

AUSTRALIANS HAPPY IN FIELD FIGHTING

Chance to Leave Trenches for
Battle in Open Is Thoroughly
Welcomed.

ALL IS FEVERISH AT FRONT

Wounded Men Helping Each Other
to Rear, Bursting Shells, Shat-
tered Houses and Dead Ger-
mans Are Few Scenes.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 21.—After these many months of trench warfare, there is keen delight for the Australian troops in the new field work, which the German retreat has opened up. The fighting is in the open country now, over gently-rolling down of what look like grass land. It is really, most of it, wheat or turnip land, which has not been cultivated for a year or two. The country is as open as the Australian central plains.

It is quite a new sort of battlefield for these Australians. They march down to it through valleys almost exactly like the valleys in the peaceful parts of France. There are whole areas in which one cannot see a single shell hole.

Back across the green country or down the open roads come men in twos or threes occasionally, sauntering as one might find them on a country road on Sunday. They are the wounded helping one another back to the dressing station. The waiting wounded have help each other back in these modern battles. It is no longer looked upon as meritorious for an unwounded comrade to leave the field and help a wounded comrade to the rear.

Bayonets Always Fixed.
Nearer the front the country becomes more feverish. Angry bursts of tawny color are seen in a haphazard sort of way dotting the horizon and the countryside. Here and there are Australians in great coats standing behind mounds of earth with their rifles pointed over the top, bayonets always fixed. Frequently when there is no other shelter there are hastily-scooped trenches.

A quarter of a mile away another party is lining a roadside, flat on their stomachs in the ditch, bayonets peeping over the top. Shells are whizzing by at the rate of two or three a minute, high explosives bursting on contact behind their backs, about as far away as the other side of the world.

Over a bit to the right is a deep, French village. Not a living thing is to be seen down these straggling lanes and court streets. The birds are tumbled walls here and there, just as the shells knocked them.

Through them, just as in old battle pictures, may be seen the bodies of dead Germans, at corners, in the angles of tumbled houses, a courtyard visible through a shattered brick wall, two of them visible in the bottom of one of the big craters which the Germans themselves blew at every crossroads to impede the enemy's advance. Nothing sits in the whole scene and the only sound coming from this abode of death is the occasional fall of a tile or some debris thrown skyward by a shell descending from over behind the next village.

Australian Is Earnest.
Once in a while a prisoner is being escorted to the rear. He is a little thing very impressive about these little processions of two men, prisoner and escort. The prisoner, usually a young German private in neat gray uniform and steel helmet, walks in front.

After him, grasping his rifle in both hands across his chest, his weather-beaten brows puckered as he picks his way over the tumbled stones, comes the living embodiment of the Australian back country. Nine cases out of ten, somehow, the soldier who escorts a prisoner seems to be that bit of pure Australia, either from New South Wales or the Warrego or the Burdekin.

He is an earnest man, intent on executing his errand with despatch and exactitude. "Can you tell me the way to headquarters?" he asks as he passes. Then he disappears swiftly up the street on the heels of his silent companion.

These Australians are just as good fighters in this new warfare as they were at Gallipoli or in the trenches, perhaps even better. They had their first encounter with German cavalry the other day, but it was only a faint at flank and lasted only a few minutes.

CAR SHORTAGE AT HEIGHT

Railway Report Shows Situation on
April 1 Worst in History.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The largest freighter shortage ever reported by American railroads existed on April 1, it was announced here today by the American Railway Association.

The shortage on that date was 143,653 cars, an increase of 12,977 as compared with March 1.

35 SHOE FACTORIES QUIT

Lynn Manufacturers Attribute Closing
to Labor Conditions.

LYNN, Mass., April 21.—The Lynn Shoe Manufacturers' Association, whose members control 35 plants in this city, announced today that it had ceased to manufacture shoes because of labor conditions.

The employees recently asked a 10 per cent wage increase.

