

BRITISH GAIN NEW GROUND FROM KAISER

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FALL OF VIMY RIDGE IS BLOW TO THE GERMANS

Little More Advance by British Will Place Them in Position to Turn German Flank and Menace Strong Hindenburg Position.

King Congratulates Haig. London, April 10.—(U. P.)—King George today sent this message to Field Marshal Haig: "The whole empire will rejoice at the news of yesterday's successful operations. Canada will be proud that taking of the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to the lot of her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have taken part in this splendid achievement."

By William Philip Simms. With the British Armies Afield, April 10.—(U. P.)—There is every reason to believe that by tonight the great British smash will have yielded Field Marshal Haig 15,000 prisoners and between 50 and 100 guns. The driving force of the great offensive was undiminished today, even with bitter opposition from the enemy.

While these figures are unofficial, they are based on careful estimates and calculations. The British have advanced to a point four miles to the east of Arras, and have stormed four systems of trenches along the north bank of the Scarpe in the zone that was famous for their boisterous strength. To the south of the Scarpe today the British were attacking the system of the German line, which is nearly opposite the famous "Hindenburg line." From this point the fighting front runs by Feuchy, Chappelle to the east to Neuville Vitaine and southward. All along in this section the

CIVIL POPULATION OF RHEIMS IS ORDERED TO EVACUATE TOWN

French Evidently Expect German Attack on Famous City in Marne Sector.

Paris, April 10.—(U. P.)—French authorities today ordered evacuation of Rheims by the civil population. For the past few days the Germans have been waging a powerful offensive northeast of Rheims. Order for civil evacuation of the city may be due to a desire to save needless sacrifice in the bombardment of the town by the Germans, or because of unusual military steps about to be taken there.

Paris, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—An advance by the French between the Coucy forest and the Aisne river and the repulse of a German attack in Champagne, southeast of Rheims, were reported by the war office today. There were heavy artillery duels. The text of the official communique follows: "German artillery north of the Oise was less active last night. There were numerous patrol encounters. South of the Oise the French advanced near Coucy forest. Near La Faux, north of Soissons, there was heavy cannonading. We repulsed a German attack southeast of Rheims and north of Sillery. There was grenade fighting near Maisons De Champagne farm."

Indian Enlists for Aviation Service

Ernest Cloquet, an Indian of Kelson, Wash., was enlisted in the aviation section of the United States Army Signal Corps, last week, through Captain Huebner's recruiting station in the Worcester building.

Carleton Swift Is Licensed to Wed

Chicago, April 10.—Carleton B. Swift of the Portland Cattle Loan Co. is licensed to wed Miss Eliza Leonard of Chicago.

Free Russia Does Not Seek Dardanelles

Provisional Government Relinquishes Claim on Constantinople as Part of Price of Peace.

Petrograd, April 10.—(U. P.)—The provisional government today announced relinquishment of its claim for Russia's Constantinople as part of the price of peace, as previously stated by the bureaucratic regime. The proclamation specifically explains: "The government deems it a duty to declare that free Russia does not aim at domination of other nations, nor the occupation by force of foreign territories. Russia does not rest for strengthening of her power abroad at the expense of other nations. The government does not aim to subjugate or humiliate anyone. These principles constitute the basis of its foreign policy."

Kaiser Sends Peace emissary

Amsterdam, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—The Kaiser is bending all efforts toward obtaining a separate peace with Russia. This, the German noted Socialist leader, has left Berlin on a secret mission, according to a dispatch received here Monday night. It is estimated freely that Scheideman's mission is to get in touch with leaders of the Socialists in Russia, many of whom are known to favor peace.

Tell Truth, Says Russia

Petrograd, April 10.—(U. P.)—"The government has the right to hide the truth when the state is in danger and every effort must be made to save it," declared an official proclamation issued today.

WAR IS DECLARED BY BRAZIL ON GERMANY, STATES RIO DISPATCH

South American Power Follows Example of U. S. After Ships Are Sunk.

Rio de Janeiro, April 10.—(U. P.)—Brazil declared war on Germany today. The text of the government's declaration was as follows: "Brazil's action makes it the first South American country to enter the world conflict. This action followed the sinking of the Brazilian steamer Parana by a German submarine. Passports have been issued for the German minister and consuls throughout Brazil and they will depart immediately for Spain."

The government officials plan to seize all German ships in Brazilian waters.

