

## HUNS FORCE HAIG TO GIVE UP GAINS

### British Abandon 4 More Villages.

## SECOND RETIREMENT MADE

### Wytschaete, Meteren, Poelcapelle and Langemarck Captured by Germans.

## FRENCH REINFORCE BRITISH

### Bailloul-Wytschaete Sector Is Menaced—English Hold Positions Before Arras.

LONDON, April 17.—After gaining a footing today in the villages of Meteren and Wytschaete the British were forced to make a second retirement, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from France tonight. French troops, it is added, have now reinforced the British lines.

BERLIN, via London, April 17.—The Germans have occupied Poelcapelle and Langemarck, to the northeast of Ypres.

The announcement is made by general headquarters, the evening report from which says:

"On the battlefield of last year's Flanders battle, Poelcapelle and Langemarck have been taken."

Out of the chaos of the tremendous battle along the Lys River, south and southwest of Ypres, the thunder of which may be heard 40 or 50 miles away, there have come during the past day reports which are encouraging to the allied powers.

The British not only have held all the ground which they were defending on Tuesday, but have struck back so powerfully that Meteren and part of Wytschaete were retaken and held for a time. Only after heavy attacks did the British retire again from the villages.

The most disturbing news has been a report from Berlin that Poelcapelle and Langemarck, north of Ypres, have been taken by the Germans and the admission from London that the British have retired from certain parts of their lines in the Ypres salient.

Retirement is orderly. The retirement here was expected, for the advance of the Germans at Neuve Eglise and Bailloul left the position in front of Ypres open to a flank attack. It is officially stated that the retirement was orderly, and it is probable that it will have more of a sentimental than a strategic effect.

The battle, now in its ninth day, has deepened in intensity at many points along the curved front from Messines ridge to Meteren.

On all the rest of the front from Messines ridge southwestward the Germans have flung themselves against the granite wall of the British defense. Official and semi-official dispatches have told of the frightful losses inflicted on the attacking masses of troops by the British rifle and machine gun fire.

## ARRAS SECTOR BLAZES UP

On the southern side of the salient there have been engagements of some magnitude, especially east of Robecq, five miles northwest of Bethune, where the Germans were caught by the British artillery fire and scattered.

The line in front of Arras has again been the scene of fighting, but here the British took the offensive and drove the Germans out of British trenches which had been carried by the enemy.

In the Picardy sector there has been lively artillery engagements between the Somme and Oise Rivers, but only patrol encounters are reported officially.

Farther south only raiding operations have been going on. The Turks announce that they have taken the city of Batum on the eastern shore of the Black Sea. They report strenuous fighting before the Russian defenders of the city were driven out.

## EX-FOREIGN MINISTER IN POWER

Baron Stephen Burian von Rajecz has succeeded Count Czernin as Foreign Minister of Austria-Hungary, coming back to the office he relinquished December 23, 1916. The Macedonian front has again

## EX-CENSOR WHIPS OUT HUN'S SPIRIT

### Colonel MacArthur Leads Captive in by Ear.

### Bavarian Colonel Is Prize Taken by American in Storming Teuton Front Line Trench.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Members of Secretary Baker's party on the trip to Europe brought to Washington today new details about the exploit of Colonel Douglas MacArthur, the former War Department censor, who recently joined a French company in storming a trench and came back with a prisoner. Going with the French by special permission, the Colonel was missing when the action was over. He soon reappeared, leading a big Bavarian officer by the ear with one hand and swinging a riding whip with the other. Colonel MacArthur, who is chief of staff of one of the American divisions, was decorated with the French cross of war for the part he played.

## GERMAN PAPER IS PAINTED

### Windows of Oregon Deutsche Zeitung Smeard With Yellow.

Two automobiles were driven to the intersection of Salmon and Fourth streets shortly after midnight last night, where they were halted and six men alighted carrying with them a bucket of yellow paint and several paint brushes. They proceeded to the building occupied by the German Publishing Company, where the Oregon Deutsche Zeitung is printed and painted three yellow streaks across each of the front windows of the office. All words on the window referring in any way to anything Teutonic were eradicated.

After finishing the job the men departed in the automobiles.

## JEW MISTREATED, CHARGE

### Protest Alleging Unfairness Filed With Secretary Baker.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—A protest against alleged "continuous unjust, unfair and discriminatory treatment" of Jews in the Army was filed with Secretary Baker yesterday by Louis Marshall, of New York, head of the American Jewish committee.

