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BRITISH ARE CAPTURING MANY OF THE GERMAN SUBMARINES

Twenty Underseas Boats and Crews Have Been Captured Since April 10-- Crews Lacked Food and Water-- Submarine Bases Destroyed.

Washington, April 23.—(United Press)—A member of the British war commission said twenty German submarines and crews were captured by the British April 10th, the day before the party sailed. "They weren't exactly captured, either," he said. "They had been searching for a destroyer base many days, suffering for food and water. When captured, many were near starvation. The crews were quite subdued and gladly surrendered."

"England is getting more submarines than the Americans think. Submarine commanders are having a rough time. Their bases are destroyed almost before they are established. The British know certain bases, leave alone until the submarines are gone, then destroy them, leaving the submarines in a hole."

Turkey Breaks Off Relations With United States.

Washington, April 23.—(United Press)—Turkey has broken off relations with the United States. Minister Stovall, of Berne, Switzerland, officially advised the state department.

Allies Want Food More Than Men Just Now

BY GEORGE MARTIN

Washington, April 23.—(United Press)—Allies want food from the United States more than anything else.

This fact emerged above all else attending the initial reception of Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour, of the British commission.

American and British experts plunged directly into the problems.

"No immediate concern is felt regarding sending troops to Europe," it is officially stated. Balfour conferred with the President.

President Cunliffe, of the Bank of England met Secretary Treasury McAdoo.

Naval experts met with Secretary Daniels, military experts with Secretary Baker. British bitter war experiences and American wealth and resourcefulness were pooled.

"There's no French, no British, no Italian food shortage," said one Englishman. "It's all one great question. While England is not short of food, all's not well with France and Italy. Their food shortage is acute."

Argentine Business Needs Shipping.

Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentine, April 23.—Business is practically paralyzed in southern Argentina owing to the lack of shipping to take the country's products to market. More than 4,000,000 kilos, or in excess of 4,000 tons of wool alone are tied up and the territory's financial situation is critical.

Poor Road Worst Investment.

A good roads program, even if it is open to some criticism and objections, is better than a bad roads program; the poor road is the worst kind of an investment.—Harney County (Burns) News.

Congress Will Raise An Army of Two Million

Washington, April 23.—(United Press)—After disposing of the war loan, Congress went into the final stages of raising an army of two million. It is believed both houses will take final action Thursday or Friday. Consideration in some form will pass both houses.

SUPERDREADNAUGHT NEW MEXICO IS LAUNCHED WITHOUT CEREMONY

New York, April 23.—(United Press)—With grim lack of ceremony, suggestive of war times, the super-dreadnaught New Mexico, the first electric driven battleship, was launched at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. A small crowd of employees of the yard, marines, and officials saw the launching. The public was excluded.

STOCKMEN'S CONVENTION IS TOMORROW

CATTLE AND HORSE RAISERS' CONVENTION OF THE STATE WILL BEGIN ANNUAL SESSIONS

Business Sessions, Vaudeville Show, Cowboy Breakfast, Luncheon and Automobile Ride for Ladies, Livestock Exhibit and Parade, Banquet and Dance Arranged for the Amusement of the Visitors.

Tomorrow La Grande will be host to the Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention of Oregon.

This is one of the most important organizations in the state. It is devoted to looking after the interests of the stockmen, and has grown from a small organization formed four years ago to one of the largest and largest of similar organizations. William Pollman, of Baker, is President and S. O. Correll, of Baker, secretary. The members are all prominent stockmen. Three hundred delegates are expected, with their ladies.

An executive committee composed of J. G. Snodgrass, chairman, Walter M. Pierce, Albert Hunter, W. H. Ledbetter, J. E. Reynolds, G. L. Larison, Fred J. Holmes, T. J. Scroggin, Fred B. Currey, Frank E. Stilwell, Andrew Blockland, W. J. Townley, C. D. Emahiser, Clarke Leiter, George T. Cochran and Paul H. Spillman has planned the entertainment for the visitors, assisted by many sub-committees.