By H. B. Robertson. Rio de Janeiro, April 10.—(U. P.)—War loomed more likely than diplomatic rupture between Brazil and Germany today. The city seethed with demand for instant hostilities. Foreign minister Muller was reported to have resigned, with other members of the cabinet. It was understood passports for the German minister and consuls throughout Brazil would be issued, and they will depart immediately for Spain.

The public, on the other hand, today apparently regarded the diplomatic war as purely a preliminary step to war.

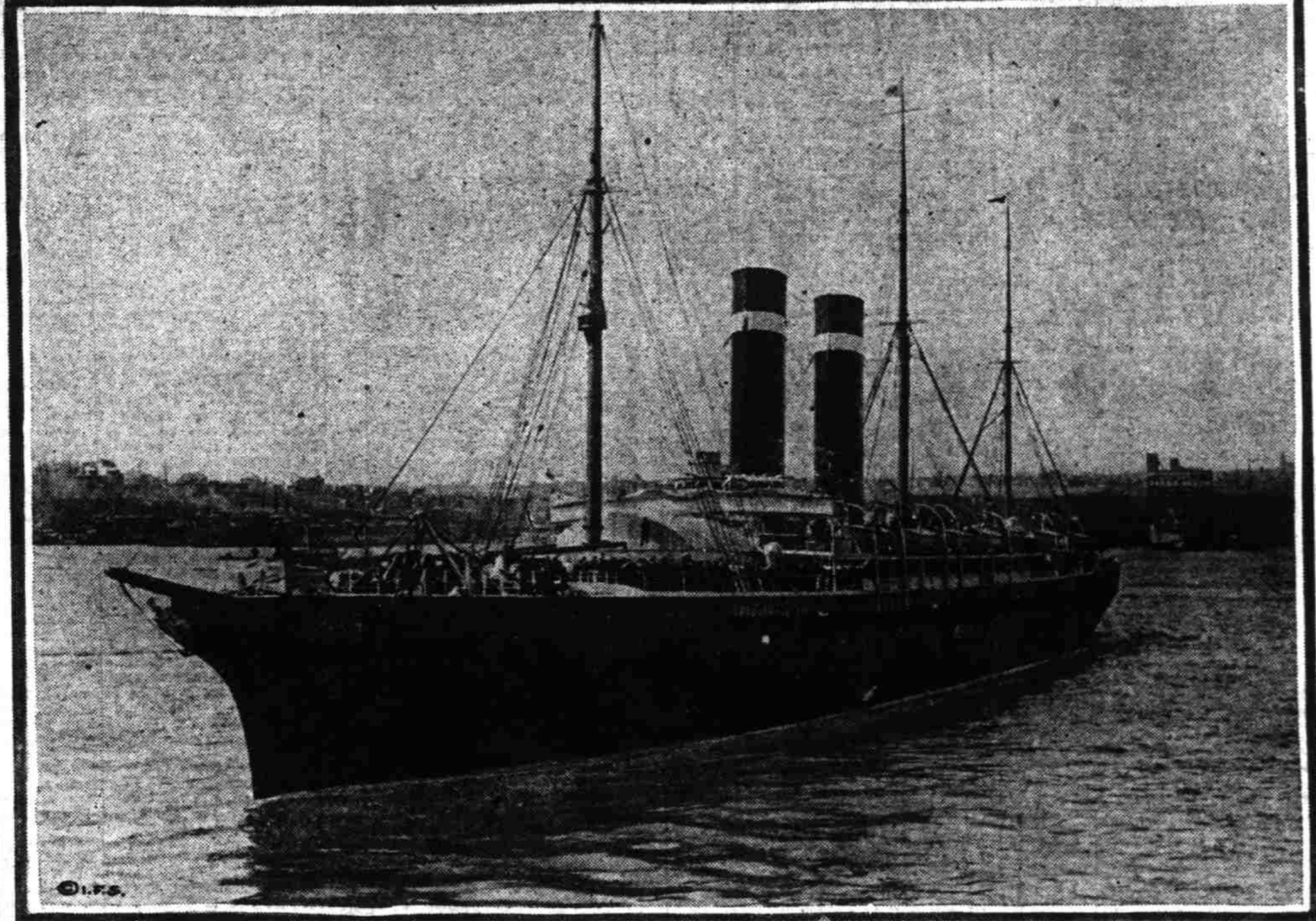
Washington Not Informed

Washington, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—No word of Brazil's action in declaring war on Germany had reached the Brazilian embassy here at a late hour this afternoon. In the absence of advice, officials declined to talk.