One of the chief complaints is that not a single Jew among the large number with the expeditionary forces in France has been commissioned from the ranks.

## TWO, SELF-CONVICTED, DIE

### Relatives Quarrel; One Shoots Self, Other Dies of Frigate.

LEBANON, Mo., April 17.—A. A. Webster and his son-in-law, Perry Naylor, quarreled tonight. Webster was shot and slightly wounded and Naylor was stabbed and slightly wounded. Fearing he had killed his son-in-law, Webster rushed into his own home and dropped dead from fright.

## NEW ZEALAND GETS FUNDS

### Persons Able but Who Fail to Subscribe Heavily Fined.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 17.—The New Zealand government, according to a Reuter dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, is raising another \$20,000,000 (\$100,000,000) war loan.

Persons able to subscribe but who fail to do so will be fined double the amount of their income tax, it is stated, and compelled later to put their surplus funds in war bonds, receiving only 3 per cent interest.

## ALIEN HOLDINGS ARE TAKEN

### German Property in Porto Rico Is Seized; Virgin Islands Next.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 17.—Fritz E. Lundt & Co., the oldest German trading concern in Porto Rico, has been taken over and reorganized by M. R. Spellman, representative of the government of alien property.

Mr. Spellman departed today for the Virgin Islands to take over property there, consisting chiefly of the extensive docks and supply station of the Hamburg-American line.

## GREEKS ARE EMIGRATING

### Acts of Savagery by Turkish Soldiers Cause General Exodus.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Emigration of Greeks from the Black Sea to the Caucasus, according to a diplomatic dispatch from Greece today, is assuming the character of a general exodus. It is stated that acts of savagery on the part of the Turkish soldiers and population are compelling the residents to abandon their country.

## SUGAR CARGO IS RECORD

### American Steamer Brings 4,000,000 Pounds of Cuban Crop.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, April 17.—Nearly 4,000,000 pounds of sugar, said to be a record cargo, from Cuba, arrived here today in the hold of an American steamer.

The vessel's captain said great quantities of sugar are at Cuban ports awaiting cargo space.

## FLANDERS RAVAGED BY BLIGHT OF WAR

### Blooming Plains Fade at German Touch.

## HOMELESS HUNDREDS FLEE

### Villages Disappear in Lurid Flames and Banks of Smoke.

## BATTLE ROAR CONTINUOUS

### Peasants, Their Brains Benumbed by Horror of It All, Blindly Follow Military Guides to Places of Safety in Rear.

(By the Associated Press.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 17.—It is difficult for one in the British war zone to adjust himself to the new conditions here. It all seems like a horrible dream—this spreading German blight across the cultivated plains of Flanders, with their ancient, picturesque villages.

It is but little more than a week since one was free to motor quietly along highways leading through Meriville, Bailloul and a score of other nearby places which never lost their crops.

The battle lines were not far to the eastward, but death and destruction seemed remote with walls of khaki-clad men guarding the land. Little boys stood at attention by the roadside and saluted as the motors passed, and old men and women beamed welcome from the doors of their cottages.

## CIVILIANS SADLY RETREAT

Within a few days all this has been changed. The plague of war has descended on the countryside. Now one meets his civilian friends—the little folk and the aged—from many hamlets, making their way sadly back along the broad highway leading westward from the broad highway leading westward from the tide of invasion which is driving them from all they hold dear.

They look back on the rolling fields that separate them from their little world. By day a bank of grim, gray smoke from burning hamlets and from myriad beehiving guns marks the zone along which are struggling their splendid soldiers in their efforts to block further advance of the Hun.

By night the skyline is sometimes a lurid blaze as consuming flames leap up from a hundred homes and great cannon vomit volcanic fire.

## PEASANT BRAINS BENUMBED

It is a living hell. It is a part of hitherto untouched Flanders going the way of the devastated regions of the Somme, and so the gentle peasant folk stand and look or wander on. As they go they cannot comprehend it. Its awfulness has benumbed their brains.

The correspondent found a little family group crouching beneath huge British howitzers held in reserve. Their eyes were fastened on the mounting columns of smoke which rose from the village whence they came. There were no tears and no words, but the expression told of their fate.

