



BRITISH HOLD AT ALL POINTS; ITALIANS JOIN ALLY RESERVE

TALK SET ASIDE BY HOUSE FOR WAR WORK

Naval Appropriation Bill Calling for \$1,355,000,000 Will Be Rushed to Vote Within 48 Hours; Urgency Is Recognized.

Cheers Greet Decision for Quick Action After Announcement Is Made That America Must Rush Her Troops to Western Front.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(I. N. S.)—Warned that the troops "must be sent abroad," the house set aside congressional precedent this afternoon and prepared to rush the naval appropriation bill to a vote within 48 hours.

The bill carries appropriations totalling \$1,355,000,000. All of the appropriations, although made for the next fiscal year, are made immediately available in a general provision in the introduction of the measure.

"Navy department officials have told me that this bill must be passed within 48 hours," Chairman Faggett of the naval affairs committee told the house. "When the question was put and there was no objection to sidetracking general debate, the house stood and cheered.

"This matter is urgent," he said. "The troops must be sent abroad. They must be sent abroad now. We cannot delay."

Publisher Heeds Warning Statement

Publishing House on Fourth Street Has Removed Teutonic Name From Sign on Windows.

Streaks of yellow paint applied Wednesday night to the German words of signs on the windows of the German Publishing company establishment at Fourth and Salmon streets have brought results satisfactory to the painters.

9 Americans Killed in Tampico, Is Word

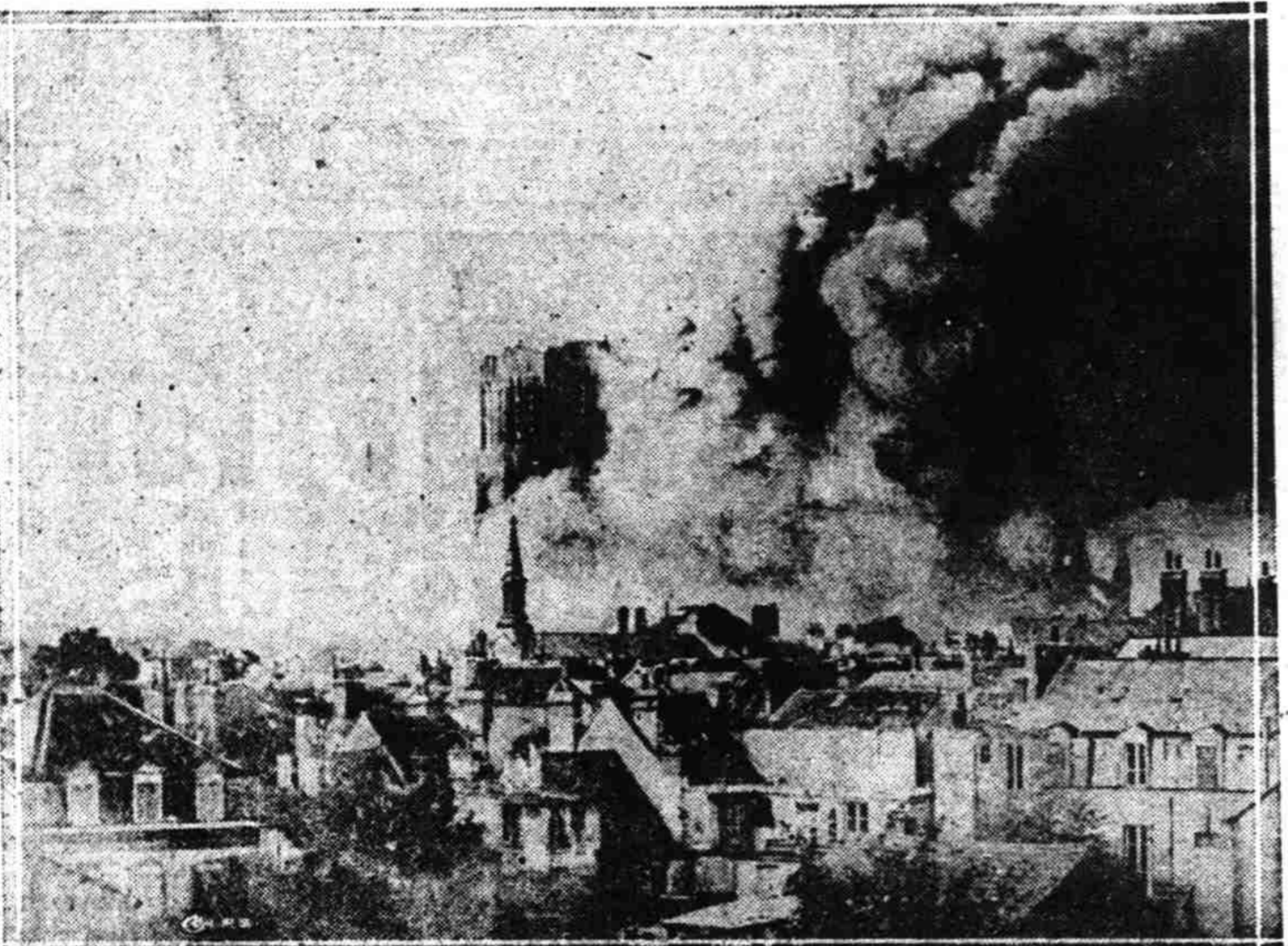
New Orleans, La., April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Nine Americans were killed in Tampico, Mexico, on April 5 and 8, according to Captain S. Sadler, who has just returned from Tampico. He said there are many Germans in Tampico and their dislike for Americans is very evident. Mexican workers also show a keen dislike for Americans, he said.

