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BEHIND GERMAN LINE

Indicate Possibility of Happen-ing of Momentous Events in the Near Future.

TITANIC STRUGGLE ON BATTLE FRONT

Over Commanding Positions. Rigidity of German Censorship-Significance of Im-Reichstag—Renewed Rumor of Peace Move by Austria.

The fourth day of the terrific strugthe on the British front in France as opened with both sides still s'

mans have resorted to the terribly astly tactics of massed attacks and parently succeeded in checkng the British advance. This partial necess has been won, according to

that the strike agitation in Germany artillery barrage and broken up. may burst forth with renewed vioence on May Day, the great internawide labor demonstration in Sweden s also planned for that day and may have its counterpart in Spain.

a fact which has given fresh vigor the ever recurrent report of intenions or efforts on the part of the dual monarchy to seek a separate

No confirmation of the reports is but there is more definite tidings of the status of affairs in Turkey, the

ofiteld story that the Turkish people are sick at heart over the war and also will not attack." is entailed miseries, but are kept in abjection by the iron hand of Enver Boy and his German colleagues.

ment officials. Wire fences charged cess, the war office reports.

drive forward in Mesopotamia, but under its fire and dispersed them. ensive is planned in this region.

German Exempts Sent to Ranks. Amsterdam, Apr. 26. (Via London.)

A Berlin official announcement received here, says that the German War office has ordered a great numher of exempts to be drafted for field service. They will be replaced in the ar industries by women and those for the national auxiliary ser-

Threats of More Labor Troubles In

Germany. Amsterdam, April 6. (Via London). Today's statement from headquars. comes just early enough to inthe consequences of their der- State Department. Time and place eliction from duty and, above all were not announced. again today or tomorrow.

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TO REGAIN GROUND LOST BY GERMANS

mediate Adjournment of Germans Sacrifice Thousands of Men in Efforts to Drive Back British Wedge.

SURPRISE RUSHES

lodge French Forces From Their Position—Allies Lose Several Airplanes

(By Associated Press.) seem as if the revolu-battle in the Arras region seems to ring on the night of the murder again the Senate. The agreement, made by ionary mutterings which were omi- have been chiefly in connection with recited, Dr. Harlee Bellamy, who fol- unanimous consent, promises a final niously swelling through Europe prior a renewed German effort unrest from lowed Dr. Nesbitt in the witness chair, vote not later than midnight Saturday the inception of the great battle the British the village of Gavrelle, giving the jury Miss Davidson's story, and possibly earlier. It also provides were drowned in the thunders of the Through the capture of this place on - It was not known at 2 o'clock this that no other business shall be considbattle-field, but indications are not Monday General Maig pushed a sharp afternoon whether the jury would pro- ered in the meantime and that, if any lacking that momentous events are wedge into the German lines along ceed to the hospital and conduct the Senator desires to speak, no adjournabout to occur behind the fighting the Arras-Douai road. The Germans examination there or wait until the ment or recess shall be taken. Anothhave sacrificed thousands of mer in condition of the young woman is suf- er provision provides that at 1 o'clock The summary adjournment of the attempts to take it, but have failed ficiently improved to make possible the p. m. Saturday debate shall be limited Reichstag, when its sittings had completely. Last night's efforts were holding of this examination at the to five minutes on amendments and bare, y opened is given added signifi- as fruitless as the rest. The attack- Court House. cance by hints in the German press ing forces were caught by the British

French also had to contend with vio- plain this morning, but it could not be tional Socialist holiday. A nation- lent German reactions. Several pow- learned what the jury will do about erful attacks were made in an atthis matter. This morning's inquiry tempt to drive General Nivelle's for- brought out absolutely nothing new ces from the plateau near the Chem- in the case. The inquiry will probin-des-Dames. The Germans lost ably be continued throughout the aftsaults by the French artillery fire.

> Allies Lose Airships. Berlin, April 26. (Via London)—The British and French lost six airplanes members would proceed to the hoson the western front yesterday.

available from any deliable source, Germans Parlying With Russian

Soldiers. Petrograd, April 26. (Via London). third member of Germany's imperial -A telegram received here from Riga indicates that the Germans are con-Returning travelers tell appalling tinuing unremittingly their attempts * stories of the devastations wrought to parley with the Russian soldiers. by disease and starvation in the Ot- At one place the Germans displayed oman empire. They also repeat the a placard in which was written: "Russians: Do not attack.

without being passed by the govern- Chemin-des-Dames, but gained no suc- * may mean that an American * Hale said, would be great.

