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# SHORTAGES IN FARM PRODUCE

Startling Revelation Made of Threatening Lack of Production of Grain, Hay,

FARMERS ARE ASLEEP TO SERIOUS SITUATION

Plans Laid at Conference Held Today to Avert Calamity That Impends.

Startling shortages in grain, hay. livestock, farm capital and labor throughout Oregon were disclosed by county agriculturists gathered for conhere this morning.

Yet the great majority of the farmers do not as yet realize the seriousness 24 ounce loaf going to 12 cents. of the situation, the agriculturists testified. The meeting was devoted to smergency plans for mobilizing the agriculturists, the farmers' councils and

the farmers generally. council, the members of which will ly in size, will take its place. thereafter arrange for local meetings ind individual conferences with every farmer in each county.

Boys to Be Released. Each agriculturist's office will be come a branch of the Portland munic ipal employment agency and the gov ernment employment service for the securing and handling of farm labor The Columbia county agriculturist this morning pleaded that newespapers be silent as to the \$50-a-month wages paid eleswhere because he said the farmers cannot keep their help. The Crook and Deschutes county agriculturist followed this statement in few minutes with a plea for farm labor Strong Raid by Haig's Forces for which he said \$60 to \$75 a month would be paid.

Arrangements have been made said Director Ralph D. Hetzel of the Ore gon Agricultural extension division, who presided over the conference, to release high school boys for farm work, giving them the same credits as if they had remained in schools. This will take place by local arrangement as the boys are needed. In some districts, such as Yambil and Malheur counties, business men have pledged personal labor, closing stores so that merchants and clerks can work in the fields.

Seed Problem Serious. Getting seed is one. of the most serious problems. The Agricultural college has sent out an appeal asking that all available seed be listed with it, and there has been considerable response already, but many farmers with ground ready cannot get supplies. The an individual desiring to place a \$1,000,000 contract for beans and wish ng to contract for the cropsof 8000 acres had come to Eugene, but seed had not yet been obtained. (Concluded on Page Two, Column One.)

## **SENATE** AND HOUSE MAY AGREE ON 21 TO 35 AS AGE LIMIT

Question Will Be Disposed of

Washington, April 39 .- (I. N. S.)-Chairman Dent of the house committee on military affairs today conferred with Secretary of War Baker and Brigadier General Crowder, judge advocate general of the urmy, conferred with Senator Chamberlain over the forthcoming conference on the army bill.

Indications were today that there united by a modification in conference Disclaims Every Allegation in Article New York; Ed. Husted, third officer. of the age limits for the conscription carried in the two bills, and that persons between the ages of 21 and 35, or possibly 21 and 30, would be made subject to the draft. The house bill carries the age of 21 to 40, and the senate 21 to 27, both inclusive.

It is understood the war department feels there would be millions in un-necessary expense if males between the ages of 21 and 40 are required to register. The department does not desire to fight the war with "boys," but is said to prefer the draft of men considerably below 40 years. The final outcome of the conference between the two houses would be to compromise

the age limit.
There was an impression about the iouse today that the house will agree to the so-called Roosevelt amendment, nserted by the house, authorizing the cceptance of the services of the Rooserelt volunteers. However, the adminisration is understood to be opposed to this and Chairman Dent would give no assurances that the house

## Santa Fe Will Raise Wages of Employes

## **Bread Rioting** Takes Place in Chicago Ghetto

Five Hundred Bakers From 15 o Largest Jewish Bakeries Are

Chicago, April 30 .- (U. P.)-Bread riots today replaced the meat riots of several weeks ago in the Ghetto disrict on the northwest side. With 500 bakers in 15 or the largest Jewish bakerles out on strike, the bread supply was seriously crippled. Hundreds of sympathizers joined Livestock, Labor in State. Hundreds of sympathizers joined with the strikers and picketed the shops that attempted to operate. In some instances kerosene was thrown. Calls for protection were sent out by

bakery proprietors and 500 policemen were detailed to the trouble zone by Chief of Police Schuettler, Gary May See 25-Cent Loaf.