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BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HEADS MISSION TO WAR COUNCIL IN AMERICA.



ARTHUR J. BALFOUR.

MR. BALFOUR LANDS

Two Troops of Cavalry Are to
Guard Commission.

PRESS AIDS IN PROTECTION

Secretary of State Tells Public How
Newspapers Omitted Mention
of Movements—Some, How-
ever, Give Concern.

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Arrived at a place in America which
cannot be named.

A delegation of State, War and
Navy Department officials welcomed
the commission in the name of the
Government and set out with them to
the Capital for what is admittedly the
most vital conference in American his-
tory.

The Commission was received with
the utmost simplicity and cordiality
and with every recognition of the fact
that Great Britain had given of her
best. It is said, indeed, that no Foreign
Minister has left England for the
length of time that Mr. Balfour will
be away since the Congress of Vienna,
a century ago.

Train Held Five Days.
The formal welcome was extended
by Third Assistant Secretary of State
Breckinridge Long, through the presen-
tation of Mr. Balfour of a letter of
greeting from Secretary Lansing, which
the British statesman acknowledged
with equal simplicity while British and
American officials mingled together.

A special train of five cars, which
had been waiting with steam up and
crew aboard for five days, at once got
under way for the Capital, guarded by
almost no other train ever has been
guarded in this country. Double pro-
tection had been afforded at bridges
and tunnels, and every mile of the
track has been gone over within the
previous 48 hours to guard against a
possible attack. No detail of any sort
whatsoever which could betray the
place of arrival or route of travel was
allowed to escape.

Plans Begun Informally.
Almost immediately when the train
started the large party broke up into
groups of Army, Navy and State De-
partment officials to begin at once the
informal conversations which are ex-
pected to sketch out America's part in
the world fight against German auto-
cracy.

Mr. Balfour and Secretary Long,
Lieutenant-General Bridges, who drew
the first blood for England in August,
1914, and Major-General Leonard Wood,
and Rear-Admiral De Chair and Rear-
Admiral F. P. Fletcher soon were in
deep conversation on the various
phases of American participation.

On all sides it was he said, "that
the British had come in a spirit of
service and appreciation, and that it
was their hope that the lessons they
had learned in the war at such a
moment of service to this country
in avoiding similar mistakes.

Similarly, as one official expressed it,
the Commission was moved by ex-
actly the same feelings which raised
the Stars and Stripes to the flag tower
of the Parliament building in London
for the first time a foreign flag ever
has flown there in history.

Secretary Balfour, a tall, slim, white-
haired man of 69 years, who has held
the highest posts in the Empire since
he first entered Parliament 43 years
ago, saw today the completion of one
of his life's hopes expressed under vast
circumstances on January 15,
1896, when he was largely instrumental
in averting war between England and
America over the Venezuela dispute.

Forecast of Long Ago True.
"I can assure it was he said, "that
those whose national roots go down
into the same past as ours, who share
our language, our literature, our laws,
our religion—these are the ones who
nation great, it cannot but be that a
time will come when they will feel
that they and we have a common duty
to perform, a common office to fulfill
among the nations of the world."

While unable to grant an extended
interview before presenting himself to
President Wilson, Mr. Balfour willingly
consented to say a few words as to his
general hopes for the conference and
the fundamental purposes behind it. A
verbatim copy follows:

"All will agree that my first duty
as head of a diplomatic mission is to
pay my respects to the head of the
state to which I have been sent; and
no public expression of opinion on
points of policy would, I think, be
useful or even tolerable until I have

had the honor of conferring with your
President and learning his views. I
have not come here to make speeches
or indulge in interviews, but to do
what I can to make co-operation easy
and effective between those who are
striving with all their power to bring
about a lasting peace by the only
means that can secure it, namely, a
successful war.

"Without, however, violating the rule
I have just laid down, there are two
things which I may permit myself to
say: One on my own behalf, the
other on behalf of my countrymen in
general.

