GERMANS STRIKE **BIG BLOW IN WEST**

British Lines Object of Heavy Attack.

POWERFUL DEFENSIVE MET

English Outpost Troops Driven Back at One Point.

TEUTONS CLAIM VICTORY

Kalser Quoted as Declaring One of Greatest Moments in German History Has Arrived and War Decision Near.

TRUTISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN PRANCE, March 21 .- The Germani gainst the British lines over a wide ront in and near the Cambrai sector. The assault strongly suggests the be ginning of the enemy's much-heralded

The attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment from guns of all caliber and the duel between the opposing heavy batteries has been rocking the country-side for hours.

Gas Shells Employed.

The Germans have employed ga shells freely and a constant stream of other high velocity shells has been breaking eith frightful concursion far back of the British lines.

The bombardment began in earnest at ick made an address tonight. s o'clock this morning. About five hours later the enemy forces hurled themselves upon the British front line trenches north of Lagnicourt and Louiveral, the latter place lying due Wasco Business Men Give Farmers

west of Bourslers. At the same time other German forces advanced behind a smoke bar rage along the ridge running north-

ward from Gouzeaucourt. British Rendy for Attack.

It may be said that the attack in this the British and that they had made reached with grading machines.

Commissioner E. D. McKee donned great preparations to meet the on-

in a bitter struggle over this wide front. The county has in operation this for hours. The bombardment was of Spring a large tractor and a grading the most terrific nature, and finally the machine which is putting the roads in infantry drove forward against numer- excellent condition.

in in the Cambral sector. tin, porth to the river Scarpe, and at last reports sangulaary fighting was More Prominence to Be Given to ogress as far south as the region of Hargicourt and as far north as Bulle-

Cambral Salient Seems Objective.

The early stages of the battle would seem to indicate that the enemy was seen struggle has been proceeding in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and ciation of Colleges and Secondary Lagnicourt and south of the sallent near Hargicourt and Ronssoy.

The British had been looking for this attuck today. Not only have prisoners teclared that yesterday or today would mark the beginning of the offensive this front, but there were abundant sector, which was the scene of the last great battle in the British theater.

Both Sides Well Prepared. That the Germans were as thoroughly prepared as possible was well known

id as a consequence the British had taken extensive steps to meet the blow. The first infantry fighting reported in what appears to be the inception of the great German offensive has taken place along a curved line extending

about 16 miles in length. The Germans launched their first assoult along a ridge of land running ply to men not subject to conscription north from Gauche wood. This ridge in their own countries. extends about three miles to the northeast and ends near the southern en-

of the village of Gennelou.

Byng's Offensive Recalled. This attack was apparently directe at the angle formed with the former British line by the new British lines as they were established after udden offensive led by General Byng

en November 22, 1917. The fighting extends around the are of a circle into which the British lines were pushed after the German counteroffensive and continues for a distant of about four miles to the northwest of Mosurres, the northern limit of Byng's saving in freight rates and insurance over the Facific as compared with the over the Facific as compared with the

Halg's report from British headquar iers in France describes the German offensive as comprising an intense pembardment by the artiflery and powerful infantry attack on a front of Court Grants Release on Bail on Two over 14 miles.

Some of the British positions wer penetrated but the German losses are declared to have been exceptionally

On no part of the long front of the attack did the Germans attain their

Battlefront Fifty Miles Long. The text of the statement reads:

"At about 5 o'clock this morning. after an intense bombardment of both high explosive and gas shells on our (Concluded up Page 2, Column 2.)

LENROOT TO HAVE MAJORITY OF 2500

JAMES THOMPSON IS DEFEATED IN SENATORIAL CONTEST.

Either Davies, Democrat, or Lenroot May Be Asked to Withdraw to Prevent Success of Berger.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21 .- Irv ue L. Lenroot, Republican, will have pproximately 2500 majority over James upson, reputed to represent the La Foliette sentiment in Wisconsin. contest for the nomination for the contest for the houseling to latt unofficial returns

Reports are current to the effect that ressure will be brought to bear upon either Davies, Democrat, or Lenroot to withdraw in favor of the other to prevent success of any possible combina-tion between Thompson and Victor Berger, Socialist nominee. It is known positively that Davies will not withlraw and Lenroot has stated that no ne has been authorized to make statement that he contemplates doing

It was said today that someone would introduce a resolution at a conference of the Wisconsin Loyalty Legion to morrow afternoon requesting that either Lenroot or Davies withdraw from the race, but officials of that organization, which is non-partisan, said tonight that nothing was known of such a step.

his forenous taunched a heavy attack THRIFT DRIVE UNDER, WAY

Patriotic Meetings Arranged Clackamas County.