Six Inch Gun Keeps Diver at Distance

New York, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—A six-inch gun mounted on the stern of the Cunard liner Ansonia frightened away a German submarine as the liner struck a mine in the "barred zone" 100 miles off the coast of Ireland. Twenty minutes afterward the same submarine torpedoed and sunk a British tramp steamer.

BIG AMERICAN LINER NEW YORK, WHICH HIT FLOATING MINE NEAR LIVERPOOL LAST NIGHT AND WAS TOWED INTO PORT, CABLES SAY SHE WAS DAMAGED IN ONLY ONE WATER-TIGHT COMPARTMENT AND THAT ALL OF HER PASSENGERS WERE LANDED SAFELY IN LIVERPOOL. THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF THE TRAMP STEAMER THAT STRUNG THE MINES WERE TAKEN AND EXECUTED, IT IS REPORTED.



STATE-WIDE APPEAL SENT OUT TO GROW MORE FOODSTUFFS

Letters asking cooperation in a state-wide campaign to increase the food supply are going from the Chamber of Commerce today to the Oregon Agricultural college, the state grange and other organizations. The action is taken in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce, Monday, through the members' council.

The purpose is to secure a general organization and by means of it bring about an increase in the actual amount of land planted to crops this year, to encourage the cultivation of back yards and vacant lots, to see what can be done to secure seeds at reasonable prices and labor when needed, and to facilitate transportation.

Active Cooperation Urged. Some organizations have difficulty in working together. The resolution adopted Monday pleads, "that reasons which ordinarily keep organizations from cooperating be ignored in this campaign at least during stress of war."

The "food preparedness" train dispatched over lines of the O-W. R. & N. Monday under direction of the extension division of Oregon Agricultural college will be made an aid in the campaign. The agricultural college faculty members in attendance will give instruction in vegetable gardening, poultry keeping and the economical use of food. Organization of clubs to aid the effort to increase the food supply will be undertaken in Hood River, The Dalles, Bend, Redmond, Wasco, Hermiston, Pendleton, Milton, Wallawa, Enterprise, Elgin, La Grande and Baker.

R. D. Hetsel, director of the extension division of the agricultural college, will come to Portland Wednesday after two days spent with the "food preparedness" train and his address before the Portland Ad club at noon Monday will be an appeal to the advertising men of the organization to join the general organization.

Freight Rates Will Be Increased Soon

Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Immediate increases in the general freight rates are being prepared today as a result of a special conference between the Interstate Commerce commission and representatives of the railroads of the country called to consider urgent needs of the railroads for additional revenue on account of the war.

Brownsville Glove Factory Destroyed

Albany, Or., April 10.—Fire breaking out in the old glove factory in South Brownsville Sunday night threatened the destruction of the Christian church and other property. The factory building, which was unoccupied, was destroyed, the church caught fire several times, and was only saved after the most diligent kind of work by the bucket brigade.

American Liner New York Hits Floating Mine Five Miles Off Liverpool, But Reaches Port

Big Passenger Steamer Damaged by German-Set Mine, But Bulkhead System Works and All on Board are Saved; Mine-layer is Captured.

Washington, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—The American liner New York struck a floating mine at 7:40 o'clock last night while five miles off Liverpool. All of her passengers with the exception of four who refused to leave the ship were transferred to patrol boats. The liner, under her own steam, successfully negotiated the passage into Liverpool harbor and will be docked at once. There were no casualties.

The report of the accident to the New York was sent to the state department by Consul Washington at Liverpool.

The text of the message was made public today. It was as follows: "The American liner New York struck a floating mine last night at 7:40 while she was five miles outside of Liverpool."

The captain reports that all of the passengers excepting four, who elected to remain on board, were transferred to patrol boats which were in the vicinity. "There were no casualties. The vessel under her own steam proceeded into the harbor and successfully docked."

NEW MOTORSHIP TO TAKE DIP IN RIVER, WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

W. F. Burroughs, Building at Standifer-Clarkson Yards, Awaits Launching.

Launching of the motorship W. F. Burroughs, building at the Standifer-Clarkson yards in North Portland, is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Wilson Will Insist on Conscription for the American Army

War Preparations Must Not Be Slowed Up by Volunteer Plan, He Says.

