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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE



MEDFORD OREGON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1917.

FLIES, BATTLE

Stars and Stripes Leads Allies New Offensive At Arras-Raised by Americans With Canadians and French-British Continue Gains All Along Extended Front-Germans in Danger of Being Outflanked in North.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.-The Stars and Stripes went into battle for the first time during the world war in the recent entente storming of Vimy ridge, in France, according to an unofficial dispatch received here today from Canadian headquarters

PARIS, April 11.-It was decided today that the La Fayette flying squadron composed of Americans who have distinguished themselves at the front, will change from the French to the American military uniform and hereafter carry the American flag at the French front.

British Still Advance.

LONDON, April 11.-The British have eaptured the village and heights of Monchy le Preux early this morning, according to the British official statement. The village of La Bergere was also captured and satisfactory progress is reported being made on other parts of the battle front.

LONDON, April 11—British troops yesterday advanced north of the village of Louveral, in the direction of Cambrai, to the extent of a quarter of a mile along a front of 2000 and consolidated this gain ican republies. during the night, telegraphs Renter's correspondent from the British army headquarters in France.

Outflanking Enemy.

"The splendid success of our offensive has created a most interesting situation and one which is fraught with tremendous possibilities. The enemy has been forced back upon the pivot of his previous retreat in a manner which creates a dangerously sharp salient at this spot. "Indeed, a glance at the map sag

gests that there is a distinct out flanking of the German northern pivot as it existed before the present fighting."

Speed Disconcerting,

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN power of the British assault, in what will probably be known in history as the battle of Arras, seem to have thoroughly surprised the Germans. So much so in fact that their usual retaliatory artillery fire has been absolutely negligible in the last two days. This is partly due of course to the number of guns captured, to which must be added the number knocked out by the British artillery tillery position east of Arras, known by all the increments authorized. as Battery Valley, could be seen the

remains of 24 field pieces today.

Dugouts Battered Up. A trip over the newly taken line revealed a condition of trenche closely approximating those recently evacuated by the Germans in the valley of the Somme. Many dagouts re-

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TENNESSEANS CONFER UPON PREPAREDNESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 11. Bankers, railroad men, agricultural thorities declared that less than one acre of potatoes to the farm has been planted in Tennessee. In the face of increased demand in prospect the state has suffered from an automobile.

Petre forest the artillery fighting was named a report that Arthur J. Balfour, Britship and the farm has been planted in Tennessee. In the farm has peen the darkness until a few feet consin, be said, could recruit its full the region of Ban-de-Sapt we in promptly and any additional force of increased demand in prospect the state has suffered from an automobile.

Petre forest the artillery fighting was rather violent. North of Arraseours the foreign minister, will arrive in this country shortly at the head of a commission of British internation for all experts.

In the region of Ban-de-Sapt we in promptly and any additional force ourse of an incurrence of an incurrence our patrols brought back prisoners, this country shortly at the head of a commission of British internation for all experts.

No details of the personnel or date out of the resit of the world."

BRAZIL BREAKS DEATH OF OFF RELATIONS FROM EXPLOSION WITH GERMANY DUE TO PLOT

Between 125 and 150 Injured, Maj-

ority Girls, in Munition Plant

Blow-Up at Chester-Officials As-

sert Unable to Account for Explo-

sion Except by Incendiarism.

CHESTER, Pa., April 11.—That the explosion at the Eddystone am-

munition plant yesterday which cost

116 lives was the result "of a diabo-

lical plot conceived in the degenerate

mind of a demon in human gaise,

was the assertion of a high official

This official said that investigation

oncluded this afternoon had shown

that a bomb manufactured from

shell in the plant by one of the em-

CHESTER, Pa., April 11.-With

122 dead and between 125 and 150

injured, the majority girls and young

women, the authorities today turned

The signed statement of Samuel M

"We are unable to account for the

explosion in any other way than as

the act of some maliciously inclined

Two Suspects Arrested.

papers found on one of the prisoners

son, the latter giving a Philadelphia

Although police and company of

ficials worked through the night at

lead they were hampered by the con-

dition of the bodies. Some of the victims, company officials believe,

were blown into the Delaware river

so that an exact calculation of the

Plotters Caused Disaster,

Baldwin locomotive works, agrees

with Samuel M. Vauclain, president

of the Eddystone ammunition corpor-

ation, that plotters, caused the ex-

"Although we have only circum

after a talk with the Eddystone of-

not have occurred through an acci-

two suspects, father and son, named

sion was the work of plotters, who

NEW YORK, April 11.-New rates

MADISON, Wis., April 11.-The

value of the policy.

the rest.

r police say that if the exple

President Alba B. Johnson, of the

address, are said to be aliens.