Hard fighting is proceeding from a OREGON,CITY, Or., March 21 - (Spe-point north of Lagnicourt, southward cial.) - The thrift stamp drive started with a big mass meeting tonight, when Frederick H. Whitfield, of Portland, adused a large assembly, and the Moose

Tonight there will be an entertainment at the Damascus Grange Hail, when Judge Grant H. Dimick is to be the main speaker.

Saturday night two meetings will be held been made to be the main speaker. Band donated its services.

held here, one under the auspices of the Armenian relief committee, and the ther to organize home guards.
At Mount Pleasant there will be ass meeting and a dinner at 6:30 At Carver, near Stone, Walter A. Dim-

MERCHANTS DON OVERALLS

Lift by Working Roads.

WASCO, Or., March 21,-(Special.)-On account of the shortage of men on the farms with Spring work under way, the business men of Wasco have prepared to denate two days' work on region was by no means unexpected by the county roads which could not be

yesterday morning The two wast forces have been locked worked with a pick and shovel all day,

Secondary Colleges.

CHICAGO, March 21.-Standards for ceredited schools will be greatly lowered and the lowlier schools and coltrying to drive a wedge on both sides of leges will become more prominent as a the Cambrai salient and plach it off. A result of the war, delegates to the convention of the North Central Asso-Schools declared today.

Among other changes, rules requirng a school to have an endowment of \$200,000 and at least one teacher to 30 pupils in order to be accredited will be

signs of an enemy smash against this TREATY REVISION PLANNED

Irishmen and Australians in Amer-

ica Will Escape Draft. WASHINGTON, March 21 .- The British-American and Canadian-American

draft treatles were returned to the State Department by the Senate today at the request of President Wilson, for certain changes before ratification. Amendments have been agreed upon from Lagnicourt to Gauchs wood, Just by the governments which will exempt outh of Gouseaucourt. This line is irishmen and Australians in this country from draft, by providing that the provisions of the treaty shall not ap-

FLURRY IN SILVER MARKET

Demand for Metal in China and India Arributed Cause.

NEW YORK, March 21 -- A flurry oc urred in the silver market here today. attributed to demand for the metal in China and India. The so-called official price here was 89% cents an ounce, but a premium resulting from shipments to the Orient sent the price up to 9314

WEINBERG SCORES POINT

Murder Charges.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.-Israel, Weinberg's petition for release on ball on two charges of murder placed against him in connection with the pre-paredness parade bomb explosion here in 1816 was granted here today by the

State Supreme Court, The sum of \$7500 for each charge against him was set by the court's order, with the proviso that the bond must be approved by the Superior Court Judges in whose courts cases are pending against Weinberg.

Gore Amendment Wins After Long Fight.

CONFERENCE CONTEST NEXT

Presidential Veto Held to Be One of Possibilities.

HOOVER OPPOSITION FEARED

Agricultural Appropriation Passes Without Rollcall; Principal Struggle Over Guarantee of Grain Price.

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- The Agri-Gore amendment increasing the 1918 Government-guaranteed wheat price \$2.50, was passed today by the Senate. It now goes to conference between the two houses, where there will be another fight over the wheat price. The wheat price amendment was

adopted, 49 to 18, after five days' discussion, in which its advocates urged the necessity of stimulating production and criticised Government price-fixing The bill, carrying appropriations of \$28,000,000, was passed without a roll call, the principal fight being centered on the wheat provision.

Farmers Greatly Favored.

Besides increasing the Federal guar antee, the Gore amendment also provides that the guaranteed prices for the 1918 crop shall be based upon No. 2 Northwestern wheat or its equivalent nistead of the No. 1 variety as under existing law, and shall be payable at ocal elevators of railway markets in stead of at the principal primary mar kets as is done now. These provisions are designed to increase further the

farmers' returns. Another provision is that the guar anty shall not be dependent upon action of the President, but "is hereby made absolute and hinding until May 1, 1919."

