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Chilean Ambassador to U. S. Is Called by Death

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senor Don Santiago Aldunate, Chilean ambassador to the United States, died at a hospital here late today, following a stroke of apoplexy, suffered this morning while walking on the street. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made, but the American government, according to precedent, will offer to convey the body to Chile on a warship. The ambassador, who was 60 years old, had been in his usual good health. He left the embassy for a walk and had gone only a few blocks when he was stricken. He was taken to a nearby hospital, but did not regain consciousness. Ambassador Aldunate was widely known in diplomatic circles, both in Europe and the western hemisphere. He at one time was Chilean minister for foreign affairs and in 1907 was appointed minister to Rome, where he remained until given the post of ambassador to the United States two years ago. He succeeded Senor Eduardo Suarez-Mujica, who resigned in January, 1916, on account of ill health.

Wilson Sends Message to German-American Citizens

CHICAGO, April 17.—A message from President Wilson deprecating unjust suspicion or violence against Americans of German ancestry was presented to the Chicago Association

of Commerce today by Dr. William E. Bohn, secretary of the New York branch of the Friends of German Democracy. In part the message from President Wilson reads:

"You may be sure that I sympathize and shall co-operate with every effort to see to it that the loyal residents of the United States of German birth or descent are given genuine proof of the sincerity of our institutions. It distresses me beyond measure that suspicion should attach to those who do not deserve it and that acts of injustice and even violence should be based upon suspicion."

Spanish Vessel Louisa Torpedoed, Say Owners

MADRID, April 17.—The owners of the Spanish vessel Louisa have informed the government that the ship has been torpedoed. Three of the crew were lost.

Airplane Falling into Bay at San Diego Kills Two

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 17.—Two army aviators in training here lost their lives in an accident this afternoon, according to witnesses at Fort Rosecrans, who say they saw a machine with two men aboard fall into San Diego bay in mid-channel and sink into the water. A heavy ebb tide was running. At 7 o'clock army and navy tugs had failed to find the plane, and it was impossible for officers to say who the missing men were.

BAKER CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Says American Soldier Has Made Good in France—Morale Is Good

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Wilson and his war cabinet heard from Secretary Baker today that the American soldier has made good in France, and that the men of the expeditionary force are well physically and in high spirits. Although he reported his arrival by telephone last night, the war secretary saw the president for the first time since his return from Europe when they met at the cabinet table. He did not attempt to give a full report on what he saw and heard abroad, and much of the time during the meeting listened to discussion of things done in his absence by heads of other government war agencies. Later, Mr. Baker said that even casual observation made it evident that tremendous progress has been made on the war program since he sailed for France.

ALLIED SITUATION IS MUCH IMPROVED

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successes are to be recorded for the zone below Arras, although this sector has retired to the background since the drive to Hazebrouck. Not only have the British stood off numerous of the enemy's masses of tanks, but they have forced the Germans out of Royelles and re-established themselves in this place. All was heartening, although no delusions are held as to prospects of further mighty blows by the Prussian machine.

POINT IS IMPORTANT

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(Offensive)—For the moment the German drive at the British line has localized on the sector running from Bailleul around to the eastward of Ypres and military men here are watching with eager interest the British counter-attacks on this narrow front, where further enemy successes probably would mean the evacuation of a large stretch of territory. While the British official statement that the lines east of Ypres had been withdrawn and readjusted on a new front did not give the position of the new line, it is known that the general trend of the British lines on this northern flank of the great battle now is represented by almost a right angle. Troops which fought east only a week ago are now fighting on a front that extends in a general east and west direction and they are facing south. From the lines to the east of Ypres the British have been swung back on a twelve-mile front with the Ypres positions as the hinge of the movement. That hinge now forms a broad salient into the German lines which they are trying to flatten out.

