

FOOD CONTROL BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Administration to Ask Power to Supervise Production and Distribution.

FAIR PRICES ARE INTENDED

Farmers' Organization Presidents Invited to Confer With Department, Which Is Building Up Vast Body in Country.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Legislation to give the Government a firm grasp on food control, will be introduced in Congress tomorrow.

The Department of Agriculture is not only to supervise production, but to deal with distribution to insure a fair supply of food to all parts of the country at reasonable prices.

The food situation, officials realize, presents one of the most serious problems the country will have to meet during the war.

The Department of Agriculture is building up an organization of state and county boards through which to reach both producer and consumer in every corner of the country.

Former Leaders to Confer. Secretary Houston today named R. A. Pearson, president of the Iowa State College of Agriculture, to serve indefinitely as an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

The farmers' society presidents coming Monday are: O. Mahoney, of Wisconsin, of the American Society of Equity.

Oliver Wilson, of Illinois, the National Grange.

H. E. Zimmerman, of Indiana, the Ancient Order of Glorians.

C. S. Barrett, of Georgia, the Farmers' Union.

E. Stockbridge, of Georgia, the Farmers' National Congress.

Central Organization Planned. As outlined today by Mr. Houston, the Department of Agriculture's plans for meeting the food problem comprise a central organization in the department, with state and county branches.

The department has a personnel of 13,000 persons and agricultural colleges and state agricultural departments have as many more.

Combined, the Secretary said, these agencies exceed in any other three nations of the world.

A food committee of the Council of National Defense, which will be headed by Herbert C. Hoover, will work with the Agricultural Department in solving food distribution problems.

Mr. Hoover is expected to arrive soon from Europe to take up his duties.

CADETS TO GET DIPLOMAS

Commencement Exercises Are Begun at West Point.

WEST POINT, N. Y., April 19.—Commencement exercises at the United States Military Academy, advanced two months because of the exigencies of the war, began today.

The graduation ball was held tonight. The exercises will close tomorrow when the 124 cadets of the class of 1917 will receive their diplomas in front of the battle monument of Trophy Point.

Secretary of War Baker is expected to address the graduates.

GERMANS ARE IN PANIC

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French lines for more than two years have been on the edge of a plain commanded by a range of low, wooded hills on which the Germans were firmly established.

It was out of the question for anybody to venture on the "No Man's Land" between the lines without receiving a salvo, yet the French since Monday have advanced across the in-between space and driven the enemy from some of the opposite slopes.

In this vicinity, prisoners have been taken in considerable batches. Many small parties held out after the main French lines had advanced, not knowing that the whole German line had been driven back.

These little islets of men were left to be dealt with by the reserves, who rounded them up at leisure.

Artillery Fire Terrible. The artillery fire from both the lines was terrific. The Germans had brought up many guns which they were unable to get away again before the French infantry in a superb dash surrounded and captured them.

An entire battery of six-inch guns was caught in this way and later the weapons were used against the retreating Germans, who had abandoned thousands of shells for each piece.

At divisional headquarters the Associated Press correspondent was informed of the fall of Vailly and Villaux-Bois, both positions of the greatest importance to the Germans.

LOSS OF RIDGE DEPRESSES

Captured Germans Say They Believed Vimy Impregnable.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 19, via London.—A German officer captured Tuesday frankly said that the Germans regard the loss of Vimy Ridge as a disaster.

Doctor Tells How to Quickly Strengthen Your Eyesight at Home

Dr. Lewis says a Bon-Opto is a strengthening the eyes of thousands.

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VIMY RIDGE AS THE GREATEST DEFEAT THEY HAVE SUFFERED SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.

This officer knows the ridge thoroughly having been stationed on it all last summer, and said he could not understand how any troops could fail to hold it.

In his opinion the garrison must have been demoralized before the British attack began.

The Germans continue highly nervous all along the front, the slightest increase in the British fire calling up distress signals.

The German infantry are getting better artillery support since the battle of Arras, as a result of the bitterly worded reports made regarding the lack of this support previously.