Spain Refuses to Stand by Agreement

Washington, April 19.—(U. P.)—Persistent refusal of the Spanish government to live up to the recent ship agreement entered into with the United States, may lead to an embargo on all exports to Spain.

HISTORIC RHEIMS IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED

HUN VANDALISM has scored another victory by the complete destruction of the picturesque French city of Rheims, with the priceless architectural beauties dating back to the days of the Romans. In the past week 100,000 Hun shells have poured into Rheims—many of them incendiary, so as to insure the burning of the city. The picture shows the noted Rheims cathedral, 700 years old, when it was first set on fire by the kaiser's men.



WOODWARD-AYER AGREE TO MAKE UP

Apology for Attacking Miss Isom's Patriotism Followed by Withdrawal of Charge of 'Yellow.'

Personal differences that arose between William F. Woodward, a member, and W. B. Ayer, chairman of the library board, as an outgrowth of the M. Louise Hunt controversy, are quieted through the medium of personal statements issued by Mr. Woodward and Mr. Ayer today.

The statements contain avowals of mutual esteem. The public is urged to direct toward winning the war.

Mr. Woodward withdraws his accusation questioning the loyalty of Miss Mary Frances Isom because she defended her assistant, Miss Hunt, and Mr. Ayer erases his characterization of the latter's remark about Miss Isom.

The statements were made at the instance of a volunteer committee of citizens desirous of improving the efficiency of the community's war service to close the incident. Mr. Woodward's statement follows:

Portland Detective Bootleg 'Suspect'

Officer Teeters Sees Inside of Oregon City Jail Until Identified — Mistake Lets Two Suspects Escape.

Once Magnificent Rheims Now Mass Of Tangled Ruins

Paris, April 19.—(U. P.)—Rheims is completely in ruins as a result of the German bombardment.

During the past week 100,000 enemy shells, including incendiary projectiles, have fallen within the city. One day alone, 30,000 shells were thrown.

The city is now a wilderness of scorched and blackened stones, with a few ghostly remains of houses rising from the stifling fumes. Streets have vanished under the shattered walls.

The Place Royale theatre and the law courts, like the ancient hotels, historic salons and the Maison de Musiciens, are a mass of embers. The arched roofs of the famous cathedral are splitting and crumbling. Soon only the pillars will remain.

One of the most historic and picturesque cities in Europe has thus been defaced by German frightfulness. Rheims had a population of more than 100,000 before the war. It was once a stronghold of the Romans and preserved much of the Roman architecture, including a beautiful triumphal arch. On the site of the former Roman fortifications fine boulevards were built.

The Rheims cathedral was one of the largest and most wonderful specimens of Gothic architecture in the world. It was built during the thirteenth century. It had a facade containing the famous "Rose Window" and 500 statues. Its portals were richly adorned with sculptures. In this cathedral the French kings were crowned.

Next in importance to the cathedral was the large eleventh century abbey church of St. Remy. Other structures were the Archbishop Episcopal palace, dating from the fifteenth century, in which was located a museum of sculpture, and the Hotel de Ville, containing a public museum and library of more than 80,000 volumes.

Rheims is less than three miles back of the French lines.