Should the German effort fail, it is believed here the British will be left on a strong strategic position. By a counter-attack from Ypres they might reconquer all the ground lost in this northern extension of the battle front. The desperate nature of the attacks aimed at the capture of Ypres indicates the belief of the German commanders that their position will be untenable unless they can widen it in that direction. Had anyone said months ago that there would soon be rejoicing to see the British withdraw and abandon the Paschendaele ridge system, which was won with such difficulty last summer, it would have excited derision. But the whole British army is glad at this point, as it not only lessens the danger from the enemy drive about Wytschaete and Bailleul, but it greatly shortens the defensive line. The retirement was a result of matured judgment. The new lines had been prepared and artillery had been placed in position before the infantry quickly began to pull back under cover of darkness. Germans Were Surprised. If the Germans anticipated any such move they did not look for it at the time it happened. They began to push cautiously forward when it became apparent that nothing unusual had happened. They found the forward positions vacant and advanced in greater numbers. Then the British artillery opened at an opportune moment and deluged the whole territory with an inferno of fire, which worked havoc among the wandering infantry. The Germans must now pull forward and once more man the difficult heights, and they will have to drag their artillery up over bad ground to the positions which it occupied before the British offensive began last summer. It will be an undesirable task.

Calculations Upset. Coincidentally with their drives around Bailleul and to the north, the Germans have continued to push hard to the south of Merville, in order to get to the line of La Bassée canal. The enemy had expected to get through Bethune and most of the waterways on the first or second day of the offensive in this sector, but the determined defense offered upset all their calculations. The Germans have only a few good roads in this region over which they can send their transports and these highways are kept under continual fire by the British artillery and are being bombed so constantly that they are filled with the wreckage of the enemy transport and dead horses. Numerous enemy attacks have been delivered about Locon, but in every sector they were repulsed. Yesterday at Pacaut wood, northwest of Locon, an unusual engagement was staged when the German and British infantry advanced at the same moment for an attack, and clashed in the forest. Heavy hand-to-hand fighting ensued and the British claimed slight advance when the Germans had been repulsed. Field Guns Smashed. A battery of German field guns stationed on the eastern edge of the



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wood was completely smashed, and all the crew were either killed or captured.

The enemy bombardment of the region of Villers-Bretonneux has continued but no attack in this region has developed. A prisoner captured near Hebuterne on April 14 says that the enemy has been on short rations and that the only food which some of the troops had was what they captured. All the Germans are surprised at the quality of the British rations and the feeling generally is growing that the German troops have been deceived greatly by the success of the submarine campaign. One prisoner admitted that the German losses were heavy.

Tardieu Reappointed Commissioner to U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Reappointment of Andre Tardieu, ex-high commissioner of France to the United States, was announced today in an official cable from Paris.

Mr. Tardieu received the following message from the minister of foreign affairs:

"The high mission which you have so successfully performed in the United States and which expired on the 15th of this month, has been renewed by a decree of the president of the republic. Because of the French law providing that a member of parliament can not be appointed to executive functions for a period exceeding six months, Mr. Tardieu's commission automatically expired six months from its date. The law permits renewal of such a commission, however, and the high commissioner, originally named on April 15, 1917, now has had his mission extended for a third term.

Hungarian Premier to Resign From Ministry

COPENHAGEN, April 17.—Dr. Alexander Wekerle, Hungarian premier and minister of finance, has decided to resign owing to the disension in the ministry over the suffrage reform bill, according to advices from Budapest. King Charles has refused to dissolve parliament and he is expected to entrust the reconstruction of the cabinet to Dr. Wekerle, excluding the ministers who have been opposing a compromise on the suffrage measure.

Mt. Angel Knights to Initiate Next Sunday

MT. ANGEL, Or., April 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—At the initiation of Mt. Angel Council Knights of Columbus to take place here Sunday, April 21, the following will be the order of the day: Assembling of candidates at St. Mary's hall at 8:30 a. m.; exemplification of first degree at 9 a. m.; special mass at St. Mary's church for Knights at 11 a. m., at which Father Maher of Woodburn will preach the sermon. Second degree exemplification at 1:30 p. m. sharp; third degree at 4 p. m. Hoover lunch and program at city hall at 6:45 p. m.