Vanelain, head of the munition com

ployes had caused the disaster.

of the corporation today.

nition corporation.

pany, says:

Spain Takes Charge of German Interests-Argentine to Follow Same Course as Will Chile and Peru-Chili, Mexico and Ecuador to Remain Neutral.

LONDON, April 11.—The Brazil ian minister to Germany will demand his passports tomorrow and leave by way of Switzerland, France and Spain, according to a dispatch from Cologne forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amtserdam,

Argentine Also to Break.

RIO JANEIRO, April 17,-Proally demonstrations are growing in volume throughout the city. flags of the entente are visible everywhere and the streets are thronged with paraders cheering for France and England and shouting "down with Germany." The crowds gather in front of German establishments and hoot.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Unofficial advices announcing that Brazil had decided to break off diplomatic relations with Germany and that Argentine would support the United States were received here early to

The action of Brazil clears up much person or persons." of the doubt here as to the attitude of that Chile and Mexico and Ecuador would remain neutral and indications increased that Chale and indications increased that Guatemala and Peru nable information was secured from would join Cuba and Panama on the side of the United States,

The action of Brazil and Argen tina is expected to have a tremendous influence on other South Amer-

Other Nations Follow,

RIO JANEIRO, April 11 .- It is ex ected in diplomatic circles here that other South American nations will soon follow the example of Brazil it severing relations with Germany, The death list may never be possible. Chilean minister is continuing his conferences with Dr. Lauro Muller, the Brazilian foreign minister. Dr. Muller today received Arthur

Peel, the British minister, who subsequently conferred with President Braz.

Spain will take charge of German interests in Brazil.

MONTEVIDEO, April 11.—The Urugian government today issued a decree of neutrality in the war be-FRANCE, April 11.—The speed and tween the United States and Ger-

before the actual assault began. It is also due to the fact that the Ger-before the house military committee NO EXTRA PREMIUMS mans have been too busy trying to today announced that he had decided get their remaining guns away from after consultation with army officers immediate danger to bother firing to take immediate alvantage of the w them at the enemy. In a German ar- authority to increase the regular army

Under the present plan the war department will immediately increase have been anonunced thus far by the regular army to its full complement of 287,000 men inetsad of 202. companies. In most cases military 000 as was contemplated. This its service within continental United crease is wholly apart from the new States entails no extra premiums. For army to be authorized by selective service abroad all payments are sus-

BURGLARS BLOWING SAFE WRECK STORE WISCONSIN GOVERNOR

PORTLAND, Ore., April 11. Barglars used so much nitro-glycerine here early today in blowing oper a safe in the suburban jewelry store experts, editors, manufacturers, edn-experts, editors, manufacturers, edn-of J. Woffe that the store was wreek-cators and farmers from all over ed and the safe door blown onto the is not favored by Governor E. L. Near Maisons de Champagne there

HOOVER TO HEAD NEW FOOD BOARD FOR UNITED STATES



HERBERT C. HOOVER

LONDON, April 11.-Herbert C Hoover, head of the American commission for relief in Belgium, after mission for relief in Belgium, after will there be a board of strategy? consultation with his colleagues on will the president and his cabinet their efforts toward placing the the commission, has accepted the blame for the explosion yesterday at the plant of the Eddystone Ammu-tional defense council of the new food board in the United tSates,

Mr. Hoover expects to leave shortly for America, Meanwhile he has initiated a wide inquiry in France, England and Italy regarding the existing food situation. The inquiry includes examination of the prospects of the 1917 erops.

The men under arrest, father and

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Sinkng of the Wilson liner Salmo, having aboard one American, who was saytempting to establish identity of the ed, was reported to the state department today by Consul Frost at Queenstown. His dispatch follows:

Wilson liner Salmo, 1095 tons, Oporto to Liverpool, sunk by exploion admidships in ten minutes 12:30 p. m. April 7; 150 miles west Blas-Norwegian fireman lost; chief engineer fatally scalded. No sub-marine or torpedo seen. Weather squally, heavy swells, low temper-Captain's boat rescued by ature. tanker Konakry, Port Arthur to Queenstown, 5 p. m. the eighth, ter 28 hours in heavy weather landstantial evidence," Mr. Johnson said, ed Queenstown. Other boat believe "it looks as if someone touched off landed Valentia. Sole American on a bomb or a time clock with an exboard, Michael Piorun, Philadelphia, plosive attached. I am convinced fireman, sayed, now at Queenstown Have affidavit Piorun, also master ficials that the catastrophe could

ent." The Chester police have released CROSBY APPOINTED ASSISTANT TREASURER Cohen, arrested last night. The

ever caused it must have died with WASHINGTON, April 11,-Osear the treasury. Mr. Crosby recently army was passed today by the sen-was connected with the American ate, amended so that it becomes im-commission for relief of Belgium and mediately available. ON WAR INSURANCE in charge of the work in Belgium and orthern France.

