a precise and concrete fact having no need of explanation. I should make a mistake if I added any explanation."

Premier Tiza's statement was made In this connection the probability in reply to an interpellation by Counof a northward push by the French Anton Sigray. Speaking of Russia the

"The situation is very clear. No the British have turned the right one thinks of interfering in the in flank at Vimy, has come to the front. ternal affairs of the Russian state. The Desperate German resistance and a events which have taken place in Rusprobable desire by the British to sia have changed in no way our intersqueeze the Germans out of Lens, pretation of the aims of the monarchy rather than drive them from this coal and the nation in this war. I think mine and factory district by a direct that i fnow by any fresh statement l bombardment and frontal attack, have were to repeat completely the clear delayed the fall of the city. Today's declaration already made by the alofficial statement from London, how- lied (central) powers, I should not be ever, shows the British lines creeping strengthening our position, but only steadily closer, notably in the north- weakening it and I should not be favoring the cause of peace which we fore he went to his offices. Within the town the Germans are all have before our eyes, but on the reported wreaking havoc with plants contrary should perhaps be comproand mines and feverishly removing mising it. Consequently I beg the House

DIVINE BLESSING ON AMERICAN AID

(By Asteclated Press. Manchester, April 16.-A special service will be held in Manchester cathedral next Friday "to invoke a divine benediction on the strengthpoints of support in the region of the ened ties between Great Britain and the United States." The Lord Mayor will attend in his official capacity as representative of the city.

Not in Violation of Rules of International Law Governerning Such Cases

(By Associated Press.) London, April 16 .- An official state ment issued by the Turkish War Ofgeneral by travelers from Germany a fice says that the American gunboat,

In Accord With International Law. Washington, April 16.-The intern-London, April 16.—Although British ment of the Scorpion has been expatriots have been in the streets of pected here for some time and is per-Lens, and General Haig's men are in feetly in accord with the rule neces-

The Germans, it is apparent, have About two weeks ago the War Desent in their reserves and are making partment, through the State Departa desperate defense, to enable their ment, cabled Ambassador Elkus, sugengineers to complete destruction of gesting that the Scorpion leave Turkthe mines and factories of Lens which ish waters for the Black sea, but Turmight have been useful to the Allies. key objected to this on the ground Despite the fact that all along the that the sea was practically domithe Carte Lens and St. Quentin nated by Russia, an enemy of Tur-

General Haig reports today the capture of Villeret, which straightens his line north.

General Haig reports today the capture through the Dardanelles at \$2.00 just before the close of the market today, an advance from Saturline northwest of St. Quentin, and an-sult part of the crew went through market today, an advance from Saturnounces further progress to the north- Austria into Switzerland before the day of 81-2 cents. May jumped break with the former country. 123-4 cents to 2.373-4.

WOULD PREPARE FOR AN EMBARGO.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 16.-With * the approval of the administra- * * tion, Chairman Adamson; of the * House commerce committee to- * day introduced a war embargo * bill to empower the President to * forbid export of any sort when * * he deems it in the public interest *

Fighting In France Has Taken * * * * * * * * * * * Idea Is Not to Keep Legitimate News From the Public, Government says

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 16.—Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels and George Creel, who compose the new government publicity bureau created by President Wilson, held their first meeting today to map out a course of action.

The primary purpose of the bureau, it was stated, was to profit immediately by the mistakes made abroad in imposing a military censorship on the press at the beginning of the war, and to open to the public all proper information as to what the government is doing or intends to do.

Details of the plans are still to be worked out. There will be no effort to withhold any information except such as in the judgment of the press self it would be unwise to print. An advisory relationship with the press representatives in Washington will be established to secure that end.

bureau will formulate after a conference with the newspaper men here -Premier Tisza of Hungary is quoted of newspaper editors and which it is Defense, for the purpose of mobilizing tivities are being displayed by the in a Budapest dispatch as having said believed will be so clear and, if possible, so few restrictions, that there can be no mistake as to their mean-"As regards the question of the Unit- ing. It will be left to the papers tribution of commodities during the ed States, we have had occasion to ex- themselves to comply and there is no war.

