

'DEFEND AT ANY COST' PLAN OF GERMANS IN OPPOSING BIG DRIVE

Defenders Literally Glut the
First Line Defenses; Fire of
French Is Deadly.

OFFENSIVE PREPARED FOR

Thirteen Full Divisions With Six
Brought Up as Reinforcements
Failed to Stop Frenchmen.

By Henry Wood.
With the French armies in the field, April 19.—(U. P.)—"Defend at any cost," is the word which has gone along the German front where the French are battering in their great offensive.

What that "cost" has been, without stopping the French drive or even slowing up the forward movement of the offensive, was apparent today in the count of prisoners, in the heaps of German dead and in the demoralization of the defenders apparent everywhere. The German plan seems to be to gorge the first line of their defenses with troops. They literally glut the first line trenches.

Human Bulwarks Used.
The German earthwork fortifications, battered into nothingness by French guns, are apparently being replaced by human bulwarks of massed men. Into these masses of Germans the French fire is playing death with fearful certainty.

It was learned today that when Monday's onslaught began by the French the Germans had massed 13 full divisions (at least 250,000 men) along the line of the Soissons-Rheims front in anticipation of the great battle. It had been forecast by terrific French artillery preparation. The Germans expected the offensive. They prepared for it.

Gains Are Not Stopped.
But so furious was the force with which the French struck that during the day German commanders were compelled to bring up six new divisions in an attempt to stem the advance. Six divisions contain approximately 120,000 men. And still the Germans could not prevent the French gains.

Prisoners told freely today that the German orders were to resist at all sacrifices of men and of supplies. It was noted that no counter offensive movements of a general nature are being attempted by the enemy. The Teutonic commanders are exerting every ounce of their strength in trying to hold to the line; they apparently realize it cannot be expected the exhausted German troops will be able to face the terrific French artillery fire in offensive operations.

FRENCH TROOPS CONTINUE DRIVE WITH NEW VIGOR

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panic stage. A week ago first evidence of a breakdown in the morale of the German defenders was observed and reported by British commanders in the drive around Lens.

Today, with General Nivelle's French forces in some places more than five miles behind the German lines, official statements told of German retreat in great disorder, of abandonment of big quantities of supplies, of something akin to terror among the Ger-

SOUTHERN PACIFIC EMPLOYEES HOLD IMPRESSIVE FLAG RAISING

Employees of the Southern Pacific company's shops at Brooklyn held inspiring flag raising exercises Wednesday afternoon, a great flag purchased with the donations from the employees being raised to the peak of a 115 foot pole in an impressive ceremony.

The staff, the gift of S. B. Cobb, had been set in an open space in front of the shops, and to the accompaniment of patriotic airs by the Third Oregon band, the flag was raised slowly to its top, veteran employees of the shops



pulling on the ropes.
More than 300 shop and office employees attended the ceremony, the program including addresses and the playing of patriotic music, as well as the actual flag raising.
Among the speakers were Mayor H. R. Albee, Captain Miller, U. S. A. Superintendent Frank L. Burckhalter and J. E. Werlein.
Mrs. Fred L. Olson sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," to the accompaniment of Parsons' orchestra, and the Third regiment band played a number of selections.



Great flag purchased with donations as it was being raised to top of 115-foot flag pole in yards at Brooklyn shops yesterday.

mans heretofore held stolid by the iron discipline of the militarist system.

Prisoners by Thousands Taken.
The tremendous number of prisoners captured by the French drive also attests demoralization of the enemy, due to their fearful losses not alone in the fury of the French artillery fire and the dash of the troops themselves, but in the slaughter the German commanders forced on their own men by forlorn hope counter-attacks. By night it is expected the total of German prisoners will reach 20,000. Nearly 100 guns have already been taken.

Identification of 12 new German divisions in the one sector between Soissons and Aubervie means the Germans have been forced to mass 240,000 new forces there, not only to take the place of troops cut to pieces by the French advance, but in an effort to dam the flood tide of the French assaulting waves.