Gary, Ind., April 30 .- (I. N. S.) The price of bread was increased today by Gary bakers. Bread today costs approximately 100 per cent more than it did during the first part of the month. A 25-cent loaf of one pound is predicted.

San Franciscans Pay More. San Francisco, April 30 .- (P. N. S.) The increase in the price of bread, ference in the food production drive announced by bakers last week, became effective today, the 12 ounce 5 cent loaf advancing to 6 cents and the

Memphis Bakers Raise Price. Memphis, Tenn., April 30 .- (I. N. S.) -Effective tomorrow all Memphis bakers will advance bread to 15 cents Each agriculturist, returning, will at a loaf. The 5 cent loaf will be abolished once call a session of his advisory and the 10 cent loaf, increased slight-

## BRITISH AND GERMAN ARMIES DEADLOCKED IN VALLEY OF SCARPE

North of Yores Succeeds; German Fire Increases.

New French Drive Is Expected. London, April 30 .- (I. N. S.) pressure against the German lines from Lens to St. Quentin it is expected that this week will see another big drive by the French against St. Quentin

and in the Argonne forest. The Germans are fighting have never before shown on the western front. Not only are they calling heavily upon their reserves, but are counter-attacking continuously.

London, April 30.—(U. P.)—As an indication that the British offensive is not taking all the strength of the British army in the Arras to St. Quentin front, Field Marshal Haig staged strong raid north of Ypres today. "At night, north of Ypres, a success ful raid was carried out," the British ommander-in-chief reported. "Eighteen prisoners and a machine gun were

Ypres is nearly 50 miles north of the Arras sector, where the British push was still powerfully exerted against the remnants of the northernmost end of the Wotan line. "Between Monchy le Preux and the Scarpe in a small operation we took a few prisoners and improved our position," Haig reported of the fighting

British Face Broken Ground. The fighting in the rounded sector

at Conference to Be Held in front of Gavrelle, Roeux, Monchy and Guemappe was apparently in a "clinch" today, the 'armies on both sides more or less deadlocked. With yesterday's captures of Ger man positions around Oppy, the British forces have now reached broken. (Concluded on Page Fourteen, Column Two)

#### King Constantine Denies Accusation

ity Toward Entente.

Washington, April 30 .- (I. N. S.)weeping and categorical denial of New York; R. Williams, third assist charges that King Constantine Breece has been actively hostile to the oiler, New York; W. H. Crane, stewentente allies has been addressed by ard, Brooklyn; Thomas Ellis, Albany; that monarch to the French minister J. L. Hatton, wireless operator, Milat Athens, it was announced by the waukee; Joseph Mullen, Brooklyn; R. Greek legation here legation

"It is absolutely false that his ma-esty ever received from any sovereign of the group enemy to the entente any telegram, note or counsel whatsoever on what policy he should follow to maintain his throne," were the words the king commanded the marshal of had received any word regarding the

"Finally, his majesty, the king, disclaims for his part, every allegation in naval gun crew are reported missing. sald article (story published in the Paris Temps), according to which it appears that he or his government ever harbored aostile intentions of any kind toward the entente."

#### Idaho Guardsman Kills Interloper

Spokane, Wash., April 30 .- (P. N. Chicago, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—Be-S.)—Thomas Quarles, an Idaho Na-camp at Clackamas today because of ause of the rapidly increasing price tional Guardsman, this morning shot the discovery of two cases of spinal religions, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa and killed a man believed to be George meningitis among the men. The cases Fe railroad will boost the wages of mployes, it was announced today. Approximately \$1,500,000 will be added Quarles was guarding a Great North-to their payroll for the first half of the payroll for the payroll for the first half of the payroll for the first half of the payroll for the payroll for the first half of the payroll for the payroll for the payroll for the payroll for the first half of the payroll for the first half of the payroll for th the year. Employees working under cross the bridge carrying a package. Mer is said to be in a serious condition, but the increase. This bars members of peared to be masked. He died immediately after being hit.