"On my own behalf, let me express
the satisfaction I feel at being
conducted in any capacity of whatever
with events which associate our coun-
tries in a common effort for a great
ideal.

"On behalf of my countrymen, let me
express our gratitude for all that the
citizens of the United States of Amer-
ica have done to mitigate the lot of
those who in the allied cause have
suffered from the cruelties of the most
deliberately cruel of all wars. To name
no others, the efforts of Mr. Gerard
to alleviate the condition of British
and other prisoners of war in Germany
and the administrative genius which
Mr. Hoover has ungrudgingly devoted
to the relief of the British and
French in the territories still in
enemy occupation, will never be for-
gotten; while an inexhaustible stream
of charitable effort has supplied food,
clothing and nursing skill to the service
of the wounded and the sick.

Wilson's Phrase Indorsed.
"These are the memorable doings of
a beneficent neutrality. But the days
of neutrality are, I rejoice to think, at
an end; and the first page is being
turned in a new chapter in the history
of mankind. Your President, in a most
apt and vivid phrase, has proclaimed
that the world must be made safe for
democracy. Democracies wherever they
are to be found and to expand, and
democracies of the British Empire, will
hail the pronouncement as a happy
augury. That self-governing commu-
nities are not to be treated as mere
simply because they are small; that the
ruthless domination of one unscrupu-
lous power imperils the future of civil-
ization and the liberties of mankind;
that the bitter experience of war is burning
into the souls of all freedom-loving peoples,
that this great people should have
thrown themselves wholeheartedly into
this mighty struggle, prepared for all
the efforts and sacrifices that may be
required to win success in this most
righteous cause, is an event at once
so happy and so momentous that only
the history of the future will be able
to do justice to it. A. J. BALFOUR."

PARTY GOES TO CAPITAL TODAY
Press Aids Protection and Wins
Government's Thanks.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Foreign
Minister Balfour and the other mem-
bers of the commission sent to America
by the Government of Great Britain are
expected to arrive in Washington at 3
o'clock tomorrow afternoon on a special
train.

Secretary Lansing received tonight
this telegram from Mr. Balfour sent in
reply to a letter of greeting:
"Allow me to thank you most cordially
for the warm expressions of welcome
from the Government and people of
the United States, conveyed in the
letter handed me by the American com-
missioner at the place of departure. I
accept on behalf of myself and my
mission the generous offer of hospital-
ity made by the President on behalf of
the Nation.

"May I add an expression of the pro-
found satisfaction with which I find
myself on American soil at this crisis
in the history of the world?"
There will be little ceremony in the
greeting of the visitors at the railroad
station tomorrow. Secretary Lansing
will be on the platform to receive Mr.
Balfour.

Two troops of the Second Cavalry will
escort Mr. Balfour and his immediate
party, accompanied by Mr. Lansing, to
the residence prepared for them.

The safe landing of Mr. Balfour and
his party was announced today by the
State Department.

The official announcement said:
"The Department of State has been
advised of the safe landing of Mr.
Balfour and his party."

In a supplementary statement the
State Department expressed its appreci-
ation to those newspapers which in co-
operation with the Government have
efforts to insure the safety of the British
party, refrained from previously pub-
lishing news of their arrival and ex-
pressing its concern that others disre-
garded the Government's request.

The statement follows:
"The Department of State wishes to
make known to the public that on April
17 and again on April 20 it issued con-
fidential requests to the editors of the
country asking that there be no publi-
cation of news or speculation concern-
ing the movement of the British mis-
sion which is coming to Washington

