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Agricultural Appropriation Bill Is Passed, Ready to Go to Conference Before Action in House

**NECESSITY SEEN FOR BIGGER PRODUCTION** 

Oregon Senators, Chamberlain and McNary Cast Votes for Measure

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- The agricultural appropriation bill, with the Gore amendment increasing the 1918 government guarantee wheat price to \$2.50, was passed today by the senate. It now goes to the conference, where another fight over the wheat price is expected.

The wheat price amendment was adopted .49 to 18 after five days' discussion in which its advocates urged the necessity of stimulating production, and criticised government price fixing. The bill, carrying appropriations of \$28,000,000. was passed without a roll call, the principal fight being centered on the

Besides increasing the federal northern wheat or its riety as under existing law, and shall bers for the airplanes. be payable at local elevators or railway markets instead of at the prin-coal primary markets as is done now. These provisions are designed Senator Borah of Idaho declared

Guaranty Made Binding. Another provision is that the guar- action. anty shill not be dependent upon action of the president but is hereby the I. W. W. leader to whom he

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### SENATE TALKS OF TROUBLE IN **LUMBER CAMPS**

Chamberlain Says Troops May Have to Protect Workers in Forests

BLAME PUT ON I. W. W.

Bill for Commandeering Tim- U. S. OFFICERS SEEK ber This Summer Undergoes Discussion

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- Warnings that the people of the Pacific northwest, tired of I. W. W. activities, might take the law into their own hands to suppress traitorous conduct; charges that the government itself had "coddled" the leaders, and predictions that sabotage and other activities to embarrass the government's air craft program are likely to break out in the spring and summer, featured the senate debate today on the administration bill to empower the government to commandeer timber and conduct logging

The debate flared up so sudden ly and lasted so long that time allotted for considering the bill was used up and Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee let it go

over for action later. Senators were not sparing in their declarations that the government American artillery observers that should act swiftly and drastically to the long heralded German offensive meet what they characterized as a guarantee, the Gore amendment also menace to the people. Senator the full cope of the enemy action provides that the guaranteed prices Chamberlain particularly declared it for the 1918 crop shall be based up- might be necessary to send troops into the spruce forests to protect equivalent instead of the No. 1 va- workers getting out the precious tim-

"The Industrial Workers of the to increase further the farmers' re- the government could deal adequately with the I. W. W. without resort to force and by order!y lawful

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Without mentioning the name of

Many Merchants Seem to

Think That Misrepresen-

tation of Values in Adver-

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become such a common practice that nobody believes the

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# IS REPORTED

Officials See Possibility Guns Are Roaring Thunderous Prelude for Effect on

**OUT ENEMY'S MOTIVE** 

'Stone Wall" Lines of Allies Prepared for Greatest of Struggles

LONDON, March 21 .- Semi-official negotiations are on foot between Germany and the entente in which Germany is displaying a strong inclination for peace, the Catholic newspaper Nieuwsblad Hertzeuden says it has learned, the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam

WASHINGTON, March 21.- Even word from London that the drive launched today by the Germans on he west front is on a larger scale than any undertaken there since the war began has failed to convince is at hand. They are waiting for against both British and French fronts to be made clear, and still believe that the logic of the situation points away from a German offensive in the west at this time.

There was a distinct feeling tonight at the tumult of the German guns might cloak some other purpose than to commit the issue of the war to desperate onslaughts against the all but impregnable allied lines in the west. Supreme confidence in the power of those lines to resist the shock characterized the expressions of all officials.

Allied Resistance Unshakeable. Some high army officers, heretoore confident that the German posiion on all fronts made a defensive attitude in the west almost mandatory, viewed with eagerness the possibility that a great thrust at Paris or the channel ports had been actually set in motion. They believed only not brook wise counsel could force the general staff to risk such a venture. They believed, too, that a German assault in the west now would bring the ultimate triumph of the allied cause close, because the resisting power of the allied armies

"If this in fact a German drive," said one general officer, "I will look upon it as the most hopeful sign in the war thus far. Defeat of the movement is certain.