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Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Efforts of advocates of the "volunteer system" to force a compromise which will nullify the selective conscription feature of the new army plan will fail, President Wilson let it be known today through administration leaders that he cannot approve any action which will "slow up" the war preparations of the nation. He has made up his mind, his advisers say, that the volunteer system will not furnish the number or quality of men that this nation must have at once to be a real factor in the world war.

It is understood to be the intention of the president to endeavor to win over the opposition through a series of personal conferences. He held the first of these yesterday with Chairman Dent of the house military affairs and today talked things over with Representative Anthony of Kansas and other advocates of the volunteer plan. Administration leaders who have canvassed both houses of congress are

Roosevelt Confers with Wilson; Strong for Expedition Plan

Some Opposition to J. Herbert Anderson Says He Is "Heart and Soul" in Favor of Obligatory Military Training.

Boys Fire an Old Cannon; "Boom" Is Carried 18 Miles

Walla Walla, Wash., April 10.—Dayton, Wash. held a patriotic celebration last Friday and one of the events was to have been the firing of an old Civil War cannon, standing in the courthouse yard. The powder charge failed to ignite for some reason, however, so that part of the program was omitted.

AMMUNITION PLANT NEAR PHILADELPHIA BLOWS UP; MANY EMPLOYEES KILLED

Baldwin Locomotive Factory at Eddystone, Manufacturing Shells for Russian Government, Is Scene of Terrific Explosion—Estimate 101 Dead, Mostly Women and Girls.

AUTHORITIES BEGIN INVESTIGATION ON THEORY IT WAS NOT ACCIDENT

Nine Buildings Completely Shattered by Force of Three Shocks—Minor Explosions Follow—Nearby Towns Rush Aid Quick as Possible.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 10.—(I. N. S.)—Rumors have been persistent since last Friday that the Eddystone plant was to be blown up. Mary Rivard, a girl ammunition plant worker, announced late today at Chester that she had resigned yesterday along with several other girls because of these rumors. Late this afternoon federal authorities had arrested 20 suspects in connection with the holocaust. "I am working along big lines," said Frank L. Garbarino, head of the Philadelphia bureau of the department of justice. "It might have been a time clock for a big bomb that caused the explosions."

Chester, Pa., April 10.—(U. P.)—Thousands of pounds of explosives intended to arm Europe's soldiers today were touched off in some unknown fashion and reaped a horrible harvest of death among young girls and women. More than 100 employees of the Baldwin Locomotive Works munitions plant, mainly girls employed in filling shellpans, were missing late this afternoon. Bits of charred bodies scattered over an inclosure of great extent and resembling a European battlefield in the great crater torn out of the earth by the heavy explosions. Efforts are being made to ascertain the exact death list.

101 Known to Be Dead. An official statement late this afternoon from Coroner White of Chester said 101 were known to be dead. All the bodies had then been taken from the ruins. Although this number of dead was officially reported it was impossible to verify the number because the bodies were all so badly charred it was impossible to ascertain in many cases even whether they were men or women. Coroner White stated that there was only one woman who had taken from the wreckage that could ever possibly be identified.

Hospitals Filled With Injured. Two hospitals were filled with injured. The list will reach nearly 200. Many cannot live. Their bodies were torn and twisted by the explosion, many of them were killed by the terrific heat, their features blackened and well nigh unrecognizable. Anguishing scenes occurred around the site of the explosion. Armed guards, inspired by wild rumors of German plots and determined to learn the truth of what had happened, were all over the ruins, ready to seize anyone known to have been employed in the plant where the explosion occurred. The cries of the sorrowing relatives all afternoon at the sound of intermittent popping of shells.

Red Cross Societies Mobilized. The Red Cross societies of Wilmington, Del.; Philadelphia, Chester, Wallingford and other nearby cities, already admitted by the federal government as war workers, turned at once to the aid of the stricken city, all nurses and physicians volunteering at once.

Occasionally guards would bring out black bits of flesh of the dead or terribly injured survivors.

U. S. Steel Scores Another Record. New York, April 10.—(U. P.)—The record book of the United States steel corporation scored another high mark today when the monthly report of unfilled orders listed unfilled tonnage as 1,711,444 on March 31, an increase of 184,847 tons. This figure compared with 9,321,001 tons on March 31, 1916.