The company h, administration in the increase of cross the bridge carrying a package. Mer is said to be in a serious condition. Both men were removed to the post hospital at Vancouver. The quarter bridge carrying a package. Mer is said to be in a serious condition. Both men were removed to the most hospital at Vancouver. The quarter bridge carrying a package. Mer is said to be in a serious condition.

# MOUNTED, SUNK

Lieutenant and Nine of Naval Gun Crew of Steamer Vacuum, Torpedoed Saturday, Reported Missing.

FORMER TANKER IS THE VICTIM OF GERMAN DIVER

Captain and Five of Crew, Besides Gunners, Believed Drowned at Time.

Captain Harris Among Lost, New York, April 30.—(U. P.)
—Chly three of the American gunners aboard the oil tanker Vacuum, sunk by a submarine, are listed as saved in a cablegram received at the oil company's offices here today. Captain S. S. Harris was among hose drowned. The message follows:

'Vacuum torpedoed 28th, 140 miles west of Barra. No. 1 lifeboat with captain and others No. 2 with chief officer and following saved: Simpson and Williams, engi-Linegren, carpenter; quartermaster; Witzen, oilers; Parde, stoker; Singros, Vimegappam, Byl, sea-men; Dia and Andrews, stewards; Hatton, wireless; William Orell and Nichola Hitson and Lasker, naval.

London, April 30 .- (U. P.)-America may have lost her first fighting force in the war with Germany in the torpedoing of the armed American oiltanker Vacuum Saturday.

The lieutenant in command of the gun crew and nine of his men were among the missing reported today. Three naval gunners were among those saved. The rescued included the chief mate and 17 men in all. The captain of the Vacuum and some of the crew are still unaccounted for. The survivors were attended to by

Unless the American naval lieutenant and his gun crew, now missing, are later rescued, they will be America's first fighting force to lose their lives n America's war with Germany. The naval lieutenant will be the first officer killed

the Shipwrecked Mariners' society to-

J. I. Epolucci, a boatswain's mate U S. N., is still missing from the Aztec orpedoing and he may be the first of America's fighting men to die. The Vacuum is an oiltanker, propery of the Vacuum Oil company of New

Fifteen Americans in Crew. New York, April 30 .- (U. P.) -Capain S. Harris, residing at Lempston, N Y., was in command of the oil tanker Vacuum when she was sunk and Lieutenant Thomas, U. S. N., commanded the American navy gun crew aboard her, according to information obtained

The Vacuum was of 1992 tons. She carried two guns, forward and aft, in charge of a naval gun crew. The Vacuum had a crew of 34. She has been carrying oil to Europe since 1914. Vacuum was a regular cargo boat, not an oiltanker, as at first reported. She had delivered a cargo taken on at New York to Liverpool and was returning nome in ballast. The steamer was

formerly known as the Baymon. The cablegram received by the oil company and cable advices to the United Press indicated that a total of 16 men, including Captain Harris and the American gun crew, were probably The Vacuum's crew numbered 34 and 18 were reported landed in the eports from London. Fifteen members of the crew were Americans. With the gunners and the lieutenant in command the Americans aboard num-

There were 14 American members of the crew, aside from Captain Har-

ris. They were: Gailes, first officer, New Published in Paris, Charging Hostil- Mount Vernon, N. Y .; John Kirk, chief engineer, New York; John Simpson, J. Davis, second assistant engineer, of ant engineer, Milwaukee; J. Wilkens, - McLog, both of San Juan, P. R.

> State Department Not Informed. Washington, April 30 .- (I. N. S.)department nor the navy department sinking of the American tanker Vacuum, from which members of the Pending official reports, officials re-fused all comment,

#### Two Companies of Guard Quarantined

Two companies of the Third regiment, Oregon infantry, which have been housed in the Armory on guard duty, will be removed to a detention meningitis among the men. The cases developed during the past two days, the victims being Private Olin of Company B. Portland, and Private Barton of Company H, McMinnville. The forpost hospital at Vancouver. The quarantine will last about a month,

TIELD MARSHAL JOSEPH JOFFRE and Ambassador J. J. Jusserand of France on the arrival of the French commission at Washington. Below, the French commissioners passing through the capitol grounds. In the front automobile is General Joffre with General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army.