Peace Offer Reported. "But I cannot believe that it is a real drive. Every requirement of reason would direct the Germans to press their exploitation of Russia's resources and Russia's man power to the limit while they held the west front locked against our efforts." Reports from Holland that a peace offer had been made semi-officially to the entente by Germany caught immediate attention. There was nothing at the state department to confirm this report, but some observers saw the possibility that the menace of the German guns had been turned loose to play a thundering prelude to such an offer for the effect upon the French and Brit-

ish people. Motive Causes Speculation. Others saw possible significance in the fact that the German onslaught comes quickly on the heels of the acquisition of Dutch shipping by the United States and the allies. There was speculation as to whether that incident might have created the strategic situation.

troops to France led to resort to a said they wished more time to coldesperate effort to reach the chan-nel ports.

Offensive Launched Early. From a purely military standpoint Women Asked to Take he launching of an offensive this early in the year is an innovation. Experience would indicate that the ground is as yet too soft with the winter rains for extensive troop and transport movements necessitated in pressing home a great thrust. The spring appears to be early in Euperts have certainly gauged every operations. It may well be that many days of constant gunfire, will follow the initial rush in the Cambrai sector, paving the way for greater efforts by the infantry later.

The situation at Cambrai has menaced the security of the German lines ever since the surprise assault by the allies last year gave them certain strategic advantages. It was thought here early today that the

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# **GERMANS FLEE**

American Patrol Gets Valuable Information in Raid With French

French and British People BATTLE IS SPECTACLE

Fire from Barrage and Guns PORTLAND ON SAME of Germans Makes Continuous Flash

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 21 .- The raid into the German positions east of Luneville last night by American and French troops was carried out under cover of darkness and as a haze began to roll in over the hills! particular portion of the sector.

tain places in the wood roundabout, and with the shipping board. From the hillside across valley the German guns retaliated.

Deafening Roar Begins, ports of the explosion became a deafening roar which rolled in from At the same time the German guns be \$2.20 or substantially that. increased their fire.

As the barrage lifted, the road be-

Rifle Fire Breaks In. Soon nearly all the firing ceased and almost immediately the staccato rattle of machine guns and automatic rifles began. Occasionally rifle fire broke in and then all was fairly quiet for nearly half an hour except for occasional bursts of rifle fire and short bursts of allied rifles.

. The first members of the raiding party to return to the American first line were the stretcher bearers. When all the raiders had returned dull explosions sounded from within the enemy lines and occasionally there were bursts of flame showing where dugouts were being blown un.

German Troops Flee.

The raiding party came back mudstained and some were smeared with cured no prisoners because the Ger mans had fled as the Americans and French dropped into their trenches. Some of the Germans were shot while they were trying to get away and others were killed by the Amerier who challenged him. The German turned to draw a revolver. The American promptly killed him and went on further into the enemy lines

The patrol got much information of value and except for the lack of prisoners the raid was pronounced a success from every point of view by both French and American of ficers. Most of the infantrymen who participated in the raid are from New York, although there were some from New Jersey. Some of the engineers who accompanied the party as pioneers are from California.

#### Fate of Bolsheviki Members Is Postponed

NORFOLK, Va., March 21 .- U. S Commissioner Percy S. Stephenson a motive for the drive, in view of at the request of department of justice agents today indefinitely post-The purpose might be, it was said, poned rendering a decision in the to overawe European neutrals, or it cases of the forty seven members of might be that realization that the the Bolshevik crew of the Russian chapter. submarine campaign had failed to steamer Omsk on charges of violatblock the movement of American ing the espionage act. The agents

### Men's Places in Cities

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- The primary responsibility for furnishing labor for the farm this year is a community and not a government rope, however, and the German ex- al one, said Clarence Ousley, assistant secretary of agriculture, in a factor before undertaking extensive statement tonight on womenworking on farms. "No agency of the govprolonged bombardment, covering ernment, he said, "can create labor or compel men to pursue any partic-

> ular vocation." He urged that women seek to to enable the men to work on the vesting season, pointing out that "it ute and one cannot afford to pass lighter tasks men are better adapted within an hour, or even eight hours, for farm work."

## M'NARY GETS **UPTO\$2.20**

Favorable Order From Food Administration Comes After Conference in Senator's Office at Washington

BASIS AS CHICAGO

Julius Barnes of Grain Corporation Is Led to Change His Mind

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- (Spec facing the American lines on that ial to The Statesman.)-The farm- report that the abandonment by the ers of Oregon and the entire north- Dutch government of the remaining From an observation station high west will get a better price for their restrictive clauses in its shipping loar in a tree, top, the correspondent wheat this year than they have ever terms would be regarded by Germany watched the artillery preparation. It known before. For this price they as cause for war, began soon after dusk, orange-color- are much indebted to Senator ed bursts of flame where the Ameri- Charles L. McNary and his untiring can guns were firing showing in cer- efforts with the food administration,

record in writing, in a letter to Sen- ing to outline Germany's attitude to-For more than half an hour the corporation will maintain the Chica- that the Dutch government under brilliant bluish-white flash of their go basic price (on wheat) for Pa- German threats had rejected the guns was like a jumping electric cific coast points so large as the British-American shipping-demands. spark here and there. Soon the re- shipping board maintains the rates The belief was general here, howmentioned by you."