Hoover Opposition Feared. Acceptance of the amendment by the House is hoped for by its champions. But despite the overwhelming vote by which the Senate wrote the price in finally if, as has been reported, the op-position of the Food Administration should cause a Presidential and leaders do not believe it can prevail

Under a proclamation by the Presi dent acting under the food control law as it now stands, with the \$2 guarantee. Ammunition Depot Northeast of The preliminary nombardment mad LOWLIER SCHOOLS TO RISE the basic price for 1913 wheat has been extended from a point below St. Quentors favoring the increase argued that wheat at \$2.50 would not increase the price of flour beyond \$13 or \$12.50 per on Wednesday almost prevented aerial barrel. The price now is around \$11 a activity, says an official report on

Pressure Off Packers. Senator Gore did not press his amend-

POWER OF VISION OF AVIATORS REDUCED 18 PER CENT.

Official Order Issued That All Glasses Made by Eastern Firm With Teuton Name Be Discarded.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 21 .- Major John C. P. Barthoff, commander of the Rockwell Field aviation school at North Island, today had posted an order originating at Washington that all goggles made by a certain Eastern firm with a German name should be

The glasses have been in use a North Island, Kelly Field, Texas, and ther training schools for aviators. The long bulletin posted by Majo Bartholf's order said that Dr. A. L. Day, head of the geophysical labora-tory of the Carnegie Institute at Washngton, had made a thorough investigation of the goggles and declared that they reduced the power of vision ore than 18 per cent.

Trouble with the goggles had been reported at North Island by Major John Purroy Mitchel, former Mayor of New York, now in training there, and by other students of the Rockwell Field school. They reported that in many cases they had misjudged their cultural appropriation bill, with the altitude to a serious extent when making landings.

BEN C. SHELDON MARRIES Bride Is Daughter of Late William

Spencer Butterfield, of Chicago. MINNEAPOLIS, March 21 .- (Special.) Hen C. Sheldon, of Medford, member of the Oregon Legislature and prominent rancher and newspaper man, and Government to commandeer timber and fully yours.

Miss Edith Butterfield, daughter of the conduct logging operations. "WILLIAN William Spencer Butterfield, of Chicago, were married here last night hum, Harriet Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon will make their future home in Medford after spending a few weeks in Southern Califor-

ANTI-OPIUM TREATY EASY

Severe Penalties for Importing Drug Into China Urged.

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- More se vere penalties for American citizens who import opium into China in violeof the 1880 treaty are proposed in a bill introduced today by Chairman Stone, of the Senate foreign relations committee, at request of the Depart-

American officials in China reported that an American was convicted there

AIRPLANES RENEW ATTACK

Tournai Is Bombarded. LONDON, March 21.-Cloudy weather

aviation issued tonight. After dark the weather cleared and nostile airdromes southwest of Tournal ment providing for establishment by the Secretary of Agriculture of uniform east of St. Quentin were bombarded, (Concluded on Page 5, Column 3.) east of St. Quentin were bombarded,

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THE VERY LATEST IN GERMAN DRIVES.

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APRIL I

SHALL BE

IN PARIS"

GREAN

PERIL DETECTED IN GERMAN GOGGLES I.W.W. GRIPFORESTS, SAYS CHAMBERLAIN

Workmen Shut Out of Spruce Districts.

ARMED FORCES MAY BE SENT

turned in to the officers or destroyed Commander ... UISCUSSED those in towns of more than 20,000 tary Committee.

Idaho Senator Suggests Punishment every activity toward meeting this de- American Flag Raised on 77 Vessels of Certain Professional Criminal Who Is Evil Genius of Seditious Organization.

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- Warnings that the people of the Pacific Northwest, tired of I. W. W. activities, might take the law into their own hands to suppress traitorous conduct, charges needs. that the Government itself had "coddied" the leaders, and predictions that patriotic help of the 736 daily newssabotage and other hampering activity papers of these cities to establish co-to embarrass the Gevernment's air-operative farm labor agencies. If your craft programme are likely to break out in the Spring and Summer, featvery great influence to this cam tured the Senate debate today on the may I ask that you advise me, Administration bill to empower the ing your active labor agent? Faith-

The debate flared up so suddenly and lasted so long that the time allotted at the home of the bride's college for considering the bill was used up and Chairman Chamberlain, of the action later.

Brastic Action Held Necessary. Senators were not sparing in their declarations that the Government hould act swiftly and drastically to meet what they characterized as

Senator Chamberlain particularly declared it might be necessary to send roops into the spruce forests to protect workers getting out the precious

will not allow men to work in the forests," he said. Senator Borah, of Idaho, declared the Government could deal adequately with

and by orderly, lawful action Evil Genius in Custody.