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## LATEST WAR LOAF ONLY THIRD WHEAT

### LOCAL CATERERS TURN OUT SUBSTITUTE BREAD.

### Barley, Rice, Corn and Oat Flour and Mashed Potatoes Combine in Delectable Morsel.

Bread which contained 66.2-3 per cent of substitutes and was rated as highly satisfactory was displayed and discussed yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Portland Caterers' Association, held at the Hazelwood. The achievement of turning out desirable bread containing so much of substitute materials was hailed by the restaurant men with all the exult that would attend a startling discovery in the world of chemistry.

The exhibits were prepared by Fritz Meller, baker for the Cozy Dairy luncheon. Theodore Brandes, vintner for the bread and its content, having watched it in the making. Barley, rice, corn and oat flour and mashed potato were all used in this bread, and the recipe will be made known to any baker or housewife who applies to Mr. Brandes or officers of the Caterers' Association.

Arthur M. Churchill, director of conservation for the state food administration, spoke on the help problem.

Mrs. Callahan, of the W. C. A. employment service, spoke along the same line. She said the familiar attitude of patrons, more than discourteous of employers, is what serves to influence girls against taking positions as waitresses.

Mrs. F. S. Myers declared that the organizations she represented would help influence young women to take the necessary training courses and otherwise help solve the troublesome help problem that now confronts eating-house managers.

## PRISONERS EVADE TEUTON

### Allies Reaching Geneva Report Germany Starving.

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Guardians in prison camps in the Rhine towns have been so reduced, because every German is wanted in the west, that escapes across the Rhine River into Switzerland are becoming more frequent daily.

One American and three English soldiers who escaped from German camps this week have arrived at Berne, and yesterday 19 Frenchmen, former prisoners, joyfully marched through the streets of Geneva.

All the former captives say the Germans are hiding their losses in the offensive on the western front and they add that Germany is on the verge of starvation.

## BULGARS LOSE 7 TOWNS

### Greek and British Troops Troupe Enemy on Macedonian Front.

LONDON, April 17.—The Greek and British troops which on Monday crossed the Struma River on the eastern flank of the Macedonian front occupied seven towns, the War Office announces. The statement follows:

"Greek troops crossed the River Struma, above Lake Tabino and occupied the villages of Beglik-Mah, Kakaraska, Salmah, Kispiki and Ada. The operation was most successfully carried out with slight casualties. "Further to the north British troops occupied Kumlil and Ormanli."

## CYCLOPS DECLARED IN SOUTHERN PORT

### Commander's Wife to Lift Veil, She Says.

## NAVY DEPARTMENT IN DARK

### Mrs. Worley Hints at Peril to Other Ships at Sea.

## SHIP'S SAFETY ASSERTED

### Official Washington Clings to Belief Naval Auxiliary Is Captured or Destroyed and Defend Integrity of Commander.

NORFOLK, Va., April 17.—Mrs. Selma W. Worley, wife of Lieutenant-Commander George Wightman Worley, commander of the missing naval collier Cyclops, came to a local newspaper office tonight and declared that the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the ship and its 293 passengers and crew would be cleared up within the next 24 hours.

In one statement Mrs. Worley is quoted as saying the Cyclops was safe in a South American port and an official announcement regarding the vessel would be made shortly.

Mrs. Worley visited the newspaper office to request the suppression of an interview she had given about her husband's change of name and his birth in Germany.

"Bigger Story" Promised. "I will be able to give a bigger story tomorrow," she said. When pressed for additional information, she added: "You know there are other ships at sea."

"Have you any reason to believe the Cyclops is safe?" she was asked. "Yes," was her reply.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—At the Navy Department it was said tonight that nothing had been received to confirm Mrs. Worley's statement about the Cyclops being safe in a South American port. The department reiterated the statement that nothing has been heard from or of the Cyclops since it left the Barbadoes.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Diligent search by naval and merchant ships has failed to disclose the slightest trace of the missing naval collier Cyclops and with the passing of the 44th day since the vessel sailed from Barbadoes for an Atlantic port, belief is growing at the Navy Department that in some way she has been destroyed or captured by the enemy.

## ACCIDENT THEORY SCOUTED

How this could have happened no one professes to know, but officials regard it as almost impossible that any accident could have caused the sea to swallow up the big vessel and 293 persons on board without leaving a trace. Some think sooner or later an enemy

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## U. S.-MEXICO CRISIS NEAR SAYS McADOO

### EL PASO AUDIENCE TOLD LIMIT IS ABOUT REACHED.

### Secretary of Treasury Blames Hun Plotting for Present Relations Being Somewhat Strained.

EL PASO, Tex., April 17.—"The United States has gone to the very limit in dealing with Mexico in an effort to maintain friendly relations with that country," Secretary William G. McAdoo declared tonight to an audience of 5000, which completely filled Liberty Hall, the county auditorium here.

