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The upper photograph shows a view of several of the houses which were wrecked by the bombs dropped by the Germans. These places of "military importance" to the Germans were the homes of the people who live in the poorer section of Paris. The lower photograph shows the results of bombs dropped on the dormitory of a children's hospital, which fortunately had been vacated in time by the 200 children, and none were injured there. The building is a mass of wreckage. If the children had not been removed doubtless every one of them would have been killed.

ELEVEN OFFENSES PUNISHABLE BY DEATH IN UNITED STATES ARMY

Sentence of Sleepy Sentries With the Army in France Calls Attention to Offenses Which May Be Punished by Hanging or Shooting-Death Sentence Is Mandatory Only in Case of Spy-Many Touching Stories.

Washington .- Four American sol- | the manual of regulations, "death by diers, sentenced to death for sleeping hanging is considered more ignominon sentry duty in the front-line trench- lous than death by shooting." Hanges in France, may be saved from the ing, the rule continues, "is the usual law's extreme penalty by General Per- method of execution designated in the shing's action in sending the records case of spies, of persons guilty of murof their cases to Washington for re- der in connection with mutiny, or view. General Pershing has authority sometimes for desertion in the face of to carry out the sentence of the court- the enemy; but in the case of a purely martial, but it is only on foreign soil military offense, such as sleeping on that such power lies in the command- post, such sentence, when imposed, is s hands, for by an order of usually 'to be shot to death with musng general a December 29 the war department, at ketry.' For the sake of example, and the suggestion of the president, ruled to deter others from committing like that no death sentence in the army offenses, the death sentence may, forces in this country could be executed before review of the case by the 'in the presence of the troops of the department. So far as is known here, command.' ' the only execution of an American soldier in France up to the present time has been that of Private F. Cadue, hanged in November for assault and murder of a French girl.

discretion of the court-martial upon anyone who "attempts to create, begins, causes, excites, or joins in" mutiny or sedition, but the liability to the extreme punishment does not stop there. Anyone who, being present at a mutiny or seditious outbreak, does not "do his utmost to suppress it," may be punished by the execution of the death sentence, as if he had been an organizer of the sedition himself. Also, anyone who has reason to believe that a mutiny is about to occur or that sedition is being stirred up must report the matter in full to his superior officer on pain of incurring the same punishment as an actual mutineer.

"Making known the countersign" and "forcing safeguard" are purely military offenses for which the death penalty may be imposed. "Relieving the enemy" may cover a number of military crimes against one's country, and "harboring the enemy" or "directly or indirectly" giving him any sort of intelligence is punishable by death at the discretion of the court-martial. Many Touching Stories.

The tragedy of sleeping on post has furnished some of the most famous and touching stories in the history of our own and other lands. Everyone has heard the story of Lincoln's forgiveness of the country boy who, tired by a long campaign, slept at his sentry post. An English soldier, writing of his experiences in this war, tells how he found a young sentry asleep in an important point of watch, and of the agony of mind that preceded his decision that he must report the youth whose neglect of duty might have had terrible consequences for his comrades and the army's position.

Apropos of the war department's order that death sentences passed upon soldiers in this country be referred to it for review, it is recalled that Lincoln in 1861 ruled that no army death sentence should be executed until he had personally examined all the circumstances and facts in the case.

CUT DOWN ON STAR BOARDER

Boston Committee Plans for Special Boarder's Pledge Card in That City.

Boston .- A special boarder's pledge card may soon be in circulation in this city as a means of food conservation in boarding houses. This is not a new boarding house joke, but a plan of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense. Of course the boarding house patron will protest against conservation of food-he always has-but without results. Here is the card the woman's committee would have boarders sign :

"I, at present a boarder in this city, accept membership in the hereby United States food administration, pledging myself, as a patriotic duty, to co-operate with the proprietor in the conservation of meat, wheat, sugar and fats, according to the directions and advice of the food administrator."

IT'S A CATALOGUE THINKS



By E. E. O'Neill and W. S. Kirkpatrick

Of supreme moment is the issue of ions, ships and every device of modern open air gatherings, speeches, pa the war. The price of wheat and the war for the American. War expenditurn of politics are serious matters- tures reach every avenue of business but-the Third Liberty Loan means in the Northwest.

more than all. It means-

ent to the overseas battlefields. Prompt and abundant loans of spare terms, is the translation of money into participation in the raising of our local trators and writers which will be airplanes, guns, ammunition, provis- share of his defense fund, Rallies, lished in this paper.



bore than all. It means — Prepare for the Third Loan which Backing up the boys who have been open Saturday, April 6, with Victory april and the work of the day. celebrations everywhere.