It was explained that in the view

Conferred With Wilson and Declares He Is With the Government

Washington, April 16.-President Wilson received William J. Bryan at the council of soldiers' delegates. the White House this morning. They, conferred in the President's room be-

Mr. Bryan reiterated to the Presi dent his offer recently made by tele- also have been arrested. graph in tendering his services in any capacity he should be needed by the government during the war.

his intention to support the gov-acter. ernment in any plan upon which it might decide. He declined, however, to discuss conscription specifically.

BRITISH COMMENT WILSON'S APPEAL

(By Associated Press.) London, April 16.—President Wilson's appeal to the American people is given great prominence in the evening newspapers, which print the proclamation textually.

"It goes straight to the heart of the great problem," says the Westminster Gazette, "and will be read with great appreciation by the allied

"No message addressed by their governments to any of the countries ers, coming to discuss conduct of the better combined an appeal to heart with shrewd, practical counsel the commission. and shown a keener eye to the fundamentals of the situation."

PREDICTS THERE WILL

(By Associated Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., April 16.—Twen-Master Bakers' Association, in a the outskirts of St. Quentin, the fall of neither of these towns has as yet been officially announced.

The outskirts of St. Quentin, the fall war vessel not leaving port within a prescribed time.

Donald also is a director of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Master Bakers' Association, and came for the opening of the Southeastern Maste eastern convention day. The convention will be open to women, and Mrs. Frank E. Jennings, of Jacksonville, is included in the list of speakers.

JULY WHEAT TAKES ANOTHER JUMP TODAY

EVIDENCE COMES OF GERMAN ACTIVITY DOWN IN MEXICO

TO BECOME MEMBER OF NEW #



Joseph P. Griffen, president of the Indications are that no attempt at | Board of Trade of Chicago, who direct censorship will be made. The is expected will be named a member of the new Commission of Economy a set of regulations for the guidance appointed by the National Council of the commercial interests of the Nation for effective and economical dis-

He and Others Charged With Distributing Arms to Russians in Turkistan

(By Associated Press.) Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, Sunday, April 15.—(Via London, April 16.)-General Alexis Kuropatkin, governor- necessary efforts to discourage the General Yeorfoff, and General Sivers, chief of staff, have been arrested by

General Buroff, commanding the first Siberian brigade, and General Tsuromillen, commanding the local brigade

The officers are charged with distributing arms to Russians in various districts for defense against natives After leaving the President Mr. in event of an attack. This action has gryan dictated a statement declaring been held to be of a provocatory char-

Colonel Tcherkes, commandant of the town, has been appointed temporary commander of the Turkistan

General Kuropatkin was appointed governor-general of Turkistan last August. At the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war General Kuropatkin was in chief command of the Russian forces in Manchuria.

WILL SEE BRITISH DELEGATES THIS WEEK

Washington, April 16.-It was an nounced today that President Wilson would receive the British commissionat war," adds the newspaper, "has war, at the White House on Wednesthe day. Foreign Minister Balfour heads STUDENTS TO HAVE

It also was announced that the President would receive the French commissioners on the same day if they have then arrived in the country. The remier Viviani, General Joffre and other distinguished Frechmen.

MAKE **PROSPERITY**

PERMANENT GUEST IN WILMINGTON SPEND YOUR MONEY With LOCAL MERCHANTS Teutons Trying to Exert Influence Over Mexican Government

WOULD STOP SUPPLIES GOING TO ENTENTE

Report That Thousands of * Barrels of Oil Have Been Burned—Information Contained In Diplomatic Re-BIG IIL STEAMER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 16.-Further evidences of German activities in Mexico spreading anti-American and anti-entente propaganda and exerting Gergovernment, are contained in diplomatic reports passing through here to European capitals.