Great Gaps Torn in Lines.
Every battle-front dispatch received here emphasizes the bloody execution of the French artillery. Against the favorite German defense method of massing men, the hall of the French projectiles has been appallingly bloody. Great gaps are torn in all the enemy lines. When the French dash forward in infantry attacks, these decimated divisions fight desperately, but the tremendously shaking bombardment which they have undergone has its effect in shattered nerves. Observers in the fighting east of Rheims declare the slaughter has been as great as in any fighting of the war.

But the German losses do not deter the Teutonic army chiefs from massing more men and throwing them into the range of the French guns, or in reach of the now inspired French assaults.

Attacks Fail, Says Berlin.
Berlin, Via London, April 19.—(U. P.)—French attacks in a great off-

sive with ambitious objects have so far failed to attain those ends, although some tactical advantage has been gained by the enemy, today's official statement asserted.

"On Tuesday night," the war office reported, "a local attack near Bray succeeded. Near Ville au Bois, where our position became unsuitable, we established our forces to the rear of the line of fortifications. Attacks at Chemin des Dames, and especially violent ones near Craonne, sanguinarily failed."

"Official orders found indicate how far reaching were the objects of the French attack on Monday. The French commands did not realize them at any point practically, and only approximately attained their tactical objects."

British Front Quiet Today.

London, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Having captured nearly 20,000 Germans in three days fighting and advanced their lines in many places from four to six miles, the Anglo-French armies today concentrated their heavy pressure against salients on the Teutonic line on the Arras front and on the Aisne river line.

North of the Somme the entire Hindenburg line has been bulged back from Vailly, which the French hold in its entirety, the Courtecon, where they are established on the outskirts of the village. The penetration of the German line at this point is over four miles deep.

The war office issued a brief bulletin early this afternoon saying that no important events have occurred on the British front since the official statement.

Brown Speaks at Monmouth.
Monmouth, Or., April 19.—Attorney General Brown addressed two big patriotic meetings here today.

SENATE STRONG FOR SELECTIVE DRAFT SYSTEM

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draft is made possible only after the volunteer plan fails.

Not to Yield to Politics.

The administration is determined that politics shall not defeat the conscription army bill, which army men say is absolutely vital to the safety of the nation.

The president will stand for no compromise. He favors the Chamberlain bill, which provides selective draft without modification, and will fight for the passage of that measure.

It is his purpose to get the bill through the senate, then put the issue squarely before the house. It appears inevitable now that the bill will be thrown into conference before final action is taken on it.

Action Is Anticipated.

While respecting the individual viewpoints of those who oppose selective draft, President Wilson is understood to feel that this is not an opportune time for prolonged discussion of details, when it is vitally essential to the welfare of the nation to raise an army at once.

For that reason it appears likely there may soon be something in the nature of a blast from the White House to jar congress into action.

The president is expected to resort to his usual method of putting up to the country the question of support on measures on which he and some members of congress differ.

Adjournment Expected Soon.

Nothing is contemplated along the lines of his "wilful twelfth" exhortation, but when he speaks it will be to let the country know that those responsible for delay on the army bill are jeopardizing the safety of the country.

With completion of work on the army bill in sight, the emergency war program is nearing its end and congress is again talking adjournment.

Many believe now that the session can be ended by June 1. Leaders of both parties are sounding out members as to their opinion on this.

Swanson Introduces Bills.

Senator Swanson, acting naval committee chairman, reported formally his bill authorizing the requested increase in the marine corps of from 17,000 to 30,000 and an increase in the navy personnel from 87,000 to 150,000.

Both bills are expected to pass quickly after they are taken up either late this week or early next.

Other congressional war steps today were introduction of a bill by Representative McKewen, Oklahoma, which would prevent the sale of explosives throughout the war, excepting by special license and introduction of a measure by Representative Ayers, Kansas, making artificial speculation in food-stuffs punishable by a fine of \$500 to \$5000 or sentence of 1 to 5 years, or both.

