NUMBER OF DEAD IS PLACED AT 140

FORTIETH YEAR -NO. 87

Bodies So Mangled That Even Sex Could Not Be Determined

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY DEAD GENERALLY VAIN

Two Suspects Arrested and **Belief Grows Explosion** Not Accidental

Trenton, N. J., April 11,-Mrs. An nie Keating of this city this afternoon gave federal authorities proof which on its face apparently proves that the great Eddystone munitions disaster was caused by a carefully laid plot. On March 14 while en route to Pottsville, Pa., she saw a min drop an envelope in the Broad street subway. He was lost in the crowd before she pick-

was lost in the crowd before she picked'it up, found it unscaled, and discovered inside a note: "Already to blow
up Eddystone. Send us help."
On a sheet of white paper enclosed
was a sketch of League Island may
yard and a rough drawing plan of
Chester, Pa. A notation requested that
"The Arreland of the carefular was "N. K.", to whom the envelope was addressed, copy these maps and return

The notes were signed with the names of two foreigners. An express shipped to Eddystone had not been ne cepted at that point and had been returned to its sender. The arrest of the men implicated is

Die Horrible Deaths, Philadelphia, Pa., April 11.—Most re-liable estimates early today placed the death toll of the Eddystone munitions disaster as bigh as 140, many of the victims having died horrible deaths during the night at the various places in Chester used as hospitals. More than 150 are now placed in the list of injured, although an accurate account is next to impossible. It is feared that there may be still others dead in the ruins of the plant and a minute search will be made for additional bodies today, now that the fire has subsided suf-

of identification progresses slowly. Although many bereaved relatives have identified loved ones as their own, scores left the morgue and hospitals in despair. Most identifications other trinkets. It was utterly impossible to identify them by bodily marks. Scores of bodies were so charred that it was impossible to ascertain even their In the Chester morgue alone there are

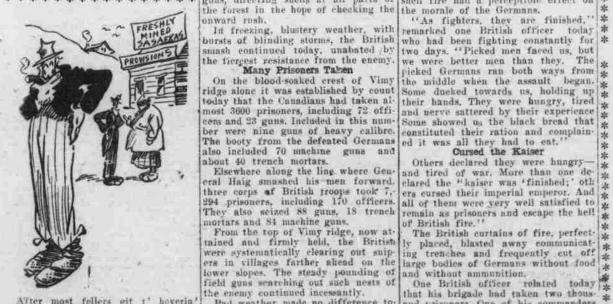
still 105 bodies yet to be claimed. Scenes Are Pitiful

Friends of the dead were let in dur-ing the night by twos and threes and led down the rows of sheet-enveloped forms laid in as careful precision as the rows of death dealing shells that killed them. Fathers, mothers, sisters and friends slowly scanned the bodies, moving from form to form. The horror was so great that many were awed be in the German line reached a depth of youd the stage of tears. They merely five miles east of Arras today. walked along, with pulled faces, stoop. With this sweep forward the ing over each form and proceeding on strength of the British offensive in ward in their vain search. Two or three creases with each battering of the entrange of the ent termination not to be overcome

mainly residents of this section.

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ABE MARTIN



around fifty they begin t' look fer a day in the strength of the "big push" which took a complete German battery young men's club t' join. Tell Bink- Elated by their victories, confident of left of it after the British fire, said twenty-five cent pieces fer a little while the perfect co-ordination of all arms yesterday. of the service, the British poured for-

Favorable Crop Reports Cause Wheat to Drop

The Daily

Chicago. April The wheat market was irregular by. Buying in May wheat was fa shich made it stronger than other the stronger than other than opened up 34, later declined 2 to \$1.81. September opened down 14 and later clined 2 to \$1.66.

Corn started strong but late the stronger than other than opened up 14, but subsequently dropped 5-8 to \$1.25 7-8. September opened up 3-8, later losing 3-4 to \$1.23\forall to \$1.23\forall to \$1.25 \forall to \$1.25\forall to \$1.25 \forall to \$1.25 \foral

to 55½.