on policies containing war clauses

the following as postmusters:

Maurice Connelly, Dubuque, Iowa; Guy U. Shoemaker, Laramie, Wyom pended unless policy holders agree

to pay extra premiums amounting to HEAVY FIGHTING ON an average of ten per cent of the face SOMME AND DISE

OPPOSES CONSCRIPTION PARIS, April 11,-"Active artillery fighting continues between the Somme and the Oise," says today's official communication.

"South of the Oise a German attack east of Coney was broken up-

Who is to Exercise War Making Power, Determine Questions of Strategy and Policy? Is It to Be Congress, the President, a Board or the Newspapers?

BY GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, April 11.-Who is a word, who is to wage the warf Is oard or the newspapers?

President Wilson is nominally commander-in-hief of the army and navy. But the president is not a military man, and besides, he has considerable to do being president.

Board of Strategy?

become automatically a board of strategy? Will the power be taken over by the general staff of the Will the real responsibility be divided between Secretary of War-Newton D. Baker and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels?

Will the office of adjutant general become the center of power and influence as when Corbin reigned during the Spanish-American war?

Who will decide such questions as: Shall a division of the regular army be sent to France at once or shall no soldiers go until a million nen are trained?

Shall the navy act on the defenive alone or cooperate with the British navy?

Foreign Alliances? Shall the volunteer plan be tried

before conscription is enforced? Shall the United States make an alliance with the entente powers and and acquaintance with prominent respect to go through to the end or idents of Medford and vicinity, caus-authorized by law and authorizes \$2,shall we wage a war on our own? Shall a minister of munitions be prey. created or coordinate the munitions ousiness or shall it be left to the different bureaus of the war and navy departments?

Shall the food situation be left to drift or shall the government portland and began to give out state. credits and in order to provide imments around town that they were mediately ample funds to meet such warring powers have done?

Shall the railroads be taken over by the government or shall they be permitted to muddle along as at pres-

These are a few of the problems which open at the beginning of the

T. Crosby of Warrenton, Va., was to-day appointed assistant secretary of \$278,000,000 for the existing regular

The bill has passed the house, but sight changes made by the senate W. R. Smith of El Paso, Tex., was make a conference necessary. Efominated today by the president to forts to attach to its amendments to be United States district judge for increase the pay of private soldiers; the western district of Texas. to direct the president to call for President Wilson today nominated 500,000 volunteers and to abolish the rank of brigadier general were climinated before passage. One amendment enlarging the general staff of the army to ninety-one was accepted.

Immediately after its passage the senate passed without debate the military academy appropriation bill sarrying about \$1,300,000.

BELFOUR COMING TO CONSULT UNCLE SAM

Tennessee conferred here today on car tracks in the street in front, Phillip, who last night sent a telefood preparedness. Agricultural authorities declared that less than one
thorities declared that less than one
car tracks in the street in front, Phillip, who last night sent a telewas severe grenade fighting. In Le
a report that Arthur J. Balfour, BritSouth America, coming after that of
the press of the Austrian capital,
are foreign minister, will arrive in
the foreign minister, will arrive in
that the Austro-Hungarian side me-

SWINDLING PAIR

Young Couple Who Fleeced Mer-Merchants With Bogus Checks and Purchased Auto With Same Currency Brought to Prison by Sheriff -Caught in Stolen Auto.

Red-eyed, weary looking and mud bedraggled, the young couple known o exercise the war-making power? as Mr. and Mrs. E. Cravendore of Who is to determine questions of Portland, who passed several worthstrategy and general war policy? In less checks on Medford business men in the past few days, and who were caught in their stolen automobile by it to be congress, the president, a Sheriff Jennings on the other side of the Siskiyous Tuesday night, were 000,000,000 bond issue of which \$3,arraigned before Justice Taylor Wed- 000,000 will be loaned to the entente

Each waived examination on the day as approved by the ways and charge of obtaining money by false means committee with prospects of pretenses, and was grand Jury, Cravendore in the sum of \$1000 and the young woman in the giving the secretary of the treasury sum of \$200. The latter's name ap- power to issue as neded \$2,000,000, pears in the arrest warrant as Nan | 000 in one year treasury notes to an-Cravendore. The amount of the pec- ticipate the tax receipts which will ulations of the young couple may foot result from the war revenue bill. up as high as \$1000. Has Medford Relatives.