Furniture Factory in Chehalis Burns

Chehalis, Wash., April 19.—A \$110,000 fire at 3 o'clock this morning totally destroyed the Chehalis furniture factory. There was no insurance. Sixty-five men and 35 girls are thrown out of employment. C. O. Gingrich, president of the concern, says he will not rebuild his factory. The factory had been running with a full force and was doing lots of business.

LUMBER HOLDERS TO FACE PENALTY

Operators Who Refuse to Sell at Government Prices to Be Prosecuted.

Three years in jail and a \$50,000 fine is the penalty that lumber operators may pay if they do not sell their lumber at the price stipulated by the price fixing committee of the war industries board.

This announcement was made this morning by Assistant United States Attorney Rankin as the result of reports that some operators of the Pacific Northwest were preparing to refuse to sell at the government's price.

"Obviously the president has a right to appoint boards to expedite war preparations, and violation of a price order of the war industries board would be a felony," said Mr. Rankin.

The names of the companies said to have protested the government's price are in the possession of Mr. Rankin, who declares that prosecution will follow any attempt to disregard it.

ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—The names of 12 American soldiers killed in France appeared among the 72 casualties made public by the war department late Thursday.

- Killed in Action: CAPTAIN JAMES E. MILLER, CORPORAL HENRY G. DAMON, CORPORAL RUSSELL A. HOYT, SERGEANT WILLIAM G. HASKED, MECHANIC RALPH J. SPOONER, PRIVATE JOSEPH E. BLAIR, PRIVATE MICHAEL MALESKEY, PRIVATE REYNOLD NELSON, PRIVATE WILLIAM J. NOBLE, PRIVATE EDWARD J. O'BRIEN, PRIVATE FRANK J. SZOLD, PRIVATE BASIL A. TIMMONS.
- Died of Wounds: PRIVATE ROLAND E. COLE, PRIVATE WILLIAM J. HARRIS, PRIVATE WILLIAM WEISS.
- Died of Disease: LIEUTENANT ARTHUR B. WARREN, SERGEANT AMBROSE XAVIER BUTTATE, PRIVATE ROBERT L. CANDAGE, PRIVATE ORNIE NICHOLAS, posthumous, PRIVATE HARRY SMITH, posthumous.
- Wounded Slightly: Captain Nathaniel John M. Sorber, Corporal Walter J. Brennan, Alfred P. Gorman, William J. McCarron, Omer H. Hathburn, Private Jerry B. Barry, Murphy W. Barlett, Percy J. Rafanuzzi, Joseph Balinski, Joseph A. Beard, Wilson H. Blackwell, Joseph D. Comar, Leo Crepsan, Arlington C. Collier, Ralph E. Edmundson, James E. Finner, Harold E. Simpson, Joseph J. Gorman, Joseph Ganzer, Gustav Heiser, James H. Hitchcock, Edward L. Hollis, Howard Bill Jenkins, Charles E. O'Neil, Charles E. Newton, Leonard Peterson, Walter F. Quinn, Charles R. Robinson, Edgar R. Robinson, Charles C. Sebeck, Joseph L. Sheridan, Harold E. Simpson, Jerry O. Stewart, Harry R. Sutton, Elmer H. Tarbox, James E. Trov, Frank M. Vonnau, Ralph Wisniewski.
- Ottawa, Ont., April 19.—(U. P.)—The following Americans are mentioned in today's Canadian casualty list: A. DUBRE, St. Joe, Pa.; R. SIMPSON, Los Angeles; L. B. LAWRENCE, Sierra Madre, Cal.

ITALIANS EAGER TO LEAD TO ALLIES

Veteran Troops Sent North Will Form Part of Foch's Reserve Army Which Has Not Been Used Against Hindenburg.

Italian Parliament Greeted Announcement of Premier With Enthusiastic Applause; Italy Is Said to Have Big Armed Force.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Italian first line troops in large numbers constitute a part of the allied reserves formed by the supreme war council at Versailles, according to an official statement made at the Italian embassy today.

Such information, it was explained at the embassy, cannot be made public at this time. There was much satisfaction displayed, however, over the fact that the entente was to have material assistance from Italy.

It was explained that Italy at the present time is rich in man power. What it has lacked in the past has been equipment and munitions. These are now being supplied by the entente. The Italian government has called to the colors all males between 18 and 45 and has thousands of effectives awaiting orders. Because of the nature of the Italian battle front only a small portion of the Italian army can be utilized in the operations against the Austro-Germans.