Under the proclamation of the everywhere as the guns far and near president, of February 23, the Chicame into action. This was the time cago price for No. 1 northern wheat prisals upon Holland and that unrefor the barrage. From the spot is \$2.20. Mr. Hoover's letter to Senwhere the shells fell a constant red ato: McNary means that the price glow shone through the darkness, at Portland as well as Seattle, will McNary Enlists Barnes.

Early in February a delegation of came quiet just at the moment the wheat growers from the northwest Americans and French went over the came to Washington to ask that a top. The noise of the German guns price be fixed for 1918 wheat. They sounded like some one beating a big sought out Sengor McNary and conferences between these farmers as the supreme court issues the revitation that Julius Barnes, head of bomb explosion in July, 1916. the federal grain corporation, came fixing, nor was he disposed to favor bility of reopening the case. any advance in the wheat price in the northwest. After a long confer- matically on March 31. ence in Senator McNary's office, at present, Mr. Barnes changed his at- Royal Flying Corps titude and later rendred great assistand in securing a favorable order from the food administration.

In turn, Senator McNary accompanied the grain men to the office of Food Administrator Hoover, where the northwest situation was thoroughly discussed, with the re-

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### HOLLAND GETS FROM GERMANY

Attitude Toward Dutch Has Been Changed by Shipping Situation

U-BOAT WARFARE NEXT

#### U. S. Officials Believe Reprisals Will Be Commenced on Neutral

LONDON, March 22.-Dispatches from The Hague report that a local news agency says that Germany considers her relations with Holland altered by the attitude of the Dutch government toward the entente and the United States and publishes a

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- Al though officials declined tonight to put any definite interpretation of Food Administrator Hoover, is on dispatches from The Hague, purportator McNary, as saying "the grain ward Holland, it was pointed out ever, that the requisitioning of Dutch ships in American and British waters would result in German restricted submarine warfare would be extended to the Dutch zone.

#### Governor to Be Asked to Pardon Thomas J. Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 .immediately arranged a series of ernor William D. Stephens as soon and the various officers of the food mittur on its decision affirming administration and the shipping Mooney's conviction and sentence to board, and accompanied them on death on a charge of murder in coneach occasion. It was at his in- nection with the preparedness day

Attorney Maxwell McNutt, repreto Washington to confer with the senting Mooney, made this statement farmers. Mr. Barnes was at first today, explaining that the issuance not disposed to favor an early price of the remittur will close any possi-The remittur will be issued auto-

A royal flying corps cadet was people over coming centuries. instantly killed at Taliaferro field near here today when his plane fell hitherto unknown during this war several hundred feet. Details of the of major offensives. It was over a crash and the name of the victim front of fifty miles. were not obtainable at R. F. C.

### ican shells. One German who had placed himself between the first and second lines with an automatic rifle second lines with an automatic rifle BROTHER BILL ARRIVES TO GREET PATRONS OF GREAT COUNTRY FAIR

headquarters.

Have you seen Brother Bill? Whether you have or not you want full benefit, to see him and take advantage of of liberty, justice and humanity,

of Jefferson county, Or., and, since chapters who receive him as a guest and pass him along to the mext

oition at the Country Fair and Auction Sale at the armory today and tomorrow, so that everybody will thus help out in replenishing the strictly up to the public. funds of Willamette chapter, Red Cross. He will be one of the many big features and attractions and will be pleased to meet and greet all of his friends of Salem and surrounding country.

