

IT'S ALL HERE and IT'S ALL TRUE! VOL. XV, NO. 351.

DEBATE IS SET IN BOTH HOUSES

Selective Conscription Measure to be Voted by House on Friday and Senate on Saturday, Is Program.

INDICATIONS SAID TO FAVOR PASSAGE OF BILL

Representative Mason, Illinois, Hissed When Making Attack on Wilson.

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—The United States may have to raise an army of 5,000,000 men in the next few months.

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—The house will act on the army bill tomorrow.

The senate will vote late Saturday. The long drawn out debate in the house on the question of raising 2,000,000 men by draft or volunteering will end tonight.

By the agreement, the house is to continue to talk as long as it can stand it today and this evening.

Speech Made by Gallery. Pyrotechnics started in the house.

World See Roosevelt Go. "They call it the bill of the general staff," he said.

London Foreign Office Issues Formal Announcement of Decision.

London, April 26.—(U. P.)—The foreign office announced this afternoon that the "blacklist" against American firms had been withdrawn.

Great Britain announced her blacklist in July, 1916. It was a formal list of certain firms in the United States with whom British citizens were forbidden to trade.

On July 26, Acting Secretary of State Polk registered America's emphatic protest at this discrimination in a note addressed to Sir Edward Grey.

In the diplomatic interchange which followed England refused to relax the blacklist on the Americans mentioned in the matter referred to in this issue.

Cholera and Typhus Raging in Turkey

Health Bureau Get Data on Storage Food

Supplies Are Being Held for Speculation, Move Will Start to Make Them Disgorge.

Mayor Albee has instructed inspectors of the health bureau to inspect all warehouses and cold storage plants to determine the amount of available foodstuffs stored in these places.

A letter was sent to United States District Attorney Remond by the health bureau on Wednesday, calling attention to the fact that 80,000 sacks of potatoes had been held in storage, but a reply has not been received.

American Schooner Is Sunk by U-Boat

Seven Shells Hit Percy Birdsall; Firing Was Without Warning and Continued While Crew Left Ship.

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—The American schooner Percy Birdsall has been sunk by submarine gunfire, according to a state department announcement today.

The Percy Birdsall was a wooden four-masted schooner of 1125 tons, registered at Perth Amboy, N. J. She was owned by J. Holmes and was built in 1890.

Chancellor Insists Strikes Must End

Geneva, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—The labor situation in Germany is still menacing despite the efforts of the government to minimize it.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German foreign minister, has sent circular letters to the governments of the federated states announcing that the government is determined to suppress all future strikes.

Government to Pay Low Price for Steel

New York, April 26.—(U. P.)—Steel manufacturers of the country will fill the government's war orders at prices ranging from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent below the present market quotations.

Nevada First With Full Quota for Army

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—The state of Nevada is the first state to furnish her full quota of recruits to the United States army.

Coal Miners Secure Increase in Wages

New York, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—Representatives of the anthracite coal miners are rejoicing to their homes today confident that the wage increase secured will relieve the tense situation between operators and workmen.

REPUBLIC FOR GERMANY AIM OF NEW MOVE

Minister Stovall at Berne Reports Open Movement in Switzerland to Spread the Democratic Propaganda.

PAPER IS ESTABLISHED TO FURTHER EFFORTS

Traveler Says Strike of 250,000 in Berlin Shows the Desire for Peace.

Terms May Be Announced. The German government is expected to announce terms for a peace conference.

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—What may prove to be an important move to sweep aside Hohenzollernism and replace it with a German republic were reported officially to the state department today from several sources.

According to a message to the secretary of state from Minister Stovall at Berne, a committee of Germans to spread the propaganda of republicanism and democracy.

Dr. Roesch, a German editor of the Berlin Morgen Post, leads the Switzerland propagandists, who already have established a paper, the Freie Zeitung, to further their attempt to spread the doctrine of a German republic in the Fatherland.