The convention will open tomorrow morning at the Arcade theatre. The morning and afternoon will be devoted to the business sessions. Tomorrow evening the entertainment will be a vaudeville show at the Arcade theatre and a ball at Rex hall. The ladies will be entertained at a luncheon at the Foley hotel at noon and with an automobile ride in the afternoon.

Wednesday morning will be the big cowboy breakfast at the fair grounds, the livestock exhibit at the fair grounds, livestock parade down town, a business session of the convention, and the big banquet at Zuber hall, which will be served by the ladies of the Neighborhood club.

Altogether the visitors will find plenty of entertainment, and the livestock show and parade will be of interest to everyone, the general public as well as the stockmen.

THOUSANDS SEE FLAG RAISED AT O-W SHOPS

PARADE AND SPECTACLE WITNESSED BY GREAT THROGG OF LA GRANDE CITIZENS AND VISITORS.

Bands Play, Crowds Line the Streets, Speakers Tell of Needs for Present Day Patriotism, and Impressive Scene Take Place When the Flag Is Raised, Saluted and Allegiance to America Pledged Anew.

All La Grande and neighboring cities celebrated the flag raising of the O.-W. R. & N. shopmen yesterday.

It was the biggest patriotic demonstration ever held in the city, thousands gathered along the line of march, bands played patriotic airs, thousands cheered the raising of Old Glory over the tallest flagpole in Eastern Oregon, and saluted the beautiful emblem as it floated proudly in the breeze. It was a great sight and it thrilled the hearts of all who witnessed the ceremony.

The parade moved promptly under Grand Marshal Coolidge and the streets were thronged with spectators. A special train had brought big delegations from the branch line. Elgin had sent a delegation with their band. Union, Alicel Imbler, Cove, Wallowa, Minam, Palmer Junction, Island City, Enterprise and Joseph sent delegations that swelled the concourse of La Grande citizens.

The first division, R. R. Huron, marshal, was headed by the Elks' band, then came the flag, escorted by Company M, Third Oregon, the G. A. R. marching as proudly as in the days of '61, the Spanish War veterans, younger but 19 years older than in the days of '98, and the Women's Relief Corps.

The second division, under Marshal Fred B. Currey was headed by O.-W. R. & N. officials, city officials, the O.-W. R. & N. shop employees, the Honor Guard, proudly carrying the flag that was later raised, the O.-W. R. & N. office employees all making a fine turnout.

The third division, under Marshal J. H. Pearce, was composed of the High School Cadets, led by Sergeant Rice, attired in their new uniforms and going through their maneuvers under their drill master very promptly and

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LAST WEEK MOST DISASTROUS OF THE WAR TO THE GERMANS

Since Last Monday General Nivelle Has Captured One Hundred Guns, Twenty Thousand Germans, and Killed and Wounded One Hundred Thousand.

BY HENRY WOOD

With the French Afield, April 23.—(United Press)—Germany has completed the most disastrous week in the history of the war.

French leaders permit me to say next week will unfold more clearly the nature of the great allied offensive.

Since last Monday General Nivelle has accomplished: Capture of more than one hundred guns.

Twenty thousand German prisoners captured.

Twenty large villages and many hamlets occupied.

Fifty square miles of French territory retaken.

Killed and wounded one hundred thousand Germans.

Two great battles are raging today, one along the Chemin Des Dames, the "ladies road", the other around Moronvillers.

Although the French are attacking the two strongest positions of the German line, General Nivelle already has won footholds.

Violent counter attacks were repulsed.

General Haig is Driving Ahead, Progress Satisfactory

London, April 23.—(United Press)—Over a wide front on both sides of the river Scarpe, General Haig resumed the British drive. Satisfactory "progress" was reported.

The remainder of the village of Trencourt was captured.

The British north of Bagdad again defeated the Turks, it was officially announced.

"Saturday the enemy evacuated the remainder of the Istabul position," it was stated.

GERMANS FEAR NEW BRITISH GUNS.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, U. P. Correspondent

With the British Armies in the Field, April 4.—(By mail)—The smashing effect of British artillery and its demoralizing influence on the Germans continue to be the theme of deserters and prisoners' confessions, soldiers' and reports of officers.