The governor and mayors will procash to the war treasury, in local trade claim the significance and urgency of toons and slogans by well knows

> lery, machine guns and rifles. The slaughter of the enemy infantry as it advanced in close formation over the open has been appalling.

The British losses have been within the bounds expected, due to the tactics of the commanders. The allies have lost a considerable number of men in prisoners and a cortain number of guns. But very few pieces of artillery Reserves, Long Ready, Expected have been taken by the Germans since the first day. In fact, the whole with

hold, and by every means, the m of our community are urged to in

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Berlin, via London-Paris has bombarded by German long-but guns, according to the German di communication issued Sunday tit Paris-The German "monst non," which has been bomin Paris, has been located in the in of St. Gobain, west of Laon ania miles) from the Paris city hall The gun bombarded Paris dura greater part of Sunday. The day ushered in by loud explosions from There is every reason to believe that 10-inch shells, and immediated alarm to take cover was so

Punishable by Death.

Under the laws of the American military organization, 11 offenses are punishable by death, although these are variously subdivided. Spies must suffer the death penalty, and theirs is the only offense for which the death sentence is mandatory. For murder and the ruling, be either death or life imprisonment; if the death sentence is imposed it is by hanging. Spies are

FOOD FOR FRANCE FUND



The collection of non-perishable foodstuffs in jar and canned form undertaken by the food for France fund to be used for the wounded soldiers in the French hospitals is going on ishment. with unabated success in New York.

when deemed advisable, he executed

At Discretion of Court-Martial. The other eight offenses, or groups of offenses, listed as punishable by death leave the penalty to the discretion of the court-martial, "Death or

such other punishment as the courtmartial may direct" is the usual wording of the army regulation. The offenses are cowardice. In any one of a variety of ways; sleep or drunkenness on sentry post; desertion or the incitement to or assistance in desertion; attack upon a superior officer or insubrape, punishment must, according to ordination; mutiny or sedition; making known the countersign; forcing safeguard; relieving the enemy with ammunition "or any other thing," or usually hanged, also, because, to quote harboring or giving intelligence to the enemy. In the offense of "neglect of sentry

duty," which is a betrayal of responsibility whose seriousness has made it an almost unforgivable crime against military law, the letter of the regulation recognizes no difference between being asleep and being intoxicated. The ruling rends: "Any sentinel who is found drunk or sleeping upon his post, or who leaves it before he is regularly relieved, shall, if the offense be committed in time of war, suffer death or such other punishment as a courtmartial may decree." It is further provided that "the fact that the accused had been previously overtaxed by excessive guard duty is not a defense, although evidence to that effect may be received as extenuation of the offense." The point is distinctly made that the sentry who neglects his duty has jeopardized no one knows how many thousands of his fellows, and it may be a crucial position to his country's cause. Whether he was intoxicated or merely asleep is, in the etter of the law, a minor matter,

Insubordination.

The rule regarding insubordination is very strict. It reads:

"Any person subject to military law who, on any pretense whatever, strikes stalled in its headquarters several his superior officer or draws or lifts up knitting machines for making sweatany weapon against him, being in the ers, mufflers, socks and other wearing execution of his office, or wilfully disobeys any lawful command of his su- and "over there." The immediate perior officers, shall suffer death or need of these necessities and in ansuch other punishment as a court-martial may direct."

and, of course, an officer who strikes a man under him is liable to severe pun-

The photo shows a fund worker sort, tiny or sedition are inclusive The

Greek Returns Questionnaire Saying There Was Nothing on List He Cared to Buy.

Tulsa, Okla .-- Mistaking his questionnaire for a catalogue, Ysidore Ortado, a Greek, living at Escale, returned it to his exemption board with a note, written in Greek, saying there was nothing in the list he wished to purchase.

Another questionnaire, returned by a Mexican, was accompanied by a note which stated that the man could not read United States, but knew it was to help the war, so inclosed a \$5 bill.

TO SPEED THE KNITTING



league of the United States has in-

ticipation of the enormous amount of

these articles which will be needed by

"over here'

apparel for "our boys"

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HUN LOSS ENORMOUS

German Advance Checked - Situation in the force expected, **Optimistically** Viewed - Events Show Withdrawal Planned.

With the British Army in France-The British and French who co-operate at the junction of the two armies, are viewing the trend of the German HUNS DRIVEN BACK offensive with optimistic eyes. Hard fighting was in progress, but the latest reports showed little or no change in the situation in favor of the enemy since Sunday, while on the other hand the defenders had pushed the attacking forces back after a bitter struggle and were holding strongly along the whole new front to which they had withdrawn.