To Supervise Explosives.

Shortly after the McKewen resolution was introduced, Secretary of the Interior Lane submitted to Representative Foster, chairman of the house mining committee, a bill providing for government supervision over the manufacture, sale and use of all explosives.

The executive end of the government continued its war work. At the navy department announcement was made that building of war ships is not to impede commerce ship construction.

Secretary Daniels issued orders that no "special" hurry need be attempted as to building of war ships on the second year of the program. The department believes that right now merchant ships in great numbers are as essential, if not more so, than warships.

Plans to meet threatened food shortage concerned the agricultural department and Council of National Defense. Secretary Houston today sent out a call to heads of various farmers' organizations to meet here for a conference April 25 when the food producers of the nation are to be organized into cooperative units to act with the department in determining amounts and kinds of planting every farmer in the country will be expected to carry out.

Telegraphers Are Ordered to Strike

St. Louis, Mo., April 19.—(I. N. S.)—H. B. Farham, president of the International Order of Railroad Telegraphers, today called a strike on all affiliated telegraphers employed on lines of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway company. The strike is effective upon receipt by telegraphers of notices which are being mailed today from Farham's office here. Farham said several hundred men would be affected by the order.

OXMAN IS ARRAIGNED; FELONY CHARGE WILL COME UP ON MONDAY

"Frame-Up" Charge Will Be
Investigated by Attorney
General's Office.

San Francisco, April 19.—(P. N. S.)

—Frank C. Oxman, Durkee, Or., cattleman, was arraigned and instructed today in Police Judge Matthew Brady's court on a felony charge of trying to induce Frank E. Rigall of Grayville,

Ill., to testify falsely against Thomas J. Mooney in the trial which resulted in Mooney's conviction and sentence to death for murder in connection with the preparedness parade bomb explosion.

The case was continued until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for preliminary hearing.

Dividing interest with today's court proceedings, Attorney General U. S. Webb at Sacramento said that he would name a special prosecutor to press a rigid grand jury investigation of the frame-up charges in connection with the Mooney case as soon as he received formal request from District Attorney Charles M. Fickert or the San Francisco grand jury.

Fickert Appears Before Jury.

Fickert appeared before the grand jury last night and made known his intention of turning over the investigation to the attorney general's office.

Announcement was made from the district attorney's office today that the trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney as one of the bomb plot defendants, set for

next Monday, will be postponed in view of the present developments in the frame-up charges.

Oxman, star witness for the state against Mooney, surrendered to the police Wednesday afternoon, after having been closeted with his attorney, Samuel Shortridge, for several hours, and was later released on \$2500 cash bail.

"I understand there is a warrant out for me," Oxman said to Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson. "Here I am. You may serve it."

Great Shock, Says Oxman.
"I understand that you were to come here at 10 o'clock this morning," said Matheson, as he served the warrant.

"Nobody said anything to me about that," Oxman replied. "I arrived here last evening and expected to be met by one of your men. It has been a great shock to me to come to San Francisco voluntarily after receiving a telegram from you and then to be thrown into jail. It seems to me that my testimony in the Mooney trial is being questioned."

"Nobody is attacking your testimony," Matheson said. "It speaks for itself."

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Stockman Grows Indignant.
Oxman became quite indignant and vehemently protested his innocence. He offered to bet anybody \$5000 to \$1 that there is no indictment pending against him anywhere in the country and said that he is receiving the "worst deal of his life here in San Francisco." He stated that his testimony has been full truth and that he would not alter it.