"From 11 a. m. until 5:30 p. m. the trench lay under a heavy and very effective fire which continued without a stop," wrote a Company Commander of the 31st Infantry Regiment of the 18th Division in his report which was captured with the writer. "Nothing is left of the trenches and the dugouts are so much damaged that they cannot be used. The location of our dugouts must be accurately known as shell after shell bursts right on top of them, or quite close by. Also between 10 and 11 p. m. the enemy's artillery of both medium and heavy calibre shelled the trench with unprecedented violence. Enemy airmen hovered over our positions the whole day and came down very low. They directed the fire throughout. Our own artillery seemed to have fired very little. German airmen appeared only towards evening but the enemy's airmen would not let themselves be disturbed in their work. Nothing is left of the trench."

"The enemy appears to be using a new type of gun and shell. A red flame is visible but we cannot hear the report of the gun. The shell bursts with an explosion resembling that of a mine and the destructive area of the burst is large. I consider it my duty to draw the attention of the battalion staff to the fact that, in the event of a bombardment of equal intensity tomorrow, no dugout will be left to provide shelter."

Need of Roads.

The Post Road from Bend to Vale, Oregon, should interest every citizen of this part of the State, as no part of the State is in more need of good roads than this, and its value to the country will be beyond price in dollars and cents.—Drewsey Sun.

BERLIN CLAIMS REPULSE OF BRITISH ATTACKING FORCES

Berlin, April 23.—(United Press)—Lens the English penetrated our first fighting on a wide front the repulse, line five hundred meters, it is stated. They were driven back by a counter-attack. Yesterday northwest of

GERMAN BATTLESHIP CRUISERS LEAVE FOR ATTACK ON RUSSIANS

Petrograd, April 23.—(United Press)—The German battleship cruiser squadron left Libau presumably to attempt an attack behind the Russian lines from the Baltic, according to official word from Riga. It is reported another German warship squadron is en route to Russian Baltic positions from Kiel. Riga dispatches say a number of transports are accompanying the German squadron.

United States Super-Dreadnought Texas

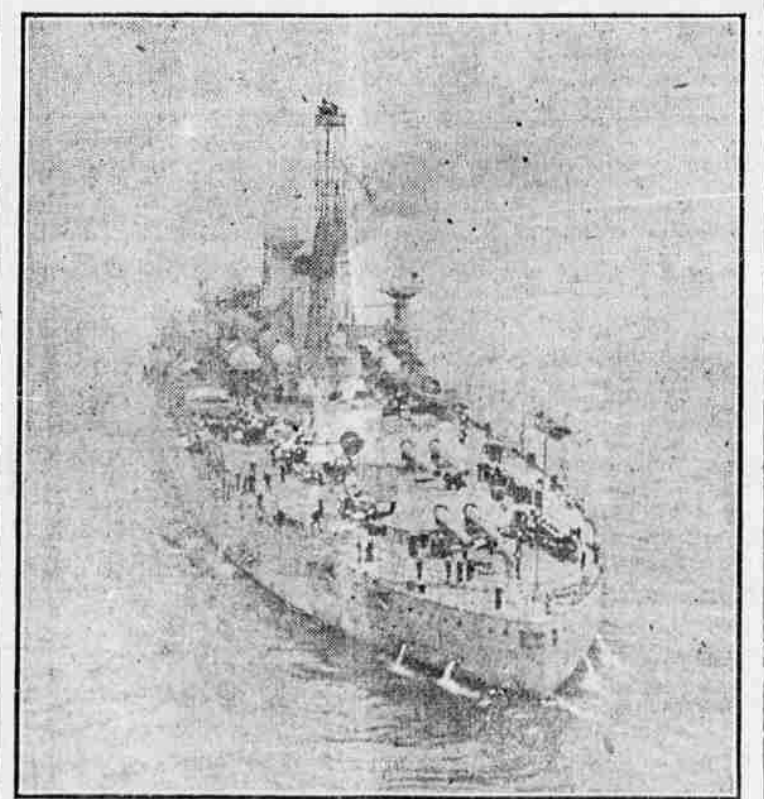


Photo by American Press Association. The Texas is a 27,000 ton warship, 573 feet in length. She carries ten fourteen-inch guns, and her crew is 1,014 officers and men.