



## AMERICANS LOSE 200 IN FIGHTING

### Teutons Take Seicheprey but Fail to Hold.

### HUN LOSSES 300 TO 400

### Capture of 183 Americans and Guns Is Claimed by Berlin.

### U. S. LINE PUNCTURE-PROOF

### Carefully Picked Units Are Used in Effort to Breach U. S. Defenses.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—General Pershing's first report on the German assault upon the American and French forces in the Toul sector Saturday is understood to indicate that the Americans sustained more than 200 casualties and to estimate the German losses at between 300 and 400.

It was learned tonight that the report had been received, but War Department officials refused to make it public or to comment upon persistent reports about the department concerning its contents.

Secretary Baker is understood to be awaiting more details before making an announcement, though he probably will lay the information received before the House military committee when he appears tomorrow to tell of his trip abroad.

### 183 Reported Captured.

The Germans claim to have captured 183 Americans and to have killed and wounded many more, and so far there has been no official American answer to the claim. This situation will result in a revival of consideration at the War Department of the proposal that a daily statement be issued from the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces.

The explanation heretofore given for the refusal to accede to the proposal has been that American troops are part of and are co-operating with larger French and British units, and that an independent American communique would necessarily duplicate British and French statements.

It is realized, however, that German claims, unless specifically denied from authoritative sources, will be regarded as statements of fact with inevitable resulting anxiety to the people in this country. For that reason Secretary Baker is disposed to reopen the whole question with General Pershing. However, it is possible that instead of daily statements on operations, arrangements will be made whereby enemy claims of similar nature may be dealt with by the American commander.

### Daily Statement Coming.

It has been definitely decided that as soon as American forces in any considerable number are again acting as an independent unit, a daily statement as to its activities will be issued.

### WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Our troops were overwhelmed by a superiority of numbers, but fought to a finish.

This was the official characterization by a field commander of the American troops who successfully repulsed an enemy onslaught in the Toul sector, in his report to headquarters. Details of the engagement, which the correspondent pieced together from interviews with officers and men who participated in the battle, show that the Americans stuck to their guns while the Germans were placing liquid fire, gas and almost every other conceivable device of frightfulness on them.

### Wounded Gunner Saves Day.

One of them who lay wounded in an American hospital today kept his machine gun going after the chief gunner had been killed, two feet away, and he himself had been wounded, thus protecting a turn in the road known as "Dead Man's Curve," over which some of the American couriers passed in the face of a concentrated enemy fire.

That the enemy's losses were so severe that he changed his mind and was cured of his belief that it was going to be a walkover was indicated by his feeble artillery fire yesterday and today. Notwithstanding the driving rain, however, the American

### Cripples' 'HELPER' JAILED

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NEW YORK, April 22.—Convicted on his own confession of using the mails to defraud in soliciting funds for cripples, George W. Rider, secretary of the Cripples' Welfare Society, was today sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Atlanta by Federal Judge Mack.

## ULTIMATUM RUMOR INVOLVES HOLLAND

### BERLIN REPORTED TO HAVE DEMANDED SHOWDOWN.

### Amsterdam Press Believes Kaiser Is Ready to Risk War With Dutch If Necessary.

LONDON, April 22.—The Daily News says that the Foreign Office has learned that the relations between Holland and Germany are very strained. The chief cause, apparently, is an old dispute about the supply of gravel from Holland. The situation is regarded with anxiety in official circles. It is rumored that an ultimatum has been delivered by Germany.

AMSTERDAM, April 22.—The Dutch press expressed anxiety regarding Germany's intention toward Holland. The Handelsblad considers that Germany's policy will be determined purely by what promises to pay best and believes that Germany would not hesitate to use communication through Holland, even at the risk of war, if she believed victory could thus be achieved on the western front.

The Handelsblad regrets that, as far as known, the entente powers have begun nothing in the direction of facilities for the movement of provisions and war material to help make the Dutch army strong enough if it should be menaced by an invasion and complains generally about the British policy toward Holland.

Relative to a settlement regarding traffic on the Rhine, the Handelsblad learns that an agreement has been reached.

## U. S. CONTROL PRAISED

### Louis Hill Says Credit of Country Saved by Nation's Act.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 22.—Louis W. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern Railroad, who returned to St. Paul last night after an extended business trip to the Pacific Coast, declared today that Government control of railroads saved the credit of the country.

"The great American spirit has been awakened and from now on it is going to count," said Mr. Hill.

"Conditions on the Pacific Coast are splendid. Labor is behind the Government, and in one shipment alone more than \$400,000 was subscribed to the third liberty loan. Only one man out of 4000 failed to take a bond."