with electricity have also been erect. After a violent bombardment yesalong the German-Swiss frontier terday evening, two powerful attacks * and every possible precaution has were made on the front about two taken to prevent the details of kilometres west of Cerny. These ashat is transpiring within the realms saults were broken before our lines the central powers from reaching with very heavy losses for the enemy. Another effort in the region of Hurte-Apart from France there are few bise farm was equally unsuccessful. evelopments of importance in the In the region of Juvincourt our artilar theatres. The British continue iery caught the enemy working parties

of the is a curious silence in regard to in the region of La Pompelle, in the Russian armies in that region. the Champagne and also on the front An attack on a fairly large scale has between Navarin farm and Tahure, made by the allies on the Sa- several surprise attacks by the enemy onika front, but there is nothing as were repulsed with no result other et to indicate whether a general of than to leave prisoners in our

No Warning Given-Shelled While Crew Were Taking To Their Boats.

(By Associated Press) fluence the conscience of the muni- | Washington, April 26.—The detion workers," says the Berlin Lokal struction, without warning, by sub-Anzeiger, in a recent issue. "For marine gun fire of the American the most part they have resumed duty schooner, Percy Birdsall, of New, again, but they will also have to re- York, was reported today to the

hings, these regrettable occurrences The submarine fired ten shots, must be prevented from taking place seven of which struck the schooner below the water line, some of them We are informed that attempts while Captain and crew of nine were hewas being made to instigate re- taking to the boats. The survivors hewed action by the munition work- were rescued by a British patrol boat and it is openly threatened that after being in the boats about an hour and a half.

BOTH HOUSES DRAW NE R VOTE ON ARMY BILLS IN CONGRESS

WALTON MURDER CASE RE-OPENEU

Dr. Nesbitt Tells Jury It Would Be Unwise to Move Miss Davidson.

DR. HARLEE BELLAMY TELLS GIRL'S STORY

Today Whether Girl Will Be Examined Immediately Or Postponed.

The Walton murder case was reopened this morning when the coroner's jury, after being told by Dr. BROKEN BY FRENCH Charles T. Nesbitt, county health oficer, that the condition of Miss Floring vainly for a decision. The Ger-J Unsuccessful Efforts to Dis- Walton on the night the latter was shot to death by an unknown party near Bellevue cemetery, was not sufficiently improved to warrant an examination of her by the jury unless day night or Saturday. that examination was conducted at the An agreement to vote upon and hospital, where she is a prisoner-pa- finally dispose of the bill not later Last night's fighting in the great tient, heard the events occur- than Saturday night, was reached in

On the Aisne battle front the for the examination. They made this with the Army bill, other business may No news of any importance has heavily in the breaking of these as ernoon or may be called over until the condition of the young lady is improved sufficiently to allow her presence in the Court House. Dr. Nesbitt told the jury that if the

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*** FIRST AMERICAN PRISONER *** BY GERMANY.

(By Associated Press.) London, April 26.—The taking *

* vessel has been sunk.

Hisses Greeted Representative Who Heaped Criticism on The President.

ADVOCATE GIVING **ROOSEVELT A CHANCE**

Senator Hale Favors Sending American Troops to Europe—House to Vote Tomorrow or Saturday and Senate by Midnight of Latter Day.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26.—The Army bill continued to thread its way through debate in both Houses of Congress today under constant fire of at-Not Known at Two O'clock tack from those who oppose selective conscription and ardently defended by those who support the administration

> The first prospect of a vote came in the House, where it was agreed that general debate should close with adjournment today, and leave only the summing up of speeches by leaders of

Tomorrow Chairman Dent, of the Military committee will close the adistration selective conception plan.

Then the bill will be considered by the House under the five minute rule, with prospect of a vote probably Fri-

ten minutes on the bill itself, to each Senator. The Senate agreed inform-The attorneys in the case are very ally, however, that he unanimous conmuch opposed to going to the hospital sent, if no member desires to proceed be brought up without objection.

> Senator Overman secured this "gen tleman's understanding" in order that both Houses may dispose of the Administration bill permitting the ententes to recruit their citizens in this

Hisses from the galleries greeted mediately Colonel Roosevelt's offer to raise a division for service in France. A few members joined in the demon-

hasn't the courage or political sagacity to permit the Colonel to enlist for fear he will profit politically," was the sentence which drew the hissing:

Co-operation with the Allies was We | * war was reported to the Ameri- * urged in the Senate by Senator Hale | * can Empassy today through * | who said this country is not fighting | to the State Department through | or chartered to private concerns. suffered by Germany. He contended * 250,000 laborers in Berlin. A striking example of the rigidity continued during the night on the the German censorship is afforded front of the French offensive. The seeing the war are considered front of the French offensive. by the news that no German news- Germans renewed their counter atlaper is allowed to leave the empire tacks on the high ground near the work this fact, the above dispatch to the daylor of the work to the work to the daylor of the work to the work to the daylor of the work to the wor

* in the very near future, as an earnest * of what we purpose to do."