Provisions, opening lower, regained their strength and advanced materially. An average of 20 cents was gained by lard, pork and ribs.

ARGENTINE DECIDES TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

The announcement showed clearly that while Argentine maintained her Marshal Haig's report and United

ent:
"In view of the causes which induced the United teates to declare war on German line hints at netual breaking Germany, the Argentine government of the German line.
recognizes the justice of this decision
because it was due to violations of prin

British E ciples of neutrality, consecrated by the London, April 11,—Field Marshal rules of international law which were Haig's smashing blows carried him considered as definite gains of civilistill further forward against the Ger-

body in Buenos Aires, Allies and their plans, supporters here were pleased but Mon skeptical of the genuineness of the government's friendship.

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By William Philip Simms

(United Press staff correspondent)

April 11.-Field Marshal Haig's crimp

ed during the night and today.

Through the whole forest covering

In freezing, blustery weather, with

also included 70 machine guns and

Bad weather made no difference to

Country Swept Clean As British Encircling Movement Goes On

VIMY RIDGE CAPTURED BY CANADIANS IS HELD

Actual Breaking of German *
Line Seems Now a

Possibility Possibility

By Perry Arnold

(United Press foreign editor) At the Same Time Tells the

United States Her Acts

Justified

By Charles P. Stawart

(United Press staff correspondent)

Buenos Aires, April 11.—Argentine today formally "recognized the justies" of America's declaration of a state of war against Germany, but an nounced her strict continuance of a neutrality.

The announcement showed clearly New York, April 11 .- Vimy ridge, *

present status as a neutral, she had not decided as yet on a future course.

The formal decree announcing Argentine's policy contained this state-

field.
The depth of this penetration of the

British Resistless

considered as definite gains of civilization."

From the highest source today it
was learned that Argentine intends
'strict continuance of her neutrality
unless either side violates her rights."

People Dumbfounded

Despite rumors, the actual publication of the decree dumbfounded everybody in Buenos Aires, Allies and their plans."

still further forward against the Germans today. Capture by British forces
to fithe village and heights of Monehy
the village and heights of Monehy
the village and heights of Monehy
the village and heights of the village and

Monchy Le Preux lies at the south ern extremity of Vimy ridge and the heights of LaBergere are just adja-

Hell of British Shell Fire---

With the British Armies Afield, eating it away from the enemy.

The Canadians' hold on Viny ridge, again that was first told when the Geror bloody memory, grows stronger each mans started their retreat. They had hour despite desperate efforts of the enemy to dislodge them. Counter at their positions a horror, a shambles, a

after counter attack was repulse sea of hummocky earth, pock marked

the northern slope of the ridge today hind the lines declared the British fire & British patrols were actively pressing on. From the plain beyond the ridge ticers fled for their lives at the first the Germans feverishly served their guas, directing shells at all parts of the forest in the hope of checking the the morale of the Germans.

ursts of blinding storms, the British who had been fighting constantly for smash continued today, unabated by two days. "Picked men faced us, but the fiergest resistance from the enemy.

Many Prisoners Taken

On the blood-soaked crest of Vimy the middle when the assault beg ridge alone it was established by count some ducked towards us, holding today that the Canadians had taken altheir hands. They were hungry, time the country of their hands.

most 3000 prisoners, including 72 offi- and nerve sattered by their experience seems and 23 guns. Included in this num- Some showed us the black bread that

ber were nine guns of heavy calibre. constituted their ration and complain-The booty from the defeated Germans ed it was all they had to eat."

about 40 trench mortars.

Elsewhere along the ling where Genand tired of war. More than one decral Haig smushed his men forward, clared the "kaiser was 'finished;' oth

cral Haig smashed his men torward, crar cursed their imperial emperor, three corps af British froops took 7, era cursed their imperial emperor, all of them were very well satisfied to 294 prisoners, including 170 officers, all of them were very well satisfied to 294 prisoners, including 180 trench remain as prisoners and escape the hel!

