

AMERICANS CRUSH BIG HUN ATTACK

Kaiser's Storm Troops Beaten Near Toul

ENEMY IS HURLED BACK

Boches Take Seicheprey With 1200 Men, but Yankees Hurl Them Out, Killing Many.

U. S. BOYS FELL 2 AIRMEN

Germans Assault on Front of Mile and Engagement Rages Furiously Hand-to-Hand.

(By the Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, April 20.—Twelve hundred German storm troops, the largest number ever concentrated against the American troops for an offensive operation, were hurled against the American positions on a one-mile front west of Renneres forest, northwest of Toul, today, after a terrific bombardment of gas and high explosive shells.

The enemy succeeded in penetrating the front-line trenches and taking the village of Seicheprey, but, after furious hand-to-hand fighting, which was still going on at nightfall, the American troops recaptured the village and most of the ground lost in the early fighting.

Three Huns Are Captured.

No Americans were taken prisoner, but three Germans were captured.

German airplanes, flying at a low altitude, attempted to disorganize the American fighting men, but two enemy aviators were brought down and the others driven off.

The Germans suffered heavy casualties and the American lines remained virtually intact.

The German airmen poured machine-gun fire into the American troops, but the anti-aircraft batteries came into play and American airmen took the air, bringing down two of the enemy planes and dispersing the others. All the American airmen returned safely.

Boche Expectations Unrealized.

The attacking troops carried rations and entrenching tools, indicating that they intended to occupy the American positions for a long period. A heavy haze overhung the sector when the attack began, but later there was brilliant sunshine. The American artillerymen did valiant work, the men on many of the batteries wearing gas masks.

The enemy's casualties are believed to have been the heaviest sustained by him thus far in any operations against American troops. Numbers of Ger-

VIMY RIDGE WOUNDS SET CONVICT FREE

AMERICAN ESCAPES FROM PRISON, ENLISTS WITH CANADIANS.

Full Pardon Granted for Past Offenses and Government Will Care for Helpless Soldier.

LANING, Mich., April 20.—Edward Putnam, alias William Brennan, who escaped from Jackson prison while serving a sentence for larceny and enlisted in 1915 in the Canadian army, was granted an absolute pardon today.

Putnam served at Vimy Ridge and was so badly wounded that he is virtually helpless. On being discharged he came back to Michigan and was recognized and returned to prison.

He was to be taken today to London, Ont., where he will be cared for at the expense of the Canadian government.

OLYMPIA FIREMEN STRIKE

Mayor Says Salary Increase Demanded Is Impossible.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Olympia's fire department went on strike today. The chief asked for an increase from \$100 to \$120 monthly, the assistant chief asked \$125 and the force demanded six firemen at \$100 each, where four formerly served at \$85.

Mayor Jesse Mills says the increase is impossible and temporary firemen have been placed on duty until the department can be reorganized. All the men walked out but the chief, who remained until he could be relieved.

RISTORI STATUE MELTED

Austrians Methodically Devastated Occupied Italian Territory.

ROME, April 20.—In their methodical devastation of the occupied Italian territories, the Austrians have melted down all the bronze statues in the towns, which were such familiar objects of public interest.

One of the statues destroyed was that of the famous actress, Adelaide Ristori, who achieved distinction in the United States as well as Europe several decades ago, playing with Edwin Booth. The statue of the actress, who died in 1908, was at Cividade, her birthplace.

HELLO GIRLS ON THEIR WAY

Recruits at Y. M. C. A. Training School Speak French Fluently.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A unit of 25 young women telephone operators, recruited from all parts of the country and who can answer both to "hello" and "alla," is billeted at the National Y. M. C. A. training school here, awaiting sailing orders to join the United States Signal Corps auxiliary service in France.

All speak French fluently.

COSTA RICA TO BUY BONDS

Central American Republic to Have Liberty Loan Campaign.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Announcement that Costa Rica, one of the Central American republics, which has broken relations with Germany, is to conduct a campaign for the sale of United States liberty bonds, was made here tonight by Alfred Gonzalez, ex-President of Costa Rica, in an address at a liberty loan rally.

SWISS NEUTRALITY MYTH

Violations Up to January 31 Number 586; Protests of Slight Avail.

GENEVA, Switzerland, April 20.—The neutrality of Switzerland had been violated 586 times up to the end of January, according to an official announcement today.

In 418 instances aviators were responsible. Switzerland has received little satisfaction from the protests made.

WOOD SHIP LEAVES WAYS IN 51 DAYS

Wakan Launched Just Before Midnight.

WORLD'S MARK ESTABLISHED

Fast Job Done Without Sunday or Holiday Labor.