#### May Day Epochal for Russia the crusade in 1915 which resulted in the great shakeup of the war office and Lloyd George's appointment as Democratic Spirit Will Rule At the offices of the Vacuum Oil Army Reforms Are Ordered Carson.

Soldiers who visited their

Germans Desert Officers.

we likewise hoisted our red flag.

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'Red Hand Mystery

Solved; 'Twas Only

Seattle, Wash., April 30.—(P. S.)—Lumbermen of the

northwest who received cards,

printed in red, "But three days

eft," and who feared an at-

tack on their plants May 1, are

relieved today in the solving of

man in the northwest, were also

stamped in red "We mean busi-ness." An enterprising machin-ery agent was in this manner

preceding a sales campaign and

endeavoring to draw the atten-tion of the mill men, it de-

veloped today

He did, for they employed detectives, guards, regular police officers and others to "ferret out the mostery."

The cards, sent to every mill

the "blackhand" mystery.

Salesman's Prank

"We have discovered now that the

sight he ever saw."

heir officers.

By William G. Shepherd,

Petrograd, April 30 .- (U. P.) -From the celebration in the capital. the czar's winter palace, until recently the seat of the most autocratte of all modern governments, a high sign today proclaimed the rising tide of world

On the eve of May Day, Minister of War Gutchkoff issued an order striking the last bonds from the army of revolution are returning to fight by the new Russia. It is with this new thousands. spirit of freedom that Russia will celeacross the front of the palace, fashioned by the hands of workmen dier told me today of the "strangest now knowing the meaning of liberty. It reads:

"The Proletariat of Al! Countries

Soldiers Suggested Orders. The orders issued by Minister Gutch koff today were put forth at the sugassistant engineer, New York; Francis gestion of the private soldiers themselves. They provide: Hereafter all soldiers are to be con

idered citizens of Russia, (Under autocracy's rule, they not even supposed to be units of the nation they were supposed to die for.) Complete religious freedom. Free speech guaranteed.

Attendance at church services not ompulsory. Mail from trenches shall not be cer All mail-including pamphlets-shall e delivered to soldiers at the front

Servile "Sir" Abolished, The servile "sir" abolished in private replies to officers. Hereafter privates shall say merely "yes" or "no"—without the "sir"—In answering officer. Also, soldiers hereafter need not salute their officers "unless the soldier wishes." Privates, however, must come to "attention" when comnanded to do so. Corporal punishment in the army

completely abolished. It is in this spirit of complete freeiom that "free Russia" will celebrate May day tomorrow.
Under czardom, a few brave spirits used to meet in remote forests on May , and in constant dread of the secret police, would go through the forms of

parade under the red flag of liberal-

Today the government itself May Day Advanced in Russia, The Russian calendar is more than we weeks behind that in use everywhere else on the globe, but it was decided to advance May day in Russia to coincide with the rest of the world. A parade such as Russia never saw

minister of munitions, was behind to-day's movement for reorganization of the naval branch. Press and public appeared to agree with him in the livelest fashion. The opposition to the admiralty reached the house of commons today, when questions were asked of the first lord of the admiralty, Sir Edward

Attacks From Three Directions. "If the number of German submarines is increasing we must expect before will be the principal feature of a corresponding increase in the danger to shipping," he replied, referring to

the statistics of sinkings. But, while Russia is celebrating her The admiralty is under attack from freedom, the people, loyed at throwing off their shackles, are not forgetting spread criticism of its failure more sucthat Russia's liberty must be fought cessfully to combat the German submarine menace; second, the admiralty is homes blamed for insufficient coast protection, from the front immediately after the permitting a number of German de- about town, today shot and badly stroyer raids on seacoast cities; third. and probably most important, the pub-Strange stories are told by Russian lic is aroused over suppression of full then killed himself. brate tomorrow. The keynote of the soldiers back from the front of how facts as to the seriousness of the subday is struck by the sign stretching the enemy received the news of Rusmarine campaign and allied losses. sia's overthrow of autocracy. One sol-