Declare 'Kaiser Is Finished'

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ward in waves, steadily eneroaching on

A Horror of Shambles

a muck. It was the same story over

by craters,
German prisoners today led back be

"As fighters, they are finished," * remarked one British officer today *

picked Germans ran both ways from

Cursed the Kaiser

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the German-held land and as steadily k

Prisoners Glad To Escape

new government \$11,000,000 armor plate and projectile plant navy department today.

It was possible today to understand & in a way, why the British losses in the * the great spring offensive to date have

> Santiago, Chile, April 11 .-Mobilization of German reservists in Chile for "service in Mexico'' wes reported here to-day. Allied ministers put enough eredence in the report to apprise their respective governments.

> > WATCHAMA COLUMN

By "GM" Lost Food Do you get lost in the shrub

We do, Frequently, And some times we have to hunt around under sprays of celery and sprigs of watercress for hours before we find anything to eat, against a botanical garden in the middle of the board?

We prefer our food served like our funeral, sans floral of-

BEAZIL TAKES STEP

Rio De Janeiro, April 11 .-General public rejaicing greeted announcement today of Brazil's formal severance of diplomatic relations with Germany In many circles, however, the view was expressed that the republic should go further and actually enter the war. Several newspapers today began a bitter attack on the government, demanding the resignation of Foreign Min-ister Muller because of Muller's

TO KEEP ANNIVERSARY

Portland, Ore., April 11.-The 142nd anniversary of the battle of Lexington, April 19, will be observed here with a celebration observed here with a celebration in which ever 600 organizations of the state are asked to take part. An effort is being made to get 20,000 persons to march in the parade, which will feature the day's program.

WILL BE DISCHARGED

New York, April 11 .- Orders were received at National Guard headquarters here from the war department today that guardsmen having dependents are to be discharged from service "whether they wish the dis-

TO TAKE OVER SHIPS

Washington, April 11.-The house naval committee today re-ported (avorably a bill giving the president authority to take over all ships in time of war.

The bill, reported unanimous-ly, gives the president power like that recently given him to seize all factories in time of war.

BILL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Washington, April 11-A joint resolution authorizing the president to call for one million volunteers was introduced in the senate today by Sherman, Illinois. The resolution provides the first levy to be five hundred

PLANT AT CHARLESTON

Washington, April 11.-The will be located at Charleston, W. Va. Announcement to this effect has been made by the

URUGUAY NEUTRAL

Montevideo, April 11 .- Uruguay formally announced her neutrality today, but declared her adherence to and endorsement of the principles enunciated by Fresident Wilson. An extra session of the Uruguayan congress was called.

MOBILIZE IN CHILE

And isn't it awful to try to carve a roast that's becked up

Women ought to be called off on this garnish habit before they go too far. One of these days they'll be wanting to dec-orate us with bay wreaths and daisy chains when we go to the

One British officer related today *
that his brigade had taken two thous * and prisoners. One of his commanders *
which took a complete German battery *

Hundreds of Ships To Be **Built To Carry Foodstuffs** to Europe

TO HELP ALLIES WHILE WE BUILD UP AN ARMY

Interned Ships Taken Over To Be Repaired and Put Into Service

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, April 11. - The great food drive" of the United States was

in full blust today. Railroad officials and all government departments were working to the imme-diate end of mobilizing food stuffs for this country and her allies. President Wilson and Chairman Den-

President Wison and Chairman Den-man of the United States shipping board completed plans for the prompt construction of one thousand vessels to transport the supplies to entente ports. Co-operation with the entente govern-ments towards safely delivering the necessities was planned in detail. While means of putting under culti-vation thousands of acres of unused land were being worked out the presi-

land were being worked out, the presi-dent conferred with members of congress relative to measures for mobiliz

ing farm labor. Examination into the feasibility of plan to exempt all farmers, farm hands and others engaged in the tilling of the soil from conscription was asked in a resolution introduced in the senate by Senator Frelinghuysen. To Increase Crops.