SOUNDED ABOUT SUB. WARFARE

Head of British Board of Trade Says It May Prove Important Factor.

TELLS THIS TO MANY BUSINESS MEN

Effect Will Stop As Great Volume of Supplies As Will Be Needed by Empire.

(By Associated Press.) London, April 26,-A grave warnng that the submarine menace may be an important factor in deciding The outcome of the war, was sounded today by Sir Albert Stanley, president of the British board of trade. Addressing a luncheon of business men Sir Albert said.

"We have not yet found a way of remove the danger of their begin an enormously important factor in deexistence of the British empire is simply this-that we cannot conof the war and for the actual needs of our industries.

ROOSEVELT'S ARMY **GROWING RAPIDLY**

imately 123,000 men have applied thus far and been found to meet the necessary requirements for membership in Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's ice 65,000 additional tons of shipping, added to the cheering. proposed army division, it was an- 25,000 tons from the coastwise trade | At the main entrance of the execunounced here tonight at enrollment and the rest German vessels under resome time ago with the former president's approval. Sixty per cent. of for service within less than ten days. men. Salutes were exchanged and the Hisses from the galleries greeted the volunteers are from Virginia, Representative Mason, Repubblican, of North Carolina, South Carolina and board will begin to let contracts for to the blue room, where President Wildent Wilson for failing to accept imthe applicants, it was said were unthe applicants, it was said were unthe applicants, it was said were unthe applicants and along the larger. The White House reception differed der 25 years old. None below this er rivers. Steel shipbuilders will be from that accorded the British in that age are now being accepted. Of the called into conference within a week it included all the members of the total, 10,000 are negroes.

STRIKE IN BERLIN.

(By Associated Press)

• men. It is reported also that • constructed.

OF SHIPPING BY

Legislation to This Effect Will Soon be Asked of Congress.

FREIGHT TONNAGE TO BE INCREASED

By Building New Ships and Putting German Vessels in Commission — Work Progressing Rapidly.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26.—Legislation The effect of the submarine war upon to give the government direct control cheers, and hand-clapping. of American shipping will be asked of After spending a few minutes with tinue to bring into this country all Congress soon, it was learned today Secretary Lansing, M. Viviani, Marshal the supplies and materials required after a conference between the ship- Joffre and Admiral Chocheprat went for our existence for the continuance ping committee of the council of national defense and members of the the party left the building, the cheershipping board would be authorized to ever heard there. The corridors of direct the movements of American hurrahs for France. ships so that they could be operated. The visitors tout mother was the York, April 25.—Approx- where most needed.

> board can put into trans-Atlantic servor so to discuss means of hurrying French mission. Minister Viviani,

operations. ♣ It was made clear today that the Marshal Joffre speak English, M. Hov-

he said, "even though a handful, and & from 1900 to 1600 grams per week. put into operation are the Nasovia, ry, of the Navy, walked from the exand Pisa, all at New York, and the Navy Building. Arcadia at Newport News. Twentythree German vessels under repair by to mount the long flight of stairs to also soon can be used.

build wooden ships. Within a month the department, aided by labor union prat returned to the building to pay heads, will have 40,000 workers ready calls on the Secretary of War and Secto go to shipyards throughout the retary of the Navy. The reappear-

HIENDS OF DRAFT

Canvass Shows Majority of at Least Sixty.

(By Associated Press.) House membership on the Administra- the American army officers, Admiral tion bill providing for raising an army Chocheprat and his aides were calling by selective draft, caused renewed con- on Secretary Daniels. In the meanfidence today among champions of the time M. Viviani had been at the capimeasure of its passage by the House tol and visited Vice President Marby a safe majority.

thusiasm created among opponents of later time and it was said it might be the bill by Speaker Clark's speech in arranged. A similar arrangement is opposition to the draft system. Sen- being considered for British Foreign ate leaders were equally confident of Minister Balfour. the bill's passage there.

favor of the measure.

Distinguished Party Busy Paying Official Calls In Washington.