Morthcliffe Leads in Pight. Lord Northcliffe is leading the way energy toward forcing the admiralty to give full facts on submarine opera-Germans on our front don't like to attions. He advances the theory-in tack us," he said. "Under a red flag last Monday German officers climbed that if England was aware of exactly Briggs may live. out of their trenches. The German soldiers followed. We didn't fire, But how great the inroads of her food consumption have been, due to subma-"When the Germans saw we were rines, the government would have an deliberately withholding our fire from easier time applying economic policies. The misleading statements of losses their ranks, under the same red flag as our own forces, the soldiers themissued weekly by the admiralty have selves stopped still and turned back to given a false impression of England's their own trenches. They abandoned security, according to Northcliffe and his fellow-crusaders, and they are into effect at the time of the shell agition two years ago.

Efforts Brought Good Results. Lord Kitchener from his exalted posi- in turn, is northwest of Bagdad. tion as dictator of all army matters and made a division of the work at home made a division of the work at home and at the front. Lloyd George, master dynamo of England, was put in charge of speeding up the manufacture

At that time Northcliffe and his felow reformers achieved their rehabilitaion and strengthening of the government by telling the facts. They showed early in the war was lack of adequate ammunition and supplies.

Increased Losses Admitted, London, April 30 .- (I. N. S.) -Sir

Edward Carson, first lord of the ad- Roosevelt Offers to miralty, in a statement on the submarine situation this afternoon, admitted that the losses or merchant ships "are generally increasing." April has proved an exception, however. The number of ships sunk by submarines this month is smaller than that of any other so far this year.

#### Committee Wants \$2,699,485,281 to Cover Expenses

Washington, April 30.-(U. P.)-First monies to finance the war armies of the republic Ma was asked of congress today. An appropriation of \$2,699,- 171 485,281-biggest in the history of the nation-for the greater army, the navy and minor extra governmental needs, was laid before the house by the appropriations committee. The military establishment is

allotted \$2,192,423,535 and the naval establishment \$503,399,-

The total under the head of fortifications, exclusive of the Ba Panama canal, is \$609,000,000, protection of the Panama canal. with \$4,320,000 additional for \$4

## BEAN MEASURE MEANS A BIG ANNUAL DEFICIT IF THE BILL IS RATIFIED

Interest-Bearing Bonds Would Mulct Counties of \$426,-500; State About \$73,500]\*

he 18 land grant countles to place the | \* Oregon & California grant lands on Wiviani, as head of the French mission, called at the White the assessment rolls, if ratified by the Wilson approximately \* cause an annual interest - bearing dericit in state funds of approximately \$73,500.

The attempted enforcement of the # measure, instead of being a benefit to | \* the taxpayers of the state in general | \* and those of the land grant counties | in particular, would work harm upon them by saddling annual deficits upon them of approximately \$500,000, together with an additional approximate interest charge of \$30,000 and ica entered the war will be 1000 sur-

Bean Bill Not Enforceable. recent decision of the United States medical board, and immediately adoptsupreme court sustaining the governgrant case, and upholding the validity of the Chamberlain-Ferris act revest-ing title to the grant lands in the government, no lawyer of ability, except ernment, no lawyer of ability, except will be only a matter of a few days Mr. Bean, has been heard to say that before United States milkia units now mobilized in this country are on their forceable, even if ratified by the perple in June. Its nullity is almost than six weeks before they are actualuniversally admitted. Now that the ly embattled with the Germans on the supreme court has spoken even the European front, if the allies' urgent brief, prepared for the legislature by reccommendations to the American Mr. Bean and printed at state ex- government today meet the approval pense, virtually admits it. In, this brief, and in his argument

before the legislature, Mr. Bean, in lies want American troops in batches discussing the sovereign right of the of several hundred to go at once to state to tax the grant lands said: Tax Hangs on Title.