Fighting of a most desperate nature has been continuous since the initial attack, but so far the British have used few troops other than those which were holding the front lines. These shock troops have been making as gallant a defense as was ever recorded in mans have developed northward and the annals of the British army, and as a result they have enabled the main announces. body of the forces to fall back deliberately and without confusion and occupy positions which had been prepared long before the German offensive began,

The Germans, on the other hand, operating under the eyes of the emperor and the crown prince, have been hurling vast hordes into the fray with of Peronne. utter disregard for lives and have followed into the abandoned positions, getting farther and farther away from their supplies and finding their communications increasingly difficult.

More than 50 German divisions already have been identified by actual contact, and many of these men were simply given two days' rations and sent over the top into the frightful

new military situation:

reach its maximum only as the full munication that outside of the payrolis force of America's contribution to the the city could not pay any bills after News correspondent at Amsterias with something like relief. .

chine In 35 minutes. An appeal has its authors can not afford to fail. They

drawal has been executed in a master ly manner, showing how thoroughly the British had planned for the very events which have occurred.

It is permitted to say now what some have known for a long time, 1y 122 kilometers (approximate) namely, that the British never intended to try to hold the forward positions in this region if the Germans attacked

harder fighting than has yet taken place will develop shortly. The Germans, in the British view, cannot now hesitate in carrying on their attack, and it is a case of break through or admit defeat.

Fresh Attacks Fail and Foe is Forced to Recross Somme - American Engineers Aid in Battle.

British Army Headquarters in France-A further advance late Sunday by the Germans at some points along the battlefront is reported.

transportation. London-Fresh attacks by the Gersouthward of Bapaume, the war office

The British repulsed powerful attacks Sunday afternoon northward of Bapaume.

The British drove back to the eastward bank of the Somme bodies of German troops which had crossed the the German front line positions

The statement follows:

"The battle continues with great by the Americans. American violence on the whole front. Powerful lery on the Toul sector continue attempts delivered by the enemy Sun-day afternoon and day afternoon and evening north of communication trenches, the town Bapaume were heavily repulsed. Only St. Baussant and the billets and de at one point did the German infantry north of Boqueteau. Many d reach our tenches, whence they were American shells have fallen in immediately thrown out. Elsewhere German trenches and the first two is the enemy's attacks were stopped by in at least one place have been virg maelstrom made by the allied artil- rifle, machine gun and artillery fire in

Chicago Purse Is Flat.

Chicago .- The city of Chicago is broke. City Controller Pike so informed members of the city council "Although the allied strength will Saturday. He told them in a com-It is explained, however, that this the boys in the next call is responsible war is felt, the opening of the greatest does not apply to the striking of an for the action taken by the Navy battle the world has known is received news in strunged. They have found that a pair it is explained, however, that this does not apply to the striking of an loggie. They have found that a pair it is explained in the striking of the greatest battle the world has known is received news in strunged. news in stunned surprise. Members of of socks can be turned out on a ma- The salient fact in the offensive is that the finance committee to which the communication was finally referred chine in 35 millions. All appear and its authors can not afford to face a country left, give the city an awful black eye," de-Rules regarding punishment for mu-inv or sedition, are inclusive what hand and thereby speed count it agains and find them no more sets out that we have a will black eye," de-bravely, but the British country int, clared Alderman Richert, "if the word not equal to the attack, whe

front of our positions and his were driven back with great loss "During the night and man fresh hostile attacks have again

veloped in this neighborhood and to the south of Bapaume.

'South of Peronne bodies of Gen troops who crossed the river b Licourt and Brie were driven had the east bank by our counter attain Persistent attacks with strong of infantry and lavish use of and have not enabled the Germans tobre through the British defense, and four days, the great offensive has Northern France has not yet broat decision for the attackers. in the threes of fierce conflict in which they have done excellent work in transportation

U. S. ARTILLERY HURTS HU

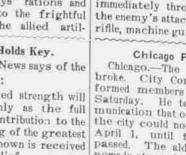
Destroy Communication Lines, M nition Dumps and Billets

With the American Army in F -On the Toul front there was en erable artillery activity during Sur night. American guns heavily and river between Licourt and Brie, south of Peronne. The statement follow from airplanes of the damage its

ly abandoned.

Resistance is Gallant.

London-The Berlin Vossisch 2 tung's war correspondent telegro ing Sunday from the neighborhoo the Oise, is quoted by the Cars saying: "All our movements taken place with miraculous end tude, according to the plans of master who organized the attack English are defending the y to though doubtless foresee



United States Holds Key. London-The Daily News says of the