Open This Morning. Everybody be on hand with your pocketbooks (latch strings out) Country Fair are thrown open to the Not only that, but be prepared to hang around until the "last dog is hung" on Saturday night, which will be along in the wee sma' hours of to miss anything. For there is goso you will have to be on hand early

'and constantly in order to get the

Mrs. John A. Carson, chairman the opportunity to help boost him over all in the colossal exhibition along on his merry way in the cause and sale, and her valiant corps of able and willing assistants have been Brother Bill is the big Red Cross turning the whole country upside ram who was donated to the Ameri- down and topsy turvy for good can Red Cross by a patriotic citizen things and entertaining and amusing features for this affair and if he was first put up for auction at anything has been overlooked it is Bend, he has been the means of rais- not their fault. In this work they ing a total of \$5000, all of which have been ably assisted by an effigoes to the benefit of the Red Cross cient corps of volunteer patriotic citizens of the masculine gender and if preparation and work have anything to do with it, nothing can pre-Brother Bill came up from Port- vent its being a grand success and land last night and will be on exhi- productive of splendid results from a financial point of view. The only thing that stands in the way of a complete success in every particular have a chance to bid upon him and is lack of attendance and that is

### No Mere Salem Affair.

said Mrs. Carson, in speaking of the big Red Cross benefit undertaking. yesterday morning. "It is for everybody. A community affair would more nearly express the idea and everybody should get together. when the gates of the big Red Cross country, city and hamlet, and let us show the rest of the state and other public at the armory this morning, states how we do things in this section, particularly the section embraced within the limits of Willamette chapter of the Red Cross. The country people have given most explace men in cities at brief intervals Sunday morning, if you do not want traordinary assistance, have contributed most liberally to the stock of farms during the cultivating and har ing to be something doing every min- goods, wares, merchandise, livestock and everything for the big auction should be understood that the man up any of the big surprises that are sale of Saturday, as well as for other power of the country is not yet ex- in store for the people. And it is features of the great show and sale, hausted and that except for certain impossible to pull everything off and we hope they will come in full

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German Armies Strike at British and French Lines Over Front of 50 Miles: Greatest Battle of Entire War May Be Commenced

FIGHTING IS TERRIFIC: **BRITISH POSTS YIELD** 

Bombardment Begun Before Early Dawn Breaks; nfantry Storms Out; German Losses Declared Heavy

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* "GOD WILLING, WE'LL WIN," SAYS HINDENBURG

AMSTERDAM, March 21 .-The prize of victory must not and will not fall us-no soft peace, but one which corresponds with Germany's interests," Emperor William tele-graphed the Schleswig-Holstein provincial council, according to a Kiel dispatch. The emperor's telegram was sent in reply to a congratulatory message,

Field Marshal von burg has telegraphed to the Posen provincial council as fol-

"God willing, we will also overcome the enemy in the west and clear the way to a general

(By The Associated Press)

Exactly twenty-five months after the Germans began the historic battle of Verdun, the thunder of their guns deepened into a tempest of fire along the British front in northern France and they began what may be the greatest battle of the war. Cadet Killed Instantly struggle which may lead to results FORT WORTH, Texas, March 21, which will shape the destinies of

The attack was made on a scale

Offensive Launched at 5 a. m. The bombardment began at o'clock Thursday morning just bebreaking over eastern France. Shells of large and small calibers were rained upon the lines held by the British about five hours. Then German infantry stormed out to make the first great assault. The Germans, favored by the wind, moved forward under cover of a pall of smoke which hid the assaulting columns from the eyes of the British holding the front lines.

Describing the battle, Andrew Bonar Law informed the house of commons that Hightly held portions of the British line had been withdrawn, but said that there was no need for alarm on the part of the country. The Associated Press correspondent at the British front reports that an attack there had be expected and that great preparations had been made to meet it. The Berlin official report says that the Germans have penetrated into some British positions.

French Front Attacked. Nor were the German efforts con centrated on the front held by the British. Early Thursday morning the Germans assaulted the French lines near the village of Ornes, to the northeast of Verdun, and claim to have penetrated to a considerable French were subjected to an assault, but here the artillery bore the burden of the fighting.

Nothing has been reported as to an attack on the lines held by the Americans. That such an attack may yet be launched, and with only slight artillery preparation, is within

the possibilities. The accivity in the American sectors during the past three weeks would indicate that the Germans have been concerned with the disposition of General Pershing's legions. their probable strength and the lo-

cation of the batteries supporting the

infantry holding the lines.

Austrians on West Front. The Germans have called upon the Austrian army for assistance in their effort to carry the battle to the entente allies, for the official reports from Berlin say that Austro-Hungarian artillery is engaged along

the western front. The French official reports state that the Germans have been sanguin-

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Large shipments of Spring Merchandise arriving daily. EXPERIENCED SALESMAN WANTED

MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS BOTH DRYGOODS AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS PREFERRED