Italian Parliament Applauds The Italian army is forming the right wing of the allied armies in France and shortly Italian regiments will participate in the operations in France, official dispatches to the Italian embassy this afternoon stated.

The dispatches add that Premier Orlando's announcement to this effect in the Italian parliament created the greatest enthusiasm. The social deputies joining in a great ovation to the French, British and American armies. The news of Italian participation in the great struggle now going on in France was received by the Italian population with the greatest satisfaction. The dispatch stated, as the Italians feel proud that their soldiers have the opportunity to show the valor alongside the French, British and American troops.

Officers Eager for Duty The dispatch points out that it is considered that the unity in military operations will evolve the greatest possible political and moral unity among the four great nations during and after the war. Many Italian officers and soldiers are asking to be incorporated in the regiments sent to France.

Orlando Extends Greetings Rome, April 19.—(U. P.)—Premier Orlando, addressing the chamber of deputies today, said: "We extend our greeting to the French, British and American troops, who for nearly a month, have been successfully withstanding the greatest onslaught in history."

Army of 2,500,000 By Close of 1918

Washington, April 19.—(U. P.)—The quartermaster general's department is preparing equipment for an army of 2,500,000 in the field or training camps by the end of 1918, it developed today.

Estimates for congress provide an increase in the armed forces of a million men during the next fiscal year. The house military committee, which met with war department officials today, received a summary of the estimates.

New York, April 19.—(U. P.)—Hudson Maxim, inventor, declared today he believed that some of the vast amount of ammunition being consumed by the Germans on the west front was supplied them by the Bolsheviks.

Half Starved Germans Surprised at Good Food British Soldiers Have

By William Phillip Simms With the British Armies in Flanders, April 18.—(U. P.)—Through rain squalls and a cutting northeaster, the Germans kept up their pressure on the Lys front today.

Evidence of the importance Hindenburg attaches to the hills southwest of Ypres is shown in the presence of the 117th and 110th Bavarian corps and Alpine corps in the sector from Mount Kemmel to Bailleul (a front of three miles). Every man of these units from the German hill country and Von Bernhardt, who is in command from Wytchaete to Bailleul, is known as a hill fighter.

The assaults south of the Nieppe forest reveal the necessity for the main mass enlarging the salient of the main enemy thrust toward Hazebrouck. Prisoners declare the cross fire of the British guns created a bulge of the salient before St. Yvan, inflicting heavy casualties there.

The German troops, themselves underfed, are surprised at the quantity and quality of captured British food, which constitutes the only decent ration they have had in many months. The promise of more similar food is a spur to the Germans. This is illustrated in a letter taken from a captured officer of the Alpine corps, in which he said: "If you advance we will surely take enough booty. We have made up our minds now to plunder ruthlessly. That is the beauty of the whole thing. We Alpiners understand our business."

Ten British tanks started an offensive of their own today but the frightened Germans sent up red rockets when they saw the machines and German artillery pounded its own troops, scattering them everywhere.

The general situation is unchanged. Further heavy fighting is coming.

OLD MILLER IS GOING ON WITH WORK DESPITE WAR

By William G. Shepherd Dallas, Texas, April 19.—(U. P.)—Well, at least the Germans haven't taken the grandstand seats in the plains of Flanders where the great bloody game is now under way.

The grandstand seats are in Scherpenberg. They are the steps on a Dutch windmill which tops the hill. Thousands of the most eminent men (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

TRACTION FUNDS ALLOW NEW LINES

Depreciation Fund Has Balance of \$1,154,798.95, According to Statement.

Although Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, asserts that his company has no money with which to build extensions and thus better the service for shipyard workers in Portland, the company, by one of its own reports, has a total of \$1,154,798.95 in a "depreciation fund."

Money in a depreciation fund of a public utility in this state may be used in making extensions, new construction or additions to property, as well as for replacements of worn out facilities, under provision of the public act of the state of Oregon.

The depreciation fund of more than one million dollars is shown on the quarterly report of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, ending December 31, 1917, on file in the office of City Auditor Funk.

By direction of the public service commission, the traction company is taking \$30,509 monthly from its street car earnings and placing it in the depreciation fund.

Little of the money in the depreciation fund has been used in repairing the track area of the company in Portland, according to City Commissioner Barbour. Company officials, he says, have continually explained that the company lacks funds with which to repair tracks, even though by its own report the company is shown placing approximately \$1090 a day into the depreciation fund.