From other sources this government learns that the German people are increasingly anxious for peace. Such a message was taken by a traveler, arriving in a neutral country, from Germany to state department officials in the unnamed neutral nation.

Moreover, this traveler declared, Germany has reduced the bread rations from 1900 to 1600 grams a week. As a result of the "continual strikes" at Ebingen and Mayen went back to work.

Military Controls Germany. Paris, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—Apparent efforts to free Germany from German domination are meeting with greater obstacles than at any other time since the war began.

Peace Hope Is Expressed. Amsterdam, April 26.—(U. P.)—Thanks to the heroic efforts of the Aisne hope of an early peace was expressed in a telegram sent by the main reichstag committee today to Field Marshal Hindenburg.

Chicago Wheat Goes To \$2.60; Declines

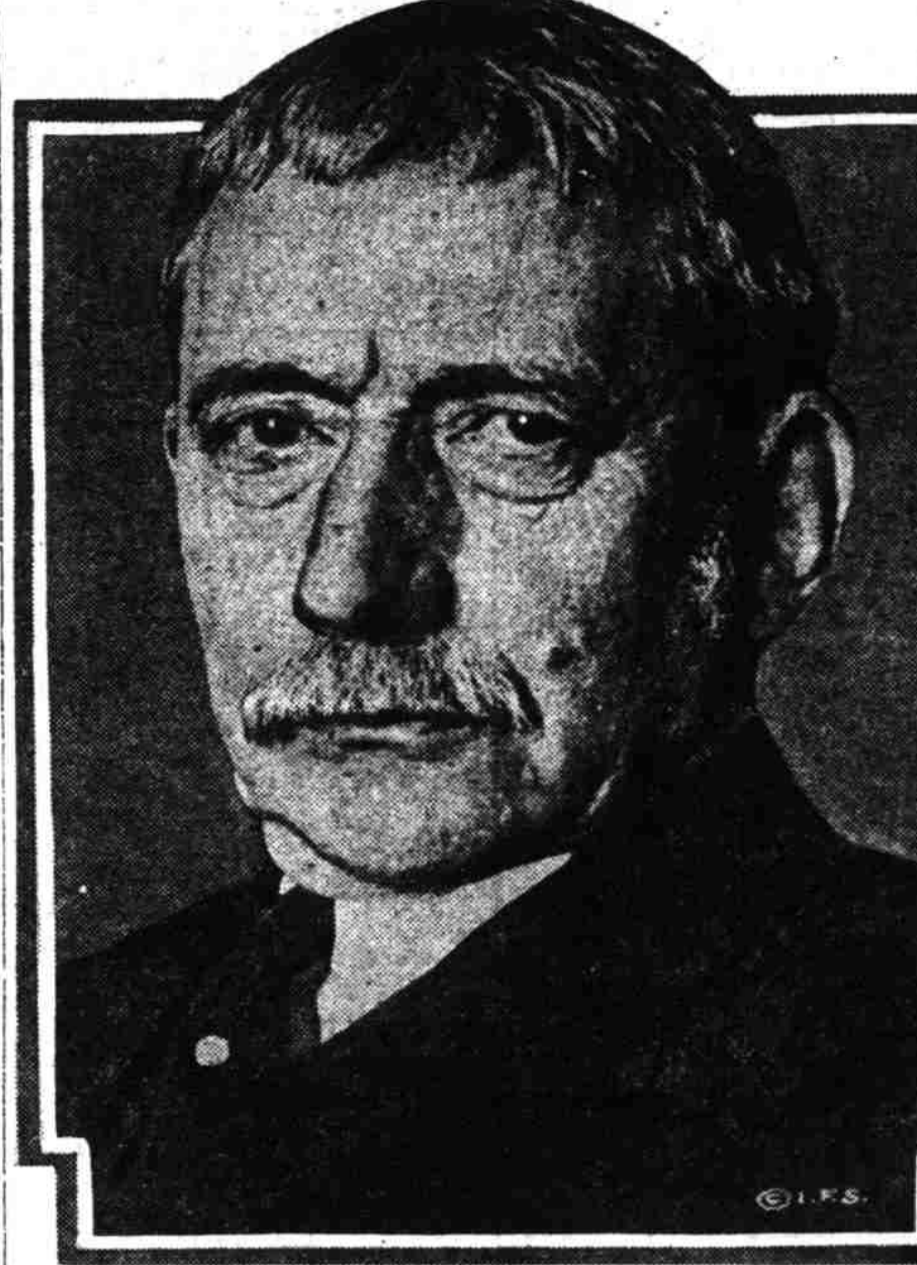
Chicago, April 26.—(U. P.)—May wheat soared to \$2.60, the highest price since just after the Civil war.