GIVEN WARM WELCOME BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Commissioners Received in Blue Room of White House. Government Employes Thunderously Cheer Joffre and the Other Visitors From France.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26 .- The French commission began its first day in Washington with a round of official calls. The first was at the State, War and Navy departments. Former Premier Viviani, head of the

mission, Marshal Joffre, Admiral Choheprat and Vicompte de Chambrun called first at Secretary Lansing's office. The clerks of the great building lined the halls and gave the French men a reception of almost continuous

over to the White House to be formally received by President Wilson. As shipping board. Under the measures ing was acknowledged by all observers to be proposed the President and the to be the most enthusiastic and loudest the great building fairly rang with

short ride from the State Department Within thirty days the shipping to the White House. Hundreds of automobiles decorated with French tricolors and people lining the streets

tive mansion a large party of the headquarters, which were opened pair. The German ships will be ready President's army and navy aides, in full dress uniforms, met the French-Within a few days the shipping distinguished guests were ushered in-

construction. At this conference steel Marshal Joffre, Admiral Chocheprat "The man in the White House & * * * * * * * * * * * * * manufacturers probably will be heard and Inspector General of Public Inas to whether they can supply steel struction Hovelaque entered first and in larger quantities for shipbuilding were followed by the others. Since neither Minister Viviani nor

shipping board does not intend to op-elaque acted as interpreter. The Pres-Washington, April 26.—Reports + erate any ships if they can be leased ident shook hands warmly with Marshal Joffre and the other members of * the American consul at Glas- * solely because of wrongs and insults of official channels tell of a strike of The reason the government itself is the mission, and they chatted for about having wooden vessels constructed, it ten minutes. Then the other members Paris, April 26.—Terrnic fighting * It is usually the practice of * the volunteer system will not reach was explained, is because it was fear- of the commission were taken in and

onel Spencer Coshy of the Army and "I hope they will be sent to France," bread rations have been reduced German ships almost ready to be Lieutenant Commander Robert L. Ber-Armenis, Portonia, Clara Mennic, Maia ecutive mansion to the State, War and When the American officers started

> the War Department in the Philippines the entrance of the State, War and Navy Building, Marshal Joffre, despite The Department of Labor announced his age and weight, ran up lightly, and today a plan for supplying labor to left his companions trailing after him. Marshal Joffre and Admiral Choche-

ance of the marshal was marked by a reception no less vociferous than the one a few minutes before. For the victor of the Marne was reserved a shout each time he came in sight. The high voices of the women clerks always led the cheering. President Wilson, in the brief ex-

change of greetings, told the Frenchmen how deeply the American people appreciated the action of the French republic in sending the commission and Minister Viviani replied saying Of Success in The House—that the French people felt very deeply the bond of friendship between the two nations cemented by the entrance of the United States into the war. He brought a letter to the President from President Poincare.

Washington, April 26.-Results of a While Marshal Joffre and his aides canvass to ascertain sentiment of the were calling on Secretary Baker and shall. The former premier was in-This was the feeling, despite the en- vited to address the Senate at some

Marshal Joffre later returned to Sec-The House canvass, taken by tary Lansing's office, where he was friends of the bill, disclosed, it was presented to many other officials of the stated, a majority of from 60 to 70 in State Department and then left with

/ Admiral Chocheprat.

Leader In Its Field

No paper published in Eastern Carolina can show the gains in circulation and in advertising patronage to equal that scored by The Wilmington Dispatch in the last 12

From an almost exclusive local circulation it has grown until now there is hardly a point within a radius of 100 miles of Wilmington that does not have a large number of daily readers of The Dispatch.

Renewals Are Coming In

on nearly every mail which shows conclusively which paper the people of this section prefer to read. They want The Wilmington Dispatch because it gives them the news and it gives it to them while it is news-the same day it happens. The circulation is constantly increasing both in Wilmington and outside and this without the aid of a solicitor. Shortly we are to put canvassers in the field and a right lively campaign will be waged for new subscribers.

Advertising Patronage

both local and foreign has shown an increase that compares very favorably with the growth in circulation. The advertising patronage has more than doubled, evidence of the fact that the advertisers find the afternoon paper the most profitable one in which to place their business, even though the cost is sometimes greater, for The Dispatch has a rate card and lives up to it religiously. No rate cutting is done by this paper.

Increased Facilities

The Wilmington Dispatch hopes soon to greatly increase its equipment, which will better enable it to take care of its large and very rapidly growing business and at the same time give the people a still better paper. It is the constant aim and desire of the management to make the paper better from day to day and every effort of every person connected with the establishment is put forth to bring about this condition.