weeping most of thetime since her is expected it will be approved by arrest, claims to be related to several Friday night. prominent Medford residents, including the Talents and Hendricks. She reporting the bill to the house anresided much of the time here with nounced that it would be called up her grandmother she says, and at- Friday for action, tended the Medford public schools. Three years ago she went to Portland Smith of Tacoma, and that she has a to exceed \$3,000,000,000 of the pro-step-mother. She and Cravendore ceeds of the bonds may be authorized

and acting couple, and this fact to not to exceed \$63,945,460 to redeem gether with their seeming simplicity the three per cent loan of 1908 maed Medford business men to fall easy 000,000,000 worth of certificates of

Plot Is Developed.

registered at the Medford hotel from our government to extend manently,

Going on the principle that the bigter they are the easier they fall they looked around for a high spot. Mayor one half per cent and the bill leaves Gates was selected to begin work on, the denominations to the discretion They visited the Gates salesrooms to of the secretary of the treasury. If purchase an automobile, announcing at any time prior to December 31, at the same time, just as a matter of 1918, a subsequent series of bonds like that—that they were coing to ets bonds issued under authority of purchase a ranch, too.,

Buys an Automobile,

Cravendore bought an Oakland au-\$500 in the shape of a personal check on the Lumbermen's National Bank

vised the couple to deal with Brown to conscription but said they did not

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DOORS OF WORLD **CLOSED ON GERMANY**

le Geneve, commenting on the report that several of the South American republics will follow the lead of the United States in breaking with Germany, says:

The essential factor is in the progressive expulsion of Germany from the United States and Germany. all continents today. Even if the Austria-Hungary and Germany are as British fleet did not exist the Ger- one in all things, the newspapers innans would not have a port of call outside of Europe, except in Slam. For an over-populated and over-productive country which lives by expor- than a century between Austria-WASHINGTON, April 11.—Secre- tations and which would die if forced Hungary and America is regretted by

Administration War Measure Calling for Three Billion Loan to Allies and Two Billion for Army Laid Before House With Approval of Ways and Means Committee-Will Be Called Up for Action Friday and Passage Seems Assured.

WASHINGTON, April 11.-The administration bill authorizing a \$5,allies, was laid before the house toheld to the prompt approval by congress.

The bill also contains a provision

The bond issue bill will be taken up in the house tomorrow probably The young woman, who has been without a rule limiting debate and it

Chairman Kitchin introducing and

Five Billion Issue.

The bill authorizes a bond issue She says her father is Chas. of \$5,000,000,000 provides that not look to be about 25 years old. They in extending credits to foreign govclaim they were married in Portland ernments. The remaining \$2,000,-about four months ago. They are a rather nice appearing authorizes an additional bond issue and the girl's pretended friendship turing August 1, 1918. It takes in

indebtedness to run one year. The report on the bill states that The couple first appeared in the the committee deems it advisable to city a week ago and began laying authorize the \$5,000,000,000 bond plans for a crooked clean-up. They issue at this time in order to enable ments around town that they were mediately ample funds to meet such here to buy a ranch and locate per- expenditures are are authorized for the national seclurty and defense.

Interest is Low,

Interest is not to exceed three and -in an off-hand way-just are issued at a higher rate of interthe act may be convertible into bonds bearing the higher rate.

Representative Kitchin assured tomobile, making a down payment of the president the bond bill would be d Friday without difficulty, The war department's plan

of Portland, and signing up a con- raising an army by selective conscrip-WASHINGTON, April 11.—The tract for the rest of the purchase tion was the principal subject discussed at the conference. Both Mr. Then "Pop" Gates, who had cash- Kitchin and Speaker Clark told the ed two personal checks for \$12, ad- president of opposition in the house know how strong it was,

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AUSTRIA REGRETS AMERICAN BREAK

AMSTERDAM, April 11 .- The rapture of diplomatic relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is declared by the Vienna newspapers to be a logical consequence of the state of war between

In general the rupture of friendly relations which have lasted for more "It has often been said, 'in war vic-tory alone counts,' but it is no longer inquiries regarding Austria's position I experts.

No details of the personnel or date many is victorious in Europe but shut for the maintenance of out of the rest of the world."

True. The future counts more. Geron submarine warfare contained many hints for the maintenance of peace

GENEVA, April 11.-The Journal