WHISTLES HERALD EVENT

Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company's Wager of \$10,000 That No Plant in Country Can Beat Them Still Stands Uncovered.

A world's record in rapid wooden ship construction was established in Portland last night when the hull of the steamer Wakan left the ways of the Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company at 11:57 P. M. and glided out upon the moonlit waters of the Willamette River.

The keel of the Wakan was laid only 51 days ago. From the start until the Wakan was released last night the men labored neither Sundays nor holidays.

The launching was successful in every way and nothing occurred to mar the occasion, memorable because of the new world's record which it established.

Sports.

Mrs. Andrew Porter Sponsor.

Mrs. Andrew R. Porter was sponsor for the Wakan when she left the ways. Workmen employed in the building of the Wakan and a number of invited guests watched and applauded when the steamer slid majestically into the water. Craft and plants all along the river front signaled the launching by prolonged blasts of their whistles.

Every man connected with the Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company had an interest in the record ship. From the time it began to take shape, and it was evident that better speed was being maintained than ever before, there was a determination to make a mark that would stand for some time.

Wakan Is Ninth Ship.

The hull of the Wakan, the pioneer of that plant, was floated February 17 and two days later the keel of the Wakan went into place on the ways vacated by the first carrier. There are eight sets of ways in use and the Wakan was the ninth ship that company has put overboard, all being floated since February 17, an average in excess of one hull a week.

It was only a short time after the keel went into place that a shipyard on Puget Sound, the Seaborn plant, advised the Emergency Fleet Corporation's executives at Washington that in 10 days the full framing of a Ferris ship has been placed. It was intimated no other yard could exceed the showing. The Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company was engaged in building Hough ships then, but soon after started a Ferris ship, and just to show what speed really means the men determined to practice on the Wakan. They felt so good about the prospect of a race with another yard that \$10,000 was posted that no plant in the country could beat them in speed, workmanship and efficiency. The bet has not been covered and, after last night's launching, it is doubted if it will be.

Three More Hough Ships Due.

The company originally undertook to build 12 Hough ships at Portland and eight on Grays Harbor, so there remain three of that design to be floated here, and thereafter Ferris ships will be turned out, eight of the latter having been contracted for by the Government and four of them are on the stocks.

Portland contributed three hulls yesterday.

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CLAWS OF TEUTON WOMEN CLIPPED

Wilson Announces New Law in Effect.

INTERNMENT NOW PROVIDED

Enemy Aliens in Skirts to Be Dealt With Same as Men.

AUSTRIANS ARE FAVORED

Necessity of Registration Waived in Case of Natives of Dual Monarchy—Restrictions Complete in Case of Feminine Huns.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—German and Austrian women in the United States were placed under the same restrictions as have prevailed for male enemy aliens by a proclamation issued today by President Wilson under the recently enacted law, including women in the definition of enemy aliens.

These restrictions, applicable only to women above 14 who have not been naturalized by their own or their male relatives' declarations of citizenship, are as follows:

German and Austrian women are subject to arrest and internment if they violate the laws or are regarded as dangerous persons to allow at large.

Registration to Be Enforced.

German women must register, as German males have done, with police or postmasters, on some future date to be determined by Attorney-General Gregory.

German women are forbidden to enter barred zones about water fronts and warehouses without special permit after a date not yet determined by the Attorney-General.

German women must leave the District of Columbia by next Monday midnight, if they are transients, or by May 5, if they have lived in the district since war was declared. None may enter the district.

Authorities Powerless Heretofore.

By these restrictions the Government hopes to rid the country of a number of women who are suspected of having promoted German propaganda, even after their husbands or other male relatives were interned.

Until now the authorities have been powerless to take any action against the women enemy aliens because an old statute included only males above the age of 14. The recent law amends the old law by removing the word "males."

In lines with the President's policy of leniency toward male subjects of Austria-Hungary, the women of this nationality will be subject only to the general danger of being interned if they prove dangerous.

Announcement of Date Delayed.

The date on which German women will be barred from waterfronts will be announced as soon as arrangements can be made for women to apply for permits and thorough investigation of each applicant.

The number of German women in the United States is estimated at about 400,000, or 100,000 less than the number of German males.

A week will be assigned later for the registration and women will be required to give full information concerning their individual records, their families and to record their finger prints.

Thereafter they may move to other places of residence only after obtaining permit from the registering agent.

Police will conduct registration in

U-BOAT IS BEATEN, DECLARES KERNEY

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIRECTOR TELLS NAVY'S TRIUMPH.

No Tonnage Lost Along West Coast of France During the Last Three Months.