The feeling is so intense between the German infantrymen and artillerymen that the British have found it necessary to separate the units belonging to the two services to prevent fighting inside the cages.

The newly called-up troops thrown into the western line admit that the artillery fire bewildered them.

This also is true of the German troops recently transferred from the eastern to the western front.

Some of the German troops in the latter force say that they had no idea what war actually was like until recently.

They were all become much depressed when they saw the trenches they were supposed to occupy all smashed and torn by the British shell fire.

Prisoners taken in the last three days tell of the spread of discontent in the German army because of reduced rations since April 25.

Each man formerly received a half loaf of bread daily. Now he has only one-third of a loaf.

This reduction, coming after the beginning of the great French offensive, has caused much grumbling among the troops.

NEW FORCES ENLIVEN BATTLE

Army's Establishment in "Rearward Line" Admitted by Berlin.

BERLIN, via London, April 19.—The battle in the Champagne northwest of Aubervie yesterday continued into the night, says today's official announcement.

This morning the fighting increased in intensity as a result of the introduction of fresh forces.

Near Villers-Bretonneux the statement says, the "forest position became unobtainable to us and we established our new rearward line."

A local French attack near Bray-en-Laonnois succeeded, the statement says, but assaults on the elevated front along the Chemin-des-Dames and Craonne failed.

Documents captured from the French far-reaching objects of the French attack launched on Monday, the communication adds.

At no point were the troops of the French army repulsed, but they were approximately attained their tactical aims, to say nothing of their strategic objects.

The official statement of the campaign in France as given out tonight reads:

"The French attacks on the firing was livelier. The artillery duel was more intense on both sides of Craonne.

"French attacks occurred along the Aisne-Marne Canal, the attack being against Brimont, which failed.

"In Champagne our counter attacks were successful. The enemy gains of terrain northwest of Aubervie.

PLATINUM SEARCH IS ON

Grow a Garden and Can Part of It, Is Advice Given.

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The women decided to co-operate in garden planting.

SIX DIE IN FILM FIRE

Flames Spread to Hotels, but Guests Escape Safely.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 19.—Six persons are dead and a score of others suffering from minor injuries as a result of a fire, which is said to have resulted from an explosion of moving picture films in the office of a film exchange in the Colfax Office building and apartment house in the downtown district here tonight.

The dead are: Dr. Martha E. Keller, a physician; Harry Rowland, 18, an employee of the Cole Motor Company; Leonard Griffin, 14, Mrs. M. Griffin, mother of Leona and Robert; an unidentified woman.

The flames spread to the Linden and Royal Hotels, but the guests escaped, and damage to the hotels was slight.

The loss to the Colfax building is estimated at \$65,000.

AUSTRIAN CRAFT ESCAPE

San Diego Fishing Boats Slip Away to Mexican Port.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., April 19.—Fishing vessels owned and operated by Austrians at this port have fled to Magdalena Bay, according to reports received here today from the lower Mexican coast.

Eight of the Austrians vessels left port today Austria-Hungary severed relations with the United States.

Federal officials admitted today that they had requested authority from Washington to seize the vessels but that the request was not granted.

The skipper, who are said to have feared such a move, sped out to sea under cover of darkness the day Austria broke with this country and headed for the rendezvous at Magdalena Bay.

PRO-ALLY PRESS AROUSED

Measures Against Demonstrations in Buenos Aires Criticized.

BUENOS AIRES, April 19.—The newspapers, including La Epoca, criticize what they term the too strict measures taken yesterday to prevent pro-ally manifestations. Some of the police used their sabers to disperse groups of pacific citizens.

A great indoor meeting in honor of the entente allies, the United States and Brazil will be held Sunday and there will be public manifestations in the open.

VILLA'S SOLDIERS ROUTED IN BATTLE

One Hundred Men Reported Killed and 200 Horses and Saddles Taken.

FORCE DRIVEN INTO HILLS

Francisco Villa in Person at Head of Troops—Carranza Advance Guards Driven Back at First Onrush.