Section 496 of the Oregon public utility act, defining depreciation accounts and the application of funds contained in the account, reads: "Every public utility shall carry a proper and adequate depreciation account whenever the commission, after investigation, shall determine that such depreciation account can be reasonably required. . . . All moneys thus provided for shall be set aside out of the earnings and carried in a depreciation fund. The moneys in this fund may be expended in replacements, new construction, extensions, or additions to the property of such public utility, or invested, and if invested the income from the investments shall be carried in the depreciation fund. This fund and the proceeds thereof shall be used for no other purpose than as provided in this section and for depreciation."

Gen. Morse Is Again Colonel of Regulars

Washington, April 19.—(U. P.)—Army orders today announced that Brigadier General Benjamin C. Morse has been discharged from that rank in the national army and returned to his former rank of colonel in the regular army. He has been in command of an infantry brigade at Camp Crozier, Mich.

Major William J. Mayo, famous surgeon of Rochester, Minn., has been ordered to active service in the medical corps. His brother, Dr. Charles Mayo, began active service as a major in the medical corps several weeks ago.

GERMANS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY LINE OF ALLIES

Battle Front in Flanders Practically Same as It Was Three Days Ago; Stone Wall Defense of British Is Still Unshaken.

French Have Made Advances on Line West of Amiens and Have Captured 650 Prisoners; Hun Losses Continue to Pile Up.

By William Phillip Simms WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES MORE THAN TWO MILES. April 19.—(U. P.)—Aside from Haig's withdrawal from the awkward Passchendaele pocket, the British line today looks pretty much as it did three days ago.

On the high ground north and east of Givency, as this is called, there is some German activity. Von Quast is doggedly trying to flank Bethune, but apparently is unsuccessful. The shelling of the British guns is deadly.

London, April 19.—(U. P.)—While the British, aided by French reserves, are holding the Germans on the Flanders front, the French have gained ground along the Aves, southeast of Amiens, by a heavy counter attack on a front of more than two miles. This attack, the French communiqué said, carried the French to the outskirts of Casel.

The French have taken 650 German prisoners, 20 of whom are officers. Haig's night report described severe fighting on the greater part of the Lys front. Enemy attacks were repulsed from the La Bassee canal to Givency and east of Valenciennes. Attacks south of Kemmel also were broken down.

The German war office said the situation (Continued on Page Three, Column One)

SHIP WORK TOTALS NOW \$175,300,000

Chamber of Commerce Contrasts Local Activities With December, 1916.

The amount of ship contracts Oregon shipyards have on hand April 15 is \$175,300,000, according to a statement on the shipbuilding industry in this district compiled by the Chamber of Commerce today. The statement makes a comparison of the industry as it is today with the way it was on December 10, 1916. On that date the Oregon shipyards had contracts amounting to only \$22,250,000.

The total number of employees on April 15 was 26,350, divided as follows: Portland, 22,100; outside of Portland, 4250. The monthly payroll is \$2,845,800. The number of employees on December 10, 1916, was 4200 and the monthly payroll was \$302,400.

Eighteen steel cargo ships and 40 wood cargo ships have been launched since December 10, 1916. The tonnage of the steel ships is approximately 126,000, while that of wood ships is 200,000.

On April 18, according to the statement, there were 94 cargo ships on the ways with tonnage aggregating 740,400, divided as follows: Steel, 76,800; wood, 233,600. The statement also shows that there are four plants building steel ships, with one under construction, and that there are 17 building wood ships, with three under construction.

Amsterdam, April 19.—(U. P.)—The executive committee of the German Socialist party in Austria has decided to declare a countrywide strike May 1, as a demonstration for the declaration of peace by Germany, according to dispatches in the Telegraf today.

Woman With Too Much Gold Halted

Seattle, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. A. Cranfill is pondering here today on the difficulties that sometimes attend high financing during wartime. She was stopped by a customs inspector as she was about to board a boat for Vancouver, B. C., and a search of her grip disclosed \$900 in gold. As Uncle Sam needs considerable gold at this time, the exportation of it is forbidden. Canada is paying a premium of 6 per cent on gold, while banks here charge only 1 per cent discount on Canadian bank notes. So, unless the United States customs service interferes, there is a sure profit in a five hours' ride to the Canadian side.

Kansas Counting on Great Wheat Crop

Hutchinson, Kan., April 19.—(I. N. S.)—This year's wheat crop for Kansas will be at least 150,000,000 bushels, according to Jake Baker, president of the Hutchinson board of trade, and one of the state's acknowledged crop experts.

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