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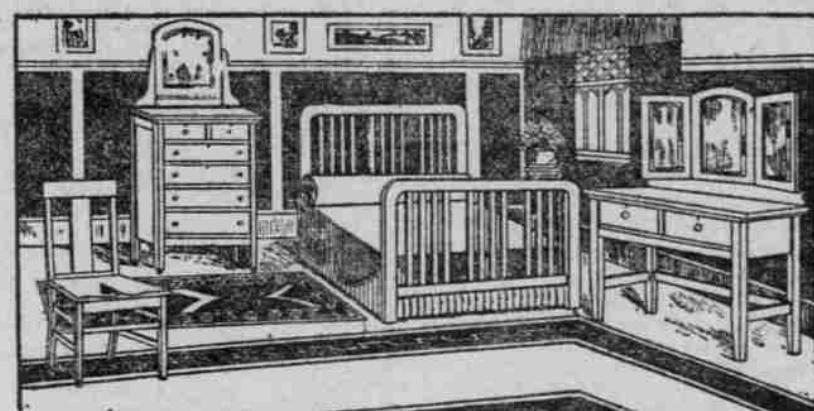
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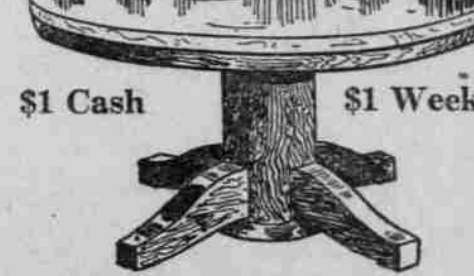
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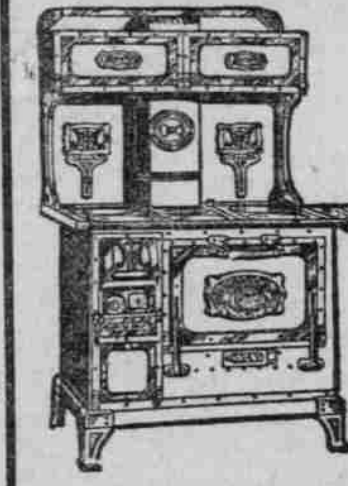
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eight-foot extension, an ex-
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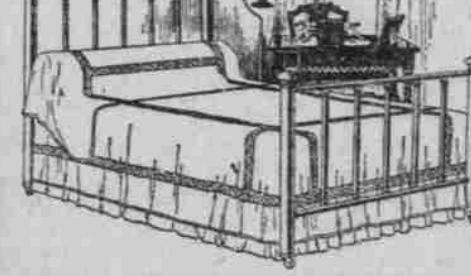
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20,000 ACRES IN POTATOES

Greeley, Colorado, District Will In-
crease Production One-Fourth.

GREELEY, Colo., April 21.—Instead
of 16,000 acres, as planned last year, the
Greeley district this year will devote
approximately 20,000 acres to potatoes
this spring, according to estimates
made by men in touch with the situa-
tion.

The number of carloads of potatoes
shipped from Greeley this season are
said to be the largest since a crop failure
five years ago.

Local produce dealers anticipate a
record planting of onions, cabbage and
"garden truck" this year in this dis-
trict. Seed supplies are reported good.

Anti-Deport Riots Cease.
PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil, April 21.—
The anti-deport riots have ceased and
normal conditions have been restored.
A number of patriotic manifestations
have taken place throughout the state
of Rio Grande do Sul.

Holland Asserts Neutrality.
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Holland
has formally notified the State De-
partment that it will maintain a strict
neutrality in the war between Ger-
many and the United States.

Roseburg Man Wounded in France.
ROSEBURG, Or., April 21.—(Special.)
—Word has been received in Roseburg
announcing that Fred Miller, until a
few months ago night clerk at a local

hotel is in a hospital in London recover-
ing from wounds received in one of the
front-line trenches in France. Upon
leaving Roseburg Mr. Miller went to
Troy, N. Y., and thence to Canada, where he
enlisted.

Woman Traveler Killed.
LA PORTE, Ind., April 21.—A woman,
believed to have been Mrs. Mary Lar-
son, traveling from Des Moines, Ia., to
Troy, N. Y., fell or jumped from a New
York Central passenger train today.
The body, clad in a night robe, was
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