A FRENCH SEAPORT, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—"I have seen so much that is fine in the way our Navy is keeping the faith along the west coast of France," said James Kerney, director of the Franco-American committee of public information, "that I think the folks at home would like to know how admirably our troops and supplies are being safeguarded." "A French Vice-Admiral told me that it was due to the great skill and co-operation of the American Navy that no tonnage had been lost on this coast for three months. He was most enthusiastic in his praise of Rear Admiral Wilson, who seems to have captured all this part of France. "The depth bomb, the listening device and the hydro-airplanes in the hands of the Americans have conquered the submarines. "It happened to be at a port when a convoy, including several big troop ships, formerly German liners, came in. I went on board some of these transports and found the troops happy in admirable surroundings. I also visited some of the destroyers. "The commanders of both the ships and destroyers go without sleep for days at a time in order that the troops shall be safe from danger." Mr. Kerney referred to the deep feeling shown by the rural population of France about America. "Along the roadside," he said, "it is not uncommon for women and children to kneel as our American military cars go by. "In one very old church, where we stopped, we found the Stars and Stripes draped over a tablet recording the names of the parish boys who had gone to the front." BIG GUN MENACES SPANISH Subjects of Alfonso in France May Ask King to Intervene. PARIS, April 20.—Senor Alonso, former secretary of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Paris, has addressed an appeal to Spanish residents of France to sign a petition to King Alfonso requesting him to endeavor to stop the bombardment of Paris by German aircraft and long range guns. The appeal says the lives of thousands of Spaniards here are menaced, while Spain extends her hospitality to 100,000 subjects of the central powers. Yesterday's long range bombardment, which consisted of three shots at wide intervals, resulted in no casualties and did little damage. LOAFING OUT OF FASHION Grays Harbor Employment Agents Need 400 Men for Jobs. ABERDEEN, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Loafing has gone out of vogue in Aberdeen, employment agents say. They are finding no idlers around town and few men are changing jobs by shifting from one camp or mill to another. About 400 men for various kinds of camp, mill and shipyard work are being sought, and employment agents believe practically the entire number will have to be brought from outside of the Harbor district. 25,000 WOMEN PARADE Procession at Philadelphia Reviewed by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, came here from Washington this afternoon, and from a grandstand at Broad street reviewed a parade of 25,000 Philadelphia women who are working to win the war. The most conspicuous group in the procession was a company of 50 Armenian women dressed in deep mourning. ARMIES IN FRANCE SPAR FOR OPENING Big Guns Presage Renewal of Struggle. LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS OCCUR German Raids Against French and Belgians Fruitless. BRITISH MAKE MINOR GAINS Teutons Lose Nine Machine Guns, Trench Mortar and Prisoners in Conflict With English—Huns Outfought Near Givency. PARIS, April 20.—There was strong artillery activity today west of the Avre and on both banks of the Meuse. The Germans, in a minor attack east of Mt. Mihel, gained a footing in the French trenches, but were ejected, according to the War Office announcement tonight. German attacks against the Belgians today resulted in the gaining of some ground by the enemy, who, however, was almost immediately driven back, according to the Belgian official communication tonight. **German Raid Is Futile.** German troops last night launched a raiding operation against the French lines in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre, southeast of Amiens. The effort was a failure. The French took prisoners in this local action. The artillery has been active along the southern battle line between Lassigny and Noyon. LONDON, April 20.—There was no fighting of great importance on the British front, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters. The operations were largely confined to small affairs carried out by the British, who succeeded in improving their line a little. (By the Associated Press.) Renewal of heavy fighting is momentarily looked for along the western battle front, not only on the Flanders line, but the south, in the Somme area, where the Germans made their bid for a quick victory last month and failed in their larger purpose of dividing the British and French armies at a single stroke. Reports from the front show that signs are not wanting that the Germans purpose attacking again in the Amiens area. Against this blow the armies of six nations are standing together today in the battle area—British, French, American, Belgian, Italian and Portuguese divisions—ready not only to repel the inevitable attack, but to strike back when the proper moment comes. **Allies Hold When Necessary.** Apparently, the allies have thrown in only enough of their reserves to hold the Germans, conserving their strength as far as possible. It has been noted, however, that when the necessity of holding becomes imperative the holding power was there. In the north the enemy, after his bitter reverses of Thursday and Friday along the Givency, St. Venant line south of the Lys, apparently is pausing to organize more thoroughly for attacks upon Mount Kemmel, the dominating peak in the ridge zone, which the British are holding firmly southwest of Ypres. **British Line Restored.** Field Marshal Haig found himself able to take the aggressive on Friday night and carry out an operation which deprived the Germans of even such small gains as they had been forced to content themselves with when Thursday's battle was over. By this intensive British action the line, as it stood SOME EVENTS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS AS CARTONIST REYNOLDS SEES THEM. B. 101.0