Without mentioning the name of the the Idaho Senator declared:

"The Government now has in its "The Government now has in its possession the evil genius of the L.W. W. a professional criminal for 20 past the age of 48.

W. a professional criminal for 20 past the age of 48.

Years, who has taken the lives of 2t least 18 men. The L.W. W. believe he and officers will be interned in Switz-neutral countries, and it was therefore leads a charmed life. The best thing criand. to crush the L W. W. would be to punish him on the evidence of his

treason." Denouncing L W. W. activities and espionage. Senator Jones characterized reports of the L. W. W. being crushed

"The indications are that they are likely to break out this Spring and

out as untrue. (Concluded on Page 2, Column L)

PRESS AID ASKED

SECRETARY OF LABOR WOULD

Newspapers of Country Requested to Assist in Establishing Cooperative Labor Agencies.

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- The aid of 736 dally newspapers was asked by Secretary of Labor Wilson today in mobilizing farm labor. They will be branches of the Federal employment service and a member of the staff or each paper will be made a Federal The newspapers asked are

Secretary Wilson in his letter to the

newspapers says: "There is no more worthy demand than the farmers' for help to produc he nation's food. The Department of BORAH PROPOSES REMEDY Labor, co-operating with the Department of Agriculture, is expanding its United States employment service t

find all available labor and correlate

mand. "The Postmaster-General has authorized rural carriers and postmasters in rural communities and smalle towns to aid the employment service a: labor agents. But over 100 of the 316 American cities above 20,000 population have no public employment office and in many such offices there is no special farm service given. There is hardly time to open and train the

needed offices for this season's farm "In this emergency I am asking the publication feels that it can give its very great influence to this campaign,

"WILLIAM B. WILSON, Secretary."

BOYS TO BE ENTERTAINED military committee, let it go over for Oregon City Lodge Will Be Host to

Twenty Soldiers. OREGON CITY, Or., March 21 .- (Spe cial.)—Willamette Rebekah Lodge has invited 20 men statioged at Vancouver Barracks, Wash, to come to Oregon City Sunday and partake of a chicken

dinner to be served by the ledge at I. O. O. F. Hall.

The lodge plans to give the soldiers a good time while they are here. Following the dinner they members of the lodge and the L. O. O. F. Lodge will take the relative for motor time. "The Industrial Workers of the World take the visitors for a motor trip.

OLDER MEN REPATRIATED I. W. W. without resort to force Exchange of Prisoners Past Age of 18 Definitely Agreed To.

Without mentioning the name of the W. W. leader to whom he referred, nite agreement has been reached between the French and German government flow has in its ments, taking immediate effect, re-

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, flegrees, minimum, 46 degrees, TODAY'S—Rain; strong southerly winds,

War. Germans launch attack along wide section of west front. Page 1.

Four killed, seven injured on American destroyer as result of accidental explosion of dopth bomb. Page 3.

ondon calm with great battle raging near-by in France. Page 2. ecretary of War reviews U. S. troops in France. Page 3. Fereign.

Germans capture Kherson, in Ukrainia. rmany reported to have made war threat to Helland. Page 1. ples and Lies, twin offspring of Kaiserism, says Gerard. Page 5. Patriotic peasantry of Germany called upon to produce more food, Page 4.

National. Senate votes in favor of \$2.50 guaranteed price for wheat Page 1
Senator Chamberlain declares I. W. W. has closed apruce forests of Northwest to workmen, Page 1.

McAdoo puts check on railway extensions. Press asked to help get farm lebor. Page 1. Theodore E. Ferris denies wrongdoing connection with U. S. shipbuilding oper

Domestic. American flag holsted on 77 Dutch ships taken over by U. S. Page 2. German-made goggles found to reduce vision of Army sviators 18 per cent. Page 1. Lenroot will have majority of 2500 over Thompson in Sensiorial contest. Page 1 Grave civic crisis at Milwaukee may follow re-election of Socialist Mayor. Page 4.

Sports. Pighters training hard for Rose City events
Wednesday night. Page 18.
Walter Miller accepts offer to join Los
Angeles Athletic Club as wrestling instructor, Page 18.
Prank Farr journeys from Spokane for conference with Nick Williams. Page 18.
Partiand Revolver Club stands fair chance to Portland Revolver Club stands fair chance to win championship. Page 18.