## GUATEMALA DECLARES WAR

### Nation's Position Announced to Be Identical With That of U. S.

GUATEMALA CITY, April 22.—The National Assembly at its session today declared the Republic of Guatemala to occupy the same position toward the European belligerents as does the United States.

Guatemala broke diplomatic relations with Germany in April, 1917. The action now taken is apparently intended to constitute a declaration of war against Germany and Austria-Hungary, with whom the United States is now at war.

## MAYOR VETOES BOND BUY

### Milwaukee's Executive Blocks Loan of \$500,000 to Government.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 22.—Mayor Hoan this afternoon sent to the Common Council a veto of the Koener resolution providing that the city buy \$500,000 worth of liberty bonds.

The Mayor in his statement reiterates his contention, made originally at the first meeting of the new Common Council, that the resolution be so amended as to provide for its legalizing by the Legislature and that the city ought to be recompensed for the outlay temporarily by levying a tax on war profits.

## SOLDIER LOGGER IS KILLED

### John S. McGregor Struck by Piece of Stump Near South Bend.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—John Stanley McGregor, 23, of Camp C-1, here, on the Palix River, and member of the soldier spruce riving squad, was instantly killed at 11:45 A. M. today.

Mr. McGregor was struck by a tree as it assumed that hit a hemlock tree and rebounded, fracturing his skull. His body was brought here and will be sent to his mother in St. Paul.

## LINER REPORTS 7 DEATHS

### Japanese Steamer Held in Quarantine for Investigation.

A PACIFIC PORT, April 22.—Seven Asiatic passengers on a Japanese liner which arrived here today from the Orient died on the voyage and the vessel was held in quarantine while a thorough examination was made by the port medical officers.

Some of the deaths were among first cabin passengers. No evidence of contagious disease was found. It was announced.

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## HOSTS GATHER FOR BLOODY STRUGGLE

### Teuton Thrust Due at Mount Kemmel.

## KAISER RUSHING UP RESERVES

### Million and Half Huns, Cut Off, Face Starvation.

## ENEMY STRATEGY CHANGES

### Two Huge Turning Movements May Be Launched—Allies Prepared to Continue Present Engagement All Summer.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 22.—The lull in the fighting in France is not expected to last long, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, with wind and rain, says a Reuter's dispatch received here today from London.

"The Germans are licking their hurts after their recent thrashing and evidently do not mean to reattack until they are ready to do so on a great scale," this message adds.

"They are being openly and enormously reinforced, but the allies also have strengthened their forces and it is not likely that the next thrust will be any more effective in achieving a decision than that of a month ago, when the German people were told to expect a speedy triumph.

Battle May Last Months.

"The expectation on this side, indeed, is that the battle may last well through the summer.

"All the enemy's onslaughts hitherto have failed to attain their object, owing to the impossibility of using reserves and have resulted in the bottling up of 1,500,000 men in the triangle of Hazebrouck, Amiens and Noyon.

"These troops, originally supplied with a week's rations, are virtually starving in a devastated region which is difficult to revictual, as the ground is sparsely and pitted with shell holes, is constantly under fire.

Attack Coming at Kemmel.

"There is a great concentration of shell fire at Mount Kemmel, which is already stripped of trees. This is probably the scene of the next big attack."

(By the Associated Press.)

Events along the battle line in France and Belgium seem to be shaping themselves for a resumption of the great German offensive. Since the savage attack on the American forces at Seicheprey on Saturday there has been no fighting of an extraordinary nature along the front, but there have been indications that the Teutons are almost ready to resume the sledgehammer blows they have been aiming at the allied armies.

Unless recent operations have been feints, it is probable that the coming week will witness two great turning points.

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## RUSSELLITES SAVED FROM HANDS OF MOB

### CITIZENS OF MILTON AND FREE-WATER TALK OF LYNCHING.

### Owner of Small Fruit Ranch at Weston Distributes Literature That Arouses Indignation.

PENDLETON, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Rescued from the hands of a mob threatening to lynch him, Clifford W. Metz, a member of the International Bible Students' Association, was brought to Pendleton this evening by three Free-water citizens who turned over to District Attorney Keator for whatever action he deemed justifiable.

Metz, with three other persons, two boys and a girl, was found to have covered the towns of Milton and Free-water generously with literature charging the clergy with being the force behind the Government's suppression of "The Finished Mystery," a two-page, seven-column sheet bearing a date of April 15. Metz's three assistants were turned loose. They are members of a family.

Sentiment is strong at Milton and Free-water when it was found that the towns had been covered with this literature; the entire community was aroused with the fire bell, the Home Guard was called out and men in automobiles scoured the twin towns in an effort to locate the distributors.