FEWER MEN ARE RETURNED FROM U. S. ARMY CAMP

Physical Unfitness Now No Reason for Rejecting Men at American Lake

CASUAL OFFICE NEW

Recruits Sent There Provided With Special Duties—Baseball Squad Out

CAMP LEWIS, TACOMA, Wash., April 17.—Since the inauguration of the plan of accepting men into the national army for special limited service the number of drafted men rejected because of physical disability has fallen considerably. Since the first of April more than 4500 men have been received at Camp Lewis from the local boards of Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. Of this number only 124 were rejected as physically unfit and 300 were designated for special limited service.

The reasons for this, according to army officers, are partly due to the greater care used by the local examining boards who have had greater experience in examining men than at the time of the first draft and to the fact that the new regulations operate so that virtually every man capable of earning a livelihood is accepted for service in some capacity with the army, thus releasing an able-bodied man for active field duty.

When a man is classified as fit only for special service, he is assigned to the casual company of the depot brigade where he is given special training to remedy the physical defects if such is possible. In some cases he is assigned to special clerical work where he is not obliged to submit to the long marches and strenuous drill.

Special quarters are being prepared for these men who will be assigned to limited service when the new draft begins coming into camp the latter part of the present month. With approximately 10,000 men coming into camp with the next draft, it is estimated the number of special service men will be between 600 and 700. This is on the basis of the percentage of such men in the previous draft.

About thirty men a day are being received at the receiving station of the casual office now, the men being principally sent here to fill up state quotas depleted by exemptions or transfer. Occasionally there is a man accused of draft evasion, but these cases are rare. One man recently was on the point of obtaining discharge because of defective hearing when the examining physicians found three inches of shooting jammed tightly into his ears. This was removed and he was sent to a training battalion and is now learning to be a soldier. Another man was found who used a drug to make his heart action irregular. He was detected and now is in the army.

Cases of this kind are few, it was said today. It is more common for the rejected man to lodge a complaint that he has not been given a square deal and they beg and even demand to be given military service of some sort rather than be sent home as physically unfit.

The Knights of Columbus has received a supply of baseball equipment and the organization is doing its part in the athletic work of camp by loaning this to army units which lack equipment of their own.

Knights of Columbus building No. 1 adjoins two baseball fields where there is practice every afternoon, and the equipment is constantly at the disposal of the soldiers who desire to play the national pastime. Secretary A. F. Ward of Portland, himself a devotee of the game, frequently goes out on the field with the boys to help out where a play-off is needed to make up a team or to umpire a game between rival organizations. The divisional baseball squad is to



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assessor, I have made a study of the duties a public official owes to the people he serves and you will have to agree with me that I have been at all times ready and willing to render my services to anyone who came within my office. I am now asking you to give me your support for state treasurer the same as you did for county assessor. You know we all like to advance in life when opportunity offers. In asking this I will assure you that you will have no cause to regret, and I feel I can be of greater service to the people of this county and the state than to serve you locally, and you will find me at all times on the job doing my duty for the best interests of the state. (Paid Adv.)

be given its first real workout tomorrow afternoon. The squad is composed of a number of northwest coast and big league players and a formidable team is in prospect. Within a few days the divisional athletic field is to be enlarged so that it can be used as a baseball diamond. The bleachers, which surround the field, are to be moved back and the ground graded off into an excellent dirt diamond.

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Auburn Red Cross Gives Social and Nets Good Sum

AUBURN, Or., April 17.—A program of exceptional merit, was given at Auburn Saturday night, April 13, after which cake, coffee and ice cream were served. A net profit of \$53.45 was realized. The program follows: Piano prelude—By Miss Dorothy Tucker. Tableau—Miss Helen Williams and Miss Alice Mathey, accompanied by the solo, "America," by Miss Ruth Tucker. Solo—"Then I'll Come Back to You," Dan J. Langenberg. Reading—Miss Levon Copic. Solo—Miss Ruth Tucker. Orchestra—H. Lee, Ivan Martin, H. F. Swart, W. H. Mills; piano accompaniment, Mrs. H. Lee. Dialogue—Miss Myrtle Mathis.

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