Circulation of any matter at all favorable to the United States or the entente is disapproved by Mexican versal, recently was suppressed.

and agents are directed especially against materials which might be of assistance to Germany's enemies. The writer of one of the reports asserts that he has information that twelve thousand barrels of oil, the property of the Eagle Oil Company, a British oncern, have been burned at Minatit-

General Carranza's Address On Convening of Congress -Attitude Toward U. S.

Carrana, in his address to the ne Congress, tonight defined Mexico's position as a neutral nation, as fol-"With respect to the gigantic war

which is being sustained by two groups of European nations, and in which the United States, Cuba and Brazil have now entered, the government under my charge sent a com- the opportunity for the farmers of the munication to the neutral nations on February 11, in which it, upon the basis of the most absolute impartiality, invited all these countries to use the general of Turkistan, his assistant, progress of the war and prevent its the nation and the people everywhere spread. The note also suggested dis- who are fighting for their liberty and cussion of measures which would serve to prevent wars in the future. Mexico will endeavor to continue to follow a policy of the most rigorous and strictest neutrality in the European conflict. I am able to assure you that actual relations with all the peoples on earth are friendly."

> General Carranza devoted much attention to the resumption of diplomatic relations with the United He referred to the occupation of Vera Cruz as a "lamentable incident." After an account of the Villa raid on Columbus and clashes with American troops at Carrizal and Matamoras, he said: "This can be considered as a period of war efficiency. with the United States, for hostility had commenced. Nevertheless, the government continued to treat the sitnation by diplomatic methods and secured in the shortest possible time the retirement of the American forces. Actually both countries were inspired with the most sincere desire to continue the cordial relations which previously existed. Still I am obliged to inform Congress that the American government, notwithstanding its desire to encourage friendship with us, has not raised the embargo on arms and ammunition consigned to this gov

MORE TRAINING TIME

(By Associated Press.) more time may be given to the mili- ed captured, were villages and pieces BE 20-CENT BREAD French commission includes Former tary training class, which numbers of ground which the Germans had vol-252 students and 25 faculty members, the athletic advisory board of the viously. Both sets of commissioners will be University of South Carolina has dety cent bread within a year was the formally welcomed to the country by cided to cancel all intercollegiate athprediction of G. F. McDonald, of official delegations representing the letic contests after the baseball game ing the piercing of the Hindenburg here on next Saturday with the Uni- line. The English attempt to break versity of North Carolina.

BUYS AMERICAN FLAG TO FLY ON BUNKER HILL

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., April 16.—Miss Gol die Sharak, who lives on the slopes of historic Bunker Hill, did not like to see the famous monument without a flag in war time. When officials of the association which cares for the granite shaft informed her they soon be floating over the heights of morning in Berlin and that riots have the Charleston district.

morning in Berlin and that riots have taken place in the German capital.

(By Associated Press.)

Newport News, Va., April 16. * The Old Dominion Steamship * Company announced today that * owing to the fact that the river * * steamers Smithfield and Poca- * * hontas had been requisitioned by * * the government, service to points * * served by these boats would of * * necessity have to be discon- * * tinued. The Pocahontas has been * * making daylight trips to and * * from Richmond and Norfolk via * * Newport News, and the Smith- * * field has been operated to and * FAILURE TO OBEY * from Smithfield and Norfolk, * * via Newport News.

SUNX BY U-BOA

man influences upon the Mexican One of the Largest Oil Carriers Torpedoed By Germans Off Irish Coast

(By Associated Press.) tank steamship Narragansett, a ship says: officials, and the newspaper, El Uni- of 9,196 tons and one of the largest carriers of bulk oil ever built, has shore are suspended for the duration Efforts of the German propagandists been torpedoed and sunk somewhere Navy has directed that during the war British ship.

Anglo-American Oil Company, repre-only when its antenna is lowered, collsented here by E. A. Eames. At the ed and sealed; ground connection office of the company it was said no broken and the apparatus dismantied word of the vessel had been received, and packed away. It is incumbent upalthough several reports that she had on the owners themselves to close met with disaster had reached here their stations. Failure to close sta-

and could carry 11,000 tons of oil.