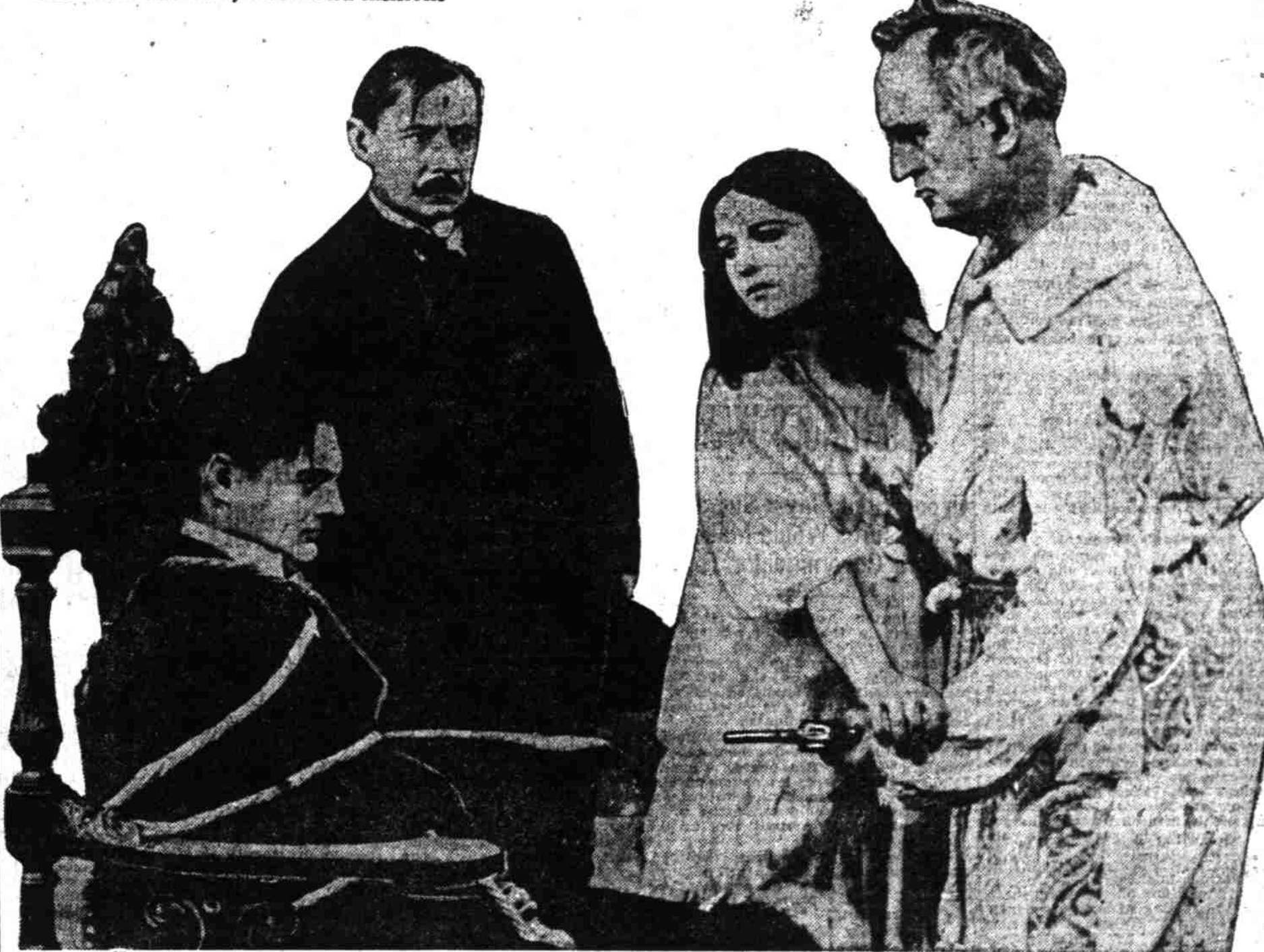
The warrant was issued at the formal request of Captain of Detectives Matheson, who was head of the police bureau investigating the preparedness parade bomb outrage.

Omaha Attorney Dies in Washington

Washington, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—T. J. Mahoney, a prominent attorney of Omaha, Neb., dropped dead in a corridor of the senate wing of the capitol this afternoon.

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