Pacific Northwest, Roundup of Industrial Workers in Idaho continues. Page 6. Governor says good man needed to comman state police. Page 6. Wild game scarce in Clympic Mountains, says Government hunter. Page 6,

Commercial and Marine. Potato prices decline with no demand from outside points. Page 19. Willamette Iron & Steel Works to furnish six ship's boilers to Seattle firm, Page 14.

Portland and Vicinity. Wealthy Chicago woman arrested here in connection with alleged draft plot. Page 7 alvation drive not far from top, with \$21.-195.89. Page 9. pecial city election will be held on May 16. Page 8.

Portland achools to abandon teaching of German. Page 20.

RAISED AT DUTCH

Germany Said to Have Hinted at War.

SHIP TRANSFER STIRS WRATH

Notice Served That Relations Have Been Altered.

HAGUE NEWS DISQUIETING

Taken Over in Ports of United States Following Proclamation by Wilson

LONDON, March 22 .- Dispatches from The Hague report that a local news agency says that Germany considers her relations with Holland altered by the attitude of the Dutch government toward the ententes and the United States, and publishes a report that the abandonment by the Dutch government of the remaining restrictive clauses in its shipping loan terms ould be regarded by Germany as cause for war.

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- Sevents even Dutch ships in American ports, aggregating about 600,000 tons, were flying the American flag today as the result of President Wilson's proclamation last night requisitioning Dutch tonnage in accordance with the British-American shipping agreement.
At the same time Great Britain took

and another 400,000 tons was put into allied service. Full Compensation Assured. The President's proclamation was is-med upon Holland's refusal, in the face of German threats, to put into effect her voluntary agreement for restoring her merchant marine to normal

over Dutch vessels in British waters

activity. Compensation will be made to the owners as required by law. LONDON, March 21 .- Lord Robert Ceil, the Minister of Blockade, announced in the House of Commons today that the only course of the allies was to exercise their undoubted right and requi-

sition all Dutch shipping in allied ports. The allies considered the Dutch conditions, that the ships remain unarmed and that they should not carry war material, as impossible of accept-unce, the Minister stated.

World's Shipping Attacked. the view of Great Britain and her allies that it was a matter of deep re-INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS gret that any government should have falling to make the fullest use of its

The British government had been trying for months past to induce every power to make every use of its shipping.

The Minister explained the course of the negotiations with Holland and the long delays incident thereto. He said that had an agreement been put into effect early in January the allies would have been able to arrange to utilize Dutch shipping on routes outside the danger zone. The long delay, however, prevented such an arrangement and

the position became entirely different, Moreover, experience had shown the government that the Germans might by extending the danger zone or by other means render the modus vivendi nuga-

Fair Terms Offered. "Under these changed conditions," he continued, "we felt compelled to inform the Dutch government that we would no longer be able to make any agreement except one providing for the utilization of Dutch tonnage unconditionally. But at the same time we indicated that we did not desire Dutch interests to suffer and hence that we were ready to replace after

the war any Dutch ships that had been sunk." With the consent of the United States and the other allies, the Government had undertaken that 50,000 tons of wheat, or the equivalent of flour, should be placed at the disposal of Holland in North American ports at the earliest moment, and that another 50,000 tons should be placed at Holland's disposal in a South American port.

He hoped that the Dutch government would immediately send available tonnage to lift this grain. The allied governments in this matter were anxious to meet Holland in every possible way.

TWO HOLDUPS ADMITTED

Canyon Road Robber Recognized, Followed and Arrested.

23 years, was arrested last night by Police Inspector Howell and has admitted two holdups in this city this week. Tyvog was recognized on Washington street by William Gibbons, one of his victims, who shadowed him until

Ragnor Tyvog, a Norwegian, aged

he met the officer who took Tyvog into custody. Tuesday night Tyvog held up and robbed Arnie Evans and Esther Johnson at Nineteenth and Hoyt streets. Late Wednesday night he held up Gibbons and Louis Dundas, of Wellington Court Apartments, on the Canyon Road and afterward compelled them to take him in their automobile to Begverten.

Six judges will sit to hear injunction suit against city regarding fire engines. F. Oakes in city. Page T. R. F. Orkes in City. Fage 1. Ocegon to get four substitutes. Page 14. Colonel McAlexander in first battle of U. S. soldiers in France. Page 13. John S. Cohe, of Coos County, may run for Supreme Judge. Page 3. Car shortage held menace to Neghbost mills. Page 7.