"This right of state sovereignty depends upon the status of the title to these lands. If they are government lands, then it is certain that the state cannot lawfully tax them. This is

pose was to provide the assessors with definite statutory authority to assess the grant lands in case the government lost its contention as to the revest-ment of the title, and that the measure (Continued on Page Two, Column Three)

### San Diego Lawyers Wounded in Quarrel Sudden Death of Charles G.

San Diego, Cal., April 30 .- (P. N. S.) -E. C. Hickman, well-known man wounded Attorney Charles Briggs, shot Attorney J. J. Brennan in the arm and

The affair occurred shortly after 11 o'clock and created a sensation in the Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, William down-town district. Brennan, in whose H. Taft and Senator "Tom" Taggart office the shooting took place, stated in this criticism, directing most of his that Hickman and Briggs had quarreled over a case in which Briggs had testified against Hickman, and that the later, without warning, pulled a little which he is supported by the public automatic revolver and began shooting,

#### Turks Lose 4000 in Two Days' Fighting death."

amounting to 4000 men were inflicted threatening to adopt the same tactics upon the Turks by the British in two against the admiralty that they put days' fighting on the Tigris river, in Mesopotamia, reports the Turks are enoday. General Maude, commander in Mesopitamia, reports the Turks are en-At that time their efforts divorced trenched northwest of Samarra, which,

## To Recruit Blocked

Washington, April 30,-(I. N. S.)-Senator McCumber of North Dakota today blocked consideration of the the people that the one main reason for ministration bill legalizing recruiting the tremendous losses of British forces in the United States by the allies. "Until we can assure protection to the ships carrying such recruits to Europe, I shall object to all such measures," he said.

ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

Troops in Batches of Several Hundred to Go at Once to European Front Would Help Win War.

UNITS TO PARTICIPATE UNDER AMERICAN FLAG

Preliminary Training Here Is Not Regarded Essential; To Be Trained Abroad.

Washington, April 30 .- (I. N. )-All of America's enormous power-man, money and economic-must be thrown into the scales of war, if the world is to be saved from Prussianism. And it must be available now. Members of the French and British war missions today impressed this upon officials of this government with a persistency that can permit of no doubt of its truth. It was further emphasized when Bene ference with President Wilson. When the conference ended the president had in his posses-

America's task is. M. Viviani placed before the president the exact status of the entente powers, told him what they are capable of doing under existing circumstances, and gave him, in short, the first situation to date

Washington, April 30 .- (U. P.)-The first men to represent the United States on the French front since Amer-

Bean Bill Not Enforceable. The plan was proposed to the coun-Since the announcement of the cil of national defense by its general ed, today.

French and allied representatives here. New York, April 30,-(U. P.)-"It way to the European front, and less of the administration.

It became known today that the al-Europe aboard every ship that sails, This will obviate necessity for the concentration of enormous masses of men in one place and the crippling (Concluded on Page Fourteen, Column Three)

## Mr. Bean also told the legislature when discussing the bill that its purpose was to provide the assessors with SPEAK OF PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE WILSON

Mueller, Architect, Cause of Investigation.

Trenton, N. J., April 30 .- (U. P.)-Assassination plots against President of Indiana are believed to have been revealed today through the death of charles G. Mueller, Indianapolis architect, who dropped dead of heart disease last right in a hotel lobby

Coroner Bray and United States Marshal Snowden found in Mueller's pocket a notebook in which was memoranda stating that Wilson, Rosevelt and the others were "picked for

A loaded revolver was discovered in Mueller's hip pocket. Two double-barreled guns in cases were found in his trunk. The assassination memoranda was written in pencil. It had no details of how the murders were to be committed and who was to make the

Officials first stated they believed Mueller must have been insane, Search of his effects resulted in discovery of numerous books and architects blueprints. It was declared by officials that no drawings of public buildings or other important structures which might have been designated for destruction were found. A paper found in the trunk referred to Frederick Mueller, an Indianapolis

druggist, who is believed to be the

War Commissioners To Pay Chicago Visit

Washington, April 20.—(U. P.)—Sen-ator Lewis of Illinois called at the state department today to aprange for Raise Four Divisions

New York, April 26.—(U. P.)—Coldnel Roosevelt today offered to raise not one, but four, army divisions, to be rushed to the firing line in France or schedule is withheld.