"There is not the slightest reason why we should not continue at peace with Mexico if Germany will only keep her meddling spies out of that republic," the Secretary continued. "But Germany in trying to deal with Mexico and give her the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, reckoned without Uncle Sam."

"I would like to see the autocratic tyrant that could wrest three stars from the American flag. I would even be curious to see the despot that could even imagine he could wrest the Lone Star State from this Union."

## COST OF SHOES MAY DROP

### Price Regulation Expected to Follow Hike and Leather Probe.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The War Industries Board today announced that representatives of the packers, country hide dealers and tanners in conference here have named an advisory committee to determine for the Government the relative values of the various grades of hides and skins.

Van A. Wallin, president of the tanners' council, was elected chairman.

The report made by the committee, it is understood, will form a basis on which the price fixing committee of the War Industries Board may determine the prices of leather products to the consumer.

## BOHEMIANS ARE STARVING

### Deficit of 100,000 Loaves of Bread Is Reported in Prague.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Thousands of families in Bohemia, especially at Prague and vicinity, are starving, according to an official dispatch from Prague today, which quoted the Leipzig Volks Zeitung.

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## OFFICER CAMPS TO START ON MAY 15

### Experienced Men Only Will Be Admitted.

## APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 1

### Two Per Cent of Enlisted Personnel of Army Eligible.

## COLLEGE MEN RECOGNIZED

### Several Educational Institutions Will Be Allowed to Send Students to Camps, According to Word of Secretary Baker.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The fourth officers' training camps will open May 15 at various divisional camps and cantonments, Secretary Baker today announced.

The Secretary said that 2 per cent of the enlisted personnel of the divisions and detached units of the regular Army, National Guard and National Army, excepting the Coast Artillery and the various staff corps, will be designated to attend the schools. This procedure, he said, will operate through regular Army channels.

## EXPERIENCED MEN WANTED

In addition, there will be admitted all graduating members of senior divisions, Reserve Officers' Training Corps units, who have completed the course prescribed for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and all members of the advance course, senior divisions of the corps, who by May 15 have completed one year of the advanced course and who have had 300 hours of military instruction since January 1, 1917, under supervision of an Army officer.

In addition, a number of men who have had a year's military training under Army officer at any time during the past ten years in educational institutions recognized by the War Department will be admitted. All applications must be filed by May 1.

## COLLEGES TO SEND QUOTAS

The several educational institutions recognized by the Government, the Secretary said, have been assigned quotas, and they shortly will be advised as to the method of selecting candidates.

Men successfully completing the course will be listed as eligibles for commissions as Second Lieutenants and will be commissioned as vacancies occur in the infantry, cavalry and field artillery branches.

## 600 FINISH TRAINING CAMP

## Men Will Return to Regiments to Await Result of Endeavors.

TACOMA, Wash., April 17.—(Special.)—Six hundred men who have finished the course at the officers' training school at Camp Lewis will pass in review before Major-General H. A. Greene next Saturday. He will address them afterward. At the conclusion of the course the men will return to the organizations from where they were detailed and await word from the War Department as to who have been granted commissions.

The training camp "benzene" board cut the original number of students from 575 to 580 during the course of instruction. These were men who were believed unfitted to lead men. The school has been in operation for three months and the course of instruction has included every phase of the military game. The training camp has been in charge of Lieutenant Guy C. Norvall since Colonel George McD. West was transferred to the command of the 364th Infantry two months ago.

## BUCKAROOS BUILD SHIPS

### Texas Punchers Desert Range for Yards and Like Change.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Cowboys who tackled shipbuilding at Orange, Tex., when the cattle-punching business became unremunerative in the dry season last year, have found their new work so pleasing that scores of men who formerly rode the range now are joining their friends in the yards, according to reports to the Shipping Board.

## AMERICAN AVIATOR ALIVE

### Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., of New York, Reported in Prison Camp.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The State Department was advised today that Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., of New York, an American aviator who has been missing for some time, is a prisoner at Saarbrücken, in Germany.

The report came from the American legation at Berne, which had received it from the Spanish embassy in Berlin.

## MANPOWER BILL UPHELD

### British Lords Pass Government's Measure Second Time.

LONDON, April 17.—The House of Lords today passed the second reading of the government's manpower bill.