Other provisions suggested that the Council of National Defense inquire into the advisability of appointing a committee on agricultural defense to organize the farm labor to increase the

production of crops.

"Speed up" was the word passed along the line. The president went up to the capitol and conferred for nearly an hour with Democratic Floor Leader Kitchin, emphasizing the need for im-mediate action on the war measures pending in congress.

Nevertheless, the house adjourned un

til Friday after receiving the favor able committee report on the \$5,000,000, 000 bond issue bill.

* With the exception of congressional delay on the army bill, other military

Bids were opened for construction of 38 800 ton submarines, the largest such order ever given by this government. Prices ranged from \$1,280,000 to \$1. 92,000 cach.

President Wilson was assured today by Speaker Clark and Leader Kitchin that the administration army bill will be voted on in the house probably next

Kitchin told the president of the op-

Must Feed the Allies.

means by full navy co-operation for de-

pean fronts as soon as they are fit and as soon as the transportation facilities re available.

The problem of supplying the allies grounds, ith food—a gigantic one—is being worked out in practically every depart-ment of the government. Millions of Brooklyn acres of land not under cultivation are o be immediately put into use.

Hundreds of ships will be built to car-ry foodstuffs to Europe. German and Austrian ships taken in American ports Cincinnati will be hastily repaired for use.

The fleets of the United States,
France and England will co-operate in
safeguarding the delivery of the previous supplies to entente ports.

Mead
Wingo.

Pittsbur
Chicago

Mobilizing Industries. Jacobs, E Farmers, agricultural experts and and Elliott 'arm students are being mobilized as 'soldiers of the commissary,' to carry at the "bread and butter war," against the central powers.

And while these supplies go forward New York

to keep up the strength of the allied fighters in the European trenches, Amries is to baild up and train her hood. later to relieve her fellow fightrs and drive home the victory.

This will probably be six months ence—but it may come sconer. It is probable, however, that no word will be sent out from this country when he first expedition starts for Europe For purposes of precaution, it is prob-able the people of the United States won't know their men are on foreign fronts until the men arrive-

Hends of the great railroads of the Chicago ountry went into secret session here St. Louis

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Alieged Swindlers On Trial In Portland

PRICE TWO CENTS

Portland, Or., April 11.-Alleged to have advertised forty acres of Callfornia desert land as a thriving town site with banks, schools, stores and many homes, E. R. Erickson and E. B. Rivers are on trial here today in the ederal court on a enarge of using the mails to defraud.

muils to defraud.

Rivers and Ericksen, according to the government, traveled through the east with motion pictures of California At each theatre they secured the names of all in the audience, explaining that a drawing would be held for a California town lot. Practically every person then received a letter that he had won, and that for \$8.10, representing legal costs, a deed would be forwarded, seconding to the prosecution.

The government contends that Erickson and Rivers did not have bots enough on their forty acre tract, so they gave many persons the same deeds.

The two were arrested after many had tried to pay taxes on the same lot.

EARLY MORNING FIRE CAUSES \$12,000 LOSS

Row of Frame Buildings On State. Half Block From Commercial, Burns

Fire originating sometime before 5 o'clock this morning in the row of frame buildings on the north side of interest and are offered at par for pub-State street just east of the alley in block 500 practically laid waste the area occupied by the Scotch Woolen Mills, the French Shop, Given's Barber The bond hill also authorized an additional state of the issue will be used to buy three and a half per cent bonds of allied governments. shop, the Central Cigar store, and the Midget Market.

The bond bill also authorized an additional bond issue of \$63,945,460 to re-

Midget Market.