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 19.—Villa forces and government troops clashed at San Miguel de Babicora Monday afternoon for the first general engagement of the campaign being made against Villa and his troops by General Francisco Murguía, according to an official message received here late today from the Chihuahua commander.

One hundred Villa soldiers were reported to have been killed in action, 200 horses and saddles captured and the Villa troops routed and driven into the mountains by the cavalry in command of General Favila, the report stated.

Villa's troops were commanded by Francisco Villa in person, Jose Ynes Salazar, Martin Lopez, brother of the bandit who was executed for the Santa Ysabel massacre, and other officers. The fighting started when General Murguía's vanguard attacked Villa's outposts on the Babicora ranch.

The Villa troops rode into action, repulsing the advance guard of the Carranza forces, after which the fighting became general, according to the official statement.

RAIDER SUSPECT IS ARRESTED

Alleged Slayer of Mormon Cowboys Taken at El Paso.

EL PASO, Tex., April 19.—Prudente Miranda, who at one time was alleged to have been the leader of the Corcoran Ranch, near Hachita, N. M., captured three Mormon cowboys and later killed them, was arrested here today by Government officers.

Miranda and his friends denied he was present at the raid, claiming he was a fugitive from justice in El Paso at the time.

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PETROGRAD, via London, April 19.—German preparations to attack the northern front, supported by a German fleet, reports of which appear to be well founded, bear out the war office warning recently issued that the enemy means to march on Petrograd.

The preparations consist of the massing of troops on the Dvinsk front and the concentration of transports, warships and shallow draft ships in the Baltic Sea ports.

A portion of the German fleet is reported to have moved from Kiel to Libau.

It is regarded here as extremely probable that the plan is to cut off Petrograd from the active army.

The German efforts to spread discontent in the Russian army have developed an ingenious device of loading shells with copies of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's Reichstag speech of March 29 and firing them into the Russian lines.

NEW WEDS ARE LIABLE

WAR DEPARTMENT NOT TO EXCUSE SLACKERS.

ALL of Military Age Wedded Since Declaration Against Germany Liable to Service.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Men of military age who have married since a state of war against Germany was declared will not escape their obligation of military service under a War Department policy formally announced today. The department's statement follows:

"The War Department announces that all men married since the outbreak of war will be treated upon the same basis as unmarried men insofar as their military obligations are concerned. It is desired that the utmost consideration be given by the press to this announcement."

The department was moved to take this action in order that all men should understand that the marriage is contemplated in the organization of an Army to fight Germany.

It is pointed out that there should arise no question of slackers upon the score of marriages contracted since the outbreak of war with the possible exception of those men who in any case were hastened in order that military duty might be evaded.

Black Murder Case Dropped.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 19.—The case of George Ryan, accused of murder in connection with the death of William Black, an anti-Catholic lecturer, was dismissed on motion of the state in the District Court today.

CARD OF THANKS.

W. T. Matlock wishes to express to his many friends and those of his late wife his great appreciation for the many kind gestures shown by them in his bereavement.—Ad.

more serious an American warship will drop into the harbor of Rio de Janeiro, and by its presence and the conduct of its officers will show the people that the United States is behind the government.

With reference to Argentina, it is believed the government there will be compelled to accept the policy which people object to the embargo laid on foodstuffs because of their views that such action was in the interest of Germany.

The government at Buenos Ayres is alive to the sentiment which exists, and for that reason is making vigorous representation to the Berlin Foreign Office in connection with the destruction of an Argentine vessel by a German submarine.

There is no doubt the German cause will suffer a serious blow if the Western Hemisphere should line up solidly against Germany. The German cause would become unhealthy, and German raiders would not be able to obtain supplies.

Embargo to Be Authorized.

Congress in a few days will pass a bill giving the President authority to lay an embargo on exports whenever in his judgment such action is expedient.

So far as men are concerned, Latin America will not assist the allies. Some of the countries could do so, but undoubtedly they will prefer to keep troops at home in order to overthrow or suppress revolutionary movements.

Their navies, however, will be free for sea. Chile has three capital ships, six destroyers, and a number of smaller vessels. Argentina has two dreadnaughts, three battleships, seven cruisers and 25 destroyers.