When they were found the crowd gathered rapidly. There was much talk of lynching, and ropes were brought out and offered. The cooler heads of the community prevailed, however, and the man was brought to Pendleton under guard. He will be held in jail here until an investigation can be made by Government authorities.

Metz is a man of about 45 years, the owner of a small fruit ranch at Weston. He says that he was in Milton on business and was asked to spend his time between trains in distributing this literature. He says he was born in America.

## 3-DAY 'FOURTH' PROTESTED

### Loyal Legion to Vote on Length of Independence Day Celebration.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—So many protests have arisen in the county among Loyal Legion units regarding the proposed three days' Fourth of July celebration, it was decided to hold a referendum vote on the question and the 2500 men interested have been requested to vote as quickly as possible.

Among the districts objecting to holding a three days' demonstration are all of the North Bend units, Brandon and Smith Mill employees.

East Side, which is the home of many legion members, has also expressed a desire to see the affair reduced to a one-day celebration.

## BARGAINS IN BREAD TABOO

### Washington Orders Bakers to Give Up Advertising Wares.

SPOKANE, April 22.—Bakers and dealers are ordered to discontinue the use of prices in advertising bread or rolls, in a statement issued by Charles Hebbard, Food Administrator for Washington today.

The order was sent out on receipt of telegraphic orders from Washington.

## Canada's Efforts Recognized

The Chancellor expressed the government's appreciation of the hearty co-operation on the part of the Canadian government in assisting to finance the war.

He considered it possible that the alteration of the arrangement with the United States in the method of making advances would result in loans to the allies being reduced to \$500,000,000 and the dominions \$100,000,000.

He pointed out how small the advances to the dominions had been during the war, showing how great was the desire, not only in Canada, but in the other dominions, to carry on the war out of their own expenditures.

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## BRITISH BUDGET IS BIGGEST IN HISTORY

### Bonar Law Announces Increased Taxes.

## AID OF U. S. ACKNOWLEDGED

### America's Loans in Last Year 950 Million Pounds.

## ALLIES SELF-SUPPORTING

### Additional Levies Proposed by Chancellor on English People Would Equal 66 Per Cent of Antebellum Taxation Revenues.

LONDON, April 22.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in introducing the budget in the House of Commons today said it was the largest in the history of the world.

His expectations as to the assistance given to the entente allies by the United States had been fulfilled. Notwithstanding this assistance, the British loans to the allies in the last year were £505,000,000. The United States had advanced to all the allies £950,000,000.

"It is only necessary for us," said the Chancellor, "to lean on the United States to the amount the other allies lean on us. In other words, we are self-supporting."

New Deal With U. S. Pending.

He had been in communication with Secretary McAdoo on the subject of these complicated loan transactions, and with Mr. Crosby, head of the financial mission to Europe, who was on the point of returning to Washington to consult his Government.

"I have made certain suggestions regarding advances to the allies," continued the Chancellor, "which, if adopted, will lessen our burden considerably without in any way increasing the total obligation to the United States."

Giving the figures of the revenue for the last fiscal year, which amount to £707,254,556, a large increase over the preceding year, he said that this was very gratifying, but that real test of the financial position would come when Britain ceased to rely upon borrowing.

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## NIFTY STYLES FOR MEN OBSOLETE

### UTMOST SIMPLICITY IN ATTIRE MARKS REAL PATRIOT.

### Belts on Coats, Cuffs and Sleeves, Patch Pockets, Double-Breasted Coats, All in Bad Taste.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The days of the male "clothing slacker" are numbered, according to Charles F. Wetzel, president of the National Association of the Merchant Tailors of America, who sent out today an appeal to the tailors of the country to eliminate all unnecessary embellishments on men's clothing.

The appeal followed a visit by Mr. Wetzel to the Commercial Economy Board of the Council of National Defense at Washington.

"The day for 'nifty' styles has passed," said Mr. Wetzel today, "and it behooves every man in this country who wishes to help the Government in conservation measures and at the same time to be well dressed, to see to it that only garments made along lines of the utmost simplicity are worn."

"The keynote for all apparel is simplicity and it is just this that the Washington officials are advocating."

Among the eliminations from men's clothing recommended are: Belts on coats, cuffs on sleeves, patch pockets on sack coats, overcoats and vests; pocket flaps, double-breasted sack coats and vests; tunnel loops on trousers and peg-top trousers.

## MASSED FORMATIONS GO

### Ludendorff, in Face of Staggering Losses, Changes Tactics.

LONDON, April 22.—The enormous losses inflicted on the enemy by the British have caused General Ludendorff to change his tactics and he has ordered that no more massed attacks be made by the Germans. The correspondent of the Daily Mail at British headquarters in France reports that General Ludendorff, in an order dated March 30, said:

"The idea of forcing success by the employment of masses must be abolished absolutely. It only leads to unnecessary losses. The effective use of weapons, not of numbers, gives the decision."