The fire alarm was turned in by the head waiter at the White House restaurant shortly after 5 o'clock, as the Tlames were seen through the window of the barber shop. The department responded promptly at 5:15 o'clock, but when it reached the scene the whole corner was a mass of flames. The only thing for the department to do was to attempt to corfine the blaze to its area, which was done so that no other buildings were damaged.

Five lines of hose were run out and connected by the fire department under the direction of Chief Hatton. Two lines were attached to the auto pumper and three to hydrants. One line was

ONE GAME POSTPONED bonds be issued the total interest bearing indebtedness exclusive of the \$3,000,000,000 eredit to foreign governments, will amount to \$3,445,000,000.**

Out Game---Others All Played

New York, April 11.-Clyde Milan of position in congress to conscription. The the Senators made the first base hit of army units.

Opposition is as yet not definite the 1917 baseball season at 3:05 this Letters st ugh, he said, to permit a guess as to afternoon in the first inning of the Washington-Philadelphia game.
The Senators also led off with the

first run when Smith singled in the Washington, April 11.—"Feeding our second inning and raced home at 3:15 nilies" is to be this country's part in on a triple by Judge, which went six the great war for the present. Mobilizing over Thrasher's head.

The Polo Grounds furnished a close second when Hooper, the first man up livering them at the ports of England for the Red Sox singled to right at and France, is to be the extent of Am-Meantime, hundreds of thousands of an entire will be trained for action on European fronts as soon as they are fit and

National League. New York-Boston postponed, wet

t. Louis R. H. E.

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2. Such action would add at least 75 vessels for use in trans Atlantic commerce and would double the government's present facilities for handling supply shipments, it is stated.

2. The boats which would be drawn from the service under this arrange-

American League. R. H. E.

Jacobs, Evans and Schmidt;

10 14 Ruth and Thomas; Caldwell and Nunamaker. Washington Philadelphia Johnson and Ainsmith; Bush, Johnson, Meyer and Schang. Detroit Coveleski and O'Neil; James, Couch, Jones, Strange, and Spencer.

Williams, Scott and Schalk; Hamil-

ton, Koob, Weilman and Hale.

Three Billion To Be Loaned Allies Will Remain In

This Country Washington, April 11. - Majority Leader Kitchin today introduced in the. house the administration bond bill authorizing the issue of \$5,000,000,000 in

bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury ertificates. Kitchin introduced the record brenking bill after a meeting of the ways and means committee at which the measure

lines were attached to the auto pumper and three to hydrants. One line was run as far over as the armory hydrant. In all 3,500 feet of hose were laid with the result that the five streams kept the (Continued on Pafe 5.)

BALL SEASON OPENS

28 amounted to \$973,000,000, and under existing law \$472,000,000 worth of bonds are available to be issued. This ill authorizes, in addition to bonds already available to be issued under existing law and exclusive of the three billion bond issue, to extend credit to foreign governments, which takes care of itself, the issue of \$2,000,000,000 worth of bonds. Should this amount of bonds be issued the total interest bearing individuals are available to be issued. This

Address Letters This Way

Washington, April 11 .- America's boys in khaki, serving "somewhere in the United States," will be able to re-ective their mail from home regularly, even though the war department has decided to withhold the destinations of

Letters should be addressed to the soldiers in enre of the department to which he has been assigned. These department addresses are: Southern, Port Sam Honston.

Eastern, Governor's Island. Central, Chicago,

Western, San Francisco If the correct department is not known, mail addresses to soldiers in care of the adjutant general's office,

Ships for Uncle Sam

Thiladelphia B. H. E. Washington, April 11.—Government operation of all railroad water line boats is provided in a plan laid before the meeting of railroad officials here byder and Meyers.

Vaughn to service under this arrangement are those new used by the railroads in coastwise and Great Lakes

THE WEATHER

ILL BE OUT TO



Oregon: Tonight and Thursday showers, cooler tonight central and northeast por-tions; south to west winds.