Chile's navy, which is pro-British, because of the British blockade, just as the Chilean army is pro-German because of German instruction, would like nothing better than to help to sweep the seas.

Peru has only five small vessels, but she has three capital ships, six destroyers and a number of smaller vessels. Peru has only five small vessels, but she has three capital ships, six destroyers and a number of smaller vessels.

The remaining countries of Latin America have no warships worthy the name.

HEILIG BENEFIT COMIC

MASONIC LODGES AND EASTERN STAR PRESENT PLAY.

Parts in "The Private Secretary" Are Well Portrayed—Fund for Home for Dependents Sought.

A large audience at the Heilig Theater last night was thoroughly amused by a local presentation of Charles Hawtrey's three-act farce comedy, "The Private Secretary."

The play was given under the auspices of the local Masonic lodges and chapters of the Eastern Star.

Quite a number in the characteristics of amateur performances was the systematic effort toward genuinely farcical effects in which all of the players were involved.

J. S. Roark, in the famous part of Mr. Catermole, was real comic, while T. E. Pierce, as the Rev. Robert Spaulding, proved himself a thorough character actor. In other roles were Fred Wall, Myrtle Henley and Mabel Black.

Other members of the cast were: Stanley Bowby, S. Elliott Finch and Mary Emille Doble, H. S. Noonan and H. W. Strong.

The play was staged under the direction of Nina Louise Greathouse. Incidental music was furnished by the Al C. Temple Shrine Band, led by Frank Lucas.

2375 ENLIST IN DAY

ILLINOIS AGAIN LEADS IN REGULAR ARMY RECRUITING.

Pennsylvania and New York Also Enroll More Than 200 Each—Total Unfilled Quota 183,898.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A total net gain of 2375 recruits for the Army is reported for yesterday in the daily recruiting bulletin made public today at the War Department.

Illinois again led in the number of men accepted with 247; Pennsylvania followed with 240; New York, third, with 222; Missouri, fourth, with 143, and Texas, fifth, with 105.

Utah reported no results for the day. The figures are for the regular Army, and the total of the quotas apportioned to the states is 183,898.

Since the President issued the proclamation declaring that a state of war existed, the Navy and Marine Corps have recruited a total of 12,450 men. The Navy's gain is 10,050 men and the Marine Corps 2390.

The net increase in the enlisted personnel of the Navy yesterday was 1330, that of the Army 2375.

SAFE ROBBERS ARE FOILED

Citizen, Awakened by Noise, Faces Revolver, Then Calls Police.

HUBBARD, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—The barking of a dog in the darkness of the morning and the quick action by the telephone of H. M. Pierce, a Hubbard real estate man, frustrated a planned safe robbery here early today when three men broke into the jewelry store of Ernest Hoffmann and carted away the small safe, in which had been placed the gems, watches and other jewelry, to the value of close to \$500.

Mr. Pierce, awakened by the robbers' next door, investigated, and was held at the point of a revolver while two of the men removed the safe. As soon as released Mr. Pierce called other citizens and when the posse found the safe the robbers had fled.

PEACE CONFERENCE FEARED

Berlin Writer Says Austrian Proposal Would Destroy Germany.

AMSTERDAM, via London, April 19.—The proposal of Count Czernin, Austrian Foreign Minister, for a peace conference of all the belligerents, is attacked by Count von Reventlow in the Berlin Tages Zeitung as meaning ruin to the German Empire. Von Reventlow declares that Count Czernin took no account of the fact that the German Empire is now fighting a battle "which must lead to victory."

He declared that a conference on the basis of the principles recommended by the same basis as the Austrians would destroy Germany internally and externally.

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NUEVO LAREDO, Mex., April 19.—Nineteen government soldiers were killed and several hundred injured in a train explosion near Torreón, April 11, lives at Talla, near Torreón, April 11.

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Stock Show to Honor Flag Day. UNION, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Union Stock Show Association held last night it was decided that June 14, National Flag Day.

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