Russia to Set Forth New Aims in War

Copenhagen, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—The Russian government has begun the preparation of a note for presentation to the other entente governments setting forth the new war aims of Russia.

England in Favor of Independent Poland

ELIHU ROOT, former secretary of state, has been selected as chairman of the commission which President Wilson will send to Russia to help and advise the new government.



FOOD DRIVE CAMPAIGN IN OREGON FORMALLY STARTED HERE TODAY

Headquarters Opened With W. H. Crawford in Charge; Plan Bearing Fruit.

Portland headquarters for the big Oregon "food drive" were opened at room 513, Oregon building, today.

President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college, under whose auspices the food preparedness campaign will be waged, visited Portland today to launch the undertaking.

The proposed state-wide fostering of agricultural pursuits has already obtained results. News comes from Eastern Oregon that potato acreage will be increased 20 per cent over present year.

Realizing the need of immediately exerting assistance of all kinds to the Russian government, it is the purpose of the president to send the commission abroad as quickly as the business interests of the members can be settled.

Daylight Saving to Be Voted on Friday

The city council probably Friday will consider the resolution suggested by W. H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, calling upon business men and other Portlanders to cooperate in a plan to save daylight by moving the clock an hour ahead.

American Prisoner Taken by Germany

London, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—The American consul at Glasgow this afternoon reported that the Germans had taken their first American prisoner of war.

Sinking of 55 Ships Arouses Criticism

London, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—Announcement of the sinking of 55 more ships by German submarines led to pessimistic criticism of the shipping situation by many newspapers today.

SOLID WALL OF TROOPS WITHERS DURING ATTACK

Germans Launch Terrific Counter Attack Against British Around Gavrelle but Fail to Make Gains.

GROUND IS COVERED WITH GERMAN DEAD

Carnage Is Declared to Be Greater Than in Any Other Battle of War.

French Capture Entire Regiment. With the British Army in the Field, April 26.—(U. P.)—Thirteen hundred German prisoners and 180 machine guns were captured in the fighting.

London, April 26.—(U. P.)—Complete repulse of a violent massed counter-attack by German forces against new British positions around Gavrelle was announced in Field Marshal Haig's official statement today.

Early as night the enemy again endeavored to attack our new positions at Gavrelle," he said. "His troops were caught in our artillery barrage and completely repulsed."

Appealing Losses Reported. Germany is now suffering her most appalling losses of the war in the desperate endeavors of her army staff to stop the British drive by sheer weight of human masses opposing it.

Front dispatches today carried the idea that the Germans, realizing no trench works could stand against the leveling fire of the British artillery, were seeking to make a wall of living human beings against the advance.

That the terrible mortality of the German troops is undermining their morale is apparent by statements of prisoners. The German troops—all of them picked divisions—are literally driven to bay in the line now.

Many Glad to Surrender. Those who survive the deadly accuracy of the British artillery fire and the pounding of the British infantry are exceedingly glad to be taken prisoners.

French Stop Two Attacks. Paris, April 26.—(U. P.)—Two tremendous German attacks made on a front of 100 miles were smashed unavailingly against French lines and repulsed amid heavy losses to the enemy, French official statement declared.