FARMERS SHOULD

President Wilson Issues Powerful Appeal to Planters of Southern Section

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 16.—In an appeal to all citizens of the country issued last night, President Wilson stressed south to "show their patriotism," which he said can be done in no better way "than by resisting the great temptation of the present price of cotton, and helping upon a great scale to feed

The President's appeal urges all American citizens to join together to vation of its ideals and for the triumph | Mr. Dahl wrote: of democracy in the world war. "The supreme test of the nation has

ome," says the address. "We must all speak, act and serve together." Putting the navy on a war footing and raising a great army are the simplest parts of the great task ahead, the terminate some time this coming sum-President declares, and he urged all mer." the people with particular emphasis upon his words to the farmers to concentrate their energies, practice econonly, unselfishness and demonstrate

Those Voluntarily Abandoned By Their Forces

(By Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, April 16 (Via London). -It is asserted in a dispatch received here from Berlin that various villages in the Arras region which the British Columbia, S. C., April 16.-That official statement of April 14th report-

> "The English press," says the dis through was directed, however, against the old positions held since 1915 and, despite local successes, it has completely and finally failed. It is not clear what the English press means by the Hindenburg line, for all lines are Hindenburg lines."

REPORTS RIOT AND

were without funds for the purchase of a flag and a pole, she volunteered ing to a dispatch from Amsterdam to by wireless of the war's outbreak. to raise the necessary money. Her the Central News Agency say that a and failed to deliver gold bullion offer was accepted and the flag will general, strike was commenced this worth \$11,000,000 in England. Pro

All Except Government Controlled Wireless Stations to Be Dismantled

WORKS FORFEITURE

Apparatus Must Be Completely Dismantled — Persons Operating In Defiance Under Suspicion

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 16.—All wireless telegraph stations not operated by the government, were ordered dismantled during the war today by directions of the Secretary of the Navy. Failure of owners to comply will result in con-

fiscation of equipment. The action was taken under the executive order recently issued by President Wilson, directing that the Navy Department take over all radio sta-New York, April 16.-The British tions. The Department's statement

"Al licenses for radio stations on off the Irish coast, according to word all radio sending and receiving stabrought here today, by officers on a tions, other than those operated by the United States government, be clos-The Narragansett was owned by the ed. A station is considered closed tions will result in its apparatus be-The Narragansett was last reported ing confiscated by the government. when she left here for a British port The owners of a station operating in on March 5. She was built in 1903 at deflance of this order will be under Greenock, Scotland, was 512 feet long suspicion of being an enemy alien. It is requested that full publicity be given this notice, in order that all persons may be acquainted with these requirements."

None to Be Built After First of May-Time Limit Problematical

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., April 16.—German ubmarines in large numbers have been built in Norway, according to a letter received here from Christiania, which adds that Germany has given no orders to build submarines after May 1.

The letter was written by O. C. Dahl, of Christiania, a shipbuilder, to his nephew, Dr. Andrews, of Christiania, a physician in the Back Bay make the nation a unit for the preser- district. It was dated February 10.

"We continue to build up to May 1 this year, but Germany has not given any orders to continue building submarines after May 1. This means to the United States that either she had enough boats or that the war will

INCREASED FOODSTUFFS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press,) Raleigh, N. C., April 15.—To aid in the increased production of food and feed crops in this State, the State agents in agricultural clubs have started a campaign to increase the membership to a productive army of fully 20,000. This will mean 200 members to the county. More than 5,000 members have already started their activities toward production on Declared By Germans to Be of a more intensive scale than ever be-

BEFORE COURTS

Damage Suit for Two Million Dollars Against Interned German Ship

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 16.—Another important dispute growing out of the war, involving more than a score of the German ships recently taken over by the government, was reached today in the Supreme Court. On its docket for oral hearing today was the test attachment suit of New York banks against the North German STRIKES IN BERLIN Lloyd liner, Kronprinzessin Cecile. Breach of contract with more than \$2,000,000 damages claimed is alleged

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 16.—Travelers arrivby the banks because the steamer