The German method of advance since the order, says the correspondent, has been to push forward small bodies of troops with light machine guns.

## OATS ACREAGE FALLS OFF

### Washington Reports Decrease in Winter-Sown Variety.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The winter-sown oats acreage this year is 2,372,000 acres compared with 2,424,000 acres last year, the Department of Agriculture announced today in preliminary estimates.

Winter-sown oats represented about 6 per cent of the entire United States oats acreage in 1917.

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## MONEY, NOT CHEERS, WILL DEFEAT HUN

### Portland Hears Gospel of True Liberty.

## BILL HART FLAYS PACIFIST

### Bond Slacker Likened to Most Common "Thing."

## SENATOR KENYON AT BEST

### Thomas Barker, Representative of Department of Labor, Urges Workers to Stand Squarely Behind Nation During the War.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

Acid-proof patriotism rang as true metal in several addresses to the Portland public yesterday, when distinguished speakers brought messages of the third liberty loan and of other war work near to the cause of freedom. The ministry, literature, statesmanship, labor and the films were represented by the assembled orators, who came at the invitation of the speakers' committee of the third liberty loan for Oregon.

They were Ralph Connor, widely known Canadian author, who is Major Charles W. Gordon, of the Canadian forces, and who spoke yesterday forenoon at the Orpheum and last night at the First Presbyterian church; Senator William S. Kenyon, of Iowa, and Bill Hart, of the movies, who addressed audiences at the Chamber of Commerce at noon, and at the Auditorium last night; and Thomas Barker, representative of the Department of Labor, who spoke at the Chamber of Commerce and at the Northwest Steel Company's shipbuilding plant.

### True Americanism Is Need.

Comrades in the cause of the third liberty loan, two men of widely varying paths of life, are Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, and Big Bill Hart, premier gun-fighter and Western bad man of the screened drama.

A good pair to draw to—aces of the deck of American public men. And they drew all Portland to themselves last night at the Auditorium, with a mass meeting that has no match in the city's annals save that occasion when James W. Gerard, ex-Ambassador to Berlin, came with his stirring story of German intrigue and half-truths.

Bill Hart was the stellar ace of the two, as Senator Kenyon gracefully admitted, and as Edgar B. Piper, chairman of the evening, also intimated, for the thousands of film devotees wanted nothing so much as to see the bad man of the movies in speaking action. Grown folks may flock to hear senators, and those who did so last night heard the breathers of a high patriotic oratory heat and crumble the false rocks of Prussian Kultur—but the kiddies were there by the hundreds, past all counting, and obviously they were not interested in statesmen.

The crowd began to assemble as early as 6:30, and when the speakers were introduced between 6:00 and 7:00 people thronged the structure, while at least 1000 were turned away.

### Allied Nations Praised.

Senator Kenyon's talk was rife with clean American sentiment and vigor. His arraignment of Prussianism peeled the thick hide of Kultur in strips. And his pledge of American freedom is safe autonomy until world freedom is safe forever, set those thousands of Portland patriots cheering wildly.

He gave to our allies the laurels that are their due, for gallant and stout-hearted fighting through bitter days of trial and sacrifice. The spirit of France and England in a fight against a world of Hunners, and the people of their arms without compromise.

Ten million Americans are ready to die, if need be, declared Senator Kenyon, before Prussia shall prevail. When this war shall have ended the might of Germany will be a broken and idle shell, he predicted, and the blood of the German people will be on the hands of the traitors that betrayed them.

And after the war, when Germany plans to capture the trade of the world, he held that no true American will have in his home aught that bears the mark of "made in Germany."

### German Trade Will Suffer.

"I don't want anything in my home made by the hands that have betrayed babies and cut off women's breasts to carry away our souvenirs," he exclaimed. "There's a place for goods that are marked with 'made in Germany,' and if I wasn't a preacher's son I'd say let them take those goods and go to hell with them."

As Bill Hart rose to speak the waves of small boys beat against the rostrum, striving to touch the jingling snare of their film hero. He waved his broad slouch hat at them, the calico shirt sleeves dangling their fringes, he scratched his head meditatively and he talked for the liberty loan as a fighting man talks. But there were sketches of homely wholesome humor sandwiched in, and while the crowd roared mightily when he punched the Kaiser, they laughed when he punched at the number of good jokes.

### Screen Hero Is Cheered.

In their noon talks before the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce the two Bills sent home the shafts of true Americanism to such effect that the afterward danced to the frequent tumults of applause.

Up rose Bill Hart before the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce and he spoke for the liberty loan. (Concluded on Page 7, Column 2.)

## EARTHQUAKE WEATHER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