Terrific Fighting, Says Berlin. Berlin, via London, April 26.—(U. P.)—Terrific fighting in which British attacks were repulsed and by which German troops won their way to the eastern boundary of Gavrelle, was detailed in today's official report.

Wild-Game Eggs—Knitting Machine

WOMAN WANTS GUNNERY. Jersey or grade fresh cow in good condition. Will give old-style high grade piano in good condition.

For Sale—Miscellaneous 19 KNITTING machine, almost new, with 200 yds. of yarn, and case, \$10, or trade.

Country Pigeons and Pet Stock 27 WILD game eggs by mail, Golden Silver, China pheasants and wild mallard duck, cheap.

Farmers Are to Be Given Use of Postal Savings

Government Resources Approximating \$100,000,000 Will Be Used to Relieve Food Situation.

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—To aid the farmers of the nation in meeting the food situation, the government today took steps to throw resources approximating \$100,000,000 into the breach.

The action was announced by the treasury department that all postal savings deposits will be made immediately available for loans to farmers.

BRITISH POST HOLDS POSITION BY KILLING OFF EVERY ASSAILANT

Germans, at Terrible Cost, Manage to Regain Part of Guillemont Farm.

By William Philip Simms. With the British Army in the Field, April 26.—(U. P.)—One single British post, defending just a part of Guillemont farm, emerged victorious today from one of the fiercest fights of the countless scattered actions marking a day replete with bitter fighting—by killing off every man of their German assailants.

It was over a field carpeted with German dead, around Guillemont. Here, during the night the British had battered forward to take the farm and a stretch of front 2000 yards east of Lempre. Hill 140, to the north, had fallen into British hands, after a swaying, desperate battle.

Post Stands Admired. Hardly had the Tommies started to dig themselves in on this hard-won ground when the Teutonic counter-attack came in blinding force. The enemy's guns dug great burial holes for the thousands of British dead but by sheer intensity gave the advancing Germans a brief foothold.

The same sort of fighting was in progress at a score of places on the British front today, but it had abated just a trifle from the ferocity of the night attacks.

Air Fighting Lessens. The fighting today for the most part is along the Scarpe. The enemy is losing not only in thousands by counter attacks, but everywhere the deadly accuracy of the British artillery is adding to the toll.

Publishers Oppose Press Censorship

New York, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—Strong protest against war news censorship featured the meeting Wednesday of the American Newspaper Publishers' association at its annual convention in the Waldorf-Astoria.

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AMERICAN WILL BE APPOINTED FOOD DIGITATOR

Herbert Hoover or Secretary of Labor Wilson Possibly May Be Named as Result of Conference.

COMMISSION MAY BE FORMED AMONG ALLIES

Domination of Other War Divisions Will Also Probably Be Allotted U. S.

Washington, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—Senators Gore, of Oklahoma, Smith of Georgia, Smith of South Carolina, Page of Vermont, and Kenyon of Iowa, were appointed today by the senate agriculture committee as a sub-committee to act with the department of agriculture in drafting emergency food legislation.

More and more the war council's proceedings are crystallizing into a monumental campaign to feed the allies. Finance and shipping problems are coming to be considered comparatively collateral, though vital.

It was taken for granted today that it will be the policy of the allies, after America has made her primary contribution to the fighting, to entrust the United States and her allies with indicated by developments at the international war conference of the allies here today.

That food will be one of the problems left entirely in American hands is believed certain.

This is the belief that one man or small group of men will be named by President Wilson absolutely to dominate the production and distribution of all food in the United States, England, France, Italy, Russia, Cuba and the other allied countries.

Large Commission Suggested. It is deemed probable that this step will place the organization of an inter-allied food commission comprising a director general of food for each nation with the American dictator as the head of the commission.

This, which was first pointed out, has been the allies' method of handling all its problems. England dominates war finance. Other phases, which it part of this law to apply to me or any of my official acts, or in any way to be used as a shield against criticism.

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