

# BRITISH FLYERS RAID FREIBERG KILLING ELEVEN

### University Town Attacked in Reprisal for Torpedoing Hospital Ships—Germans Say It is Awful to Attack Unfortified Place and They Have Right to Sink Ships.

BERLIN, April 17.—An official announcement by the war office says that 11 persons have been killed, 29 injured and considerable damage done to the university buildings by an air attack on Freiburg.

The official statement follows: "On Sunday at noon an enemy squadron of twelve airplanes attacked the town of Freiburg in Breisgau. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the attack was repeated by two further squadrons totalling 23 airplanes.

Several Fall Victims. "To this nefarious attack several people unfortunately fell victims. Seven women, three men and one soldier were killed and 17 women, eight men and two children injured.

The enemy airman selected as objectives the new municipal theater, institutes and infirmary. The university was considerably damaged. Owing to our effective counter measures the attacks could not be completed. "In the course of air battle, which resulted, two enemy airmen were shot down near Schlettstadt and Markirch. A third was shot down in an air battle combined with a bombardment from the ground. All three airplanes were of English type with English occupants.

For Reprisal Purposes. "The leader of the attack, an English lieutenant colonel fell into our hands. According to his statement and the contents of fly-sheet which was thrown down, the attack was in reprisal for the torpedoing of the Gloucester Castle (British hospital ship) recently sunk by a German submarine. We must resolutely contest the right to make such attacks. In justification our government has taken the stand it could no longer tolerate the passage of so-called hospital ships in the precisely defined zone. If the English, despite our warning, misuse the Red Cross and carry on its transports in the war zone, they must bear the consequences of their action; but to attack an open town for revenge is cheap glory. There are no objects of military importance in Freiburg to justify the attack."

# FIGHT FOR NATION ON TOWN LOTS AND IDLE LAND

### Shortage of Food Products for Beligerents Shows Need of Everyone Tilling the Soil—Millions Who Stay at Home Can Help Win War by Raising Things to Eat.

By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL. WASHINGTON, April 17.—This war will be fought in the trenches and it will be fought on the sea. It will also be fought somewhere else.

American soldiers will fight it in the trenches. American sailors will fight it on the sea. Both will beyond a doubt win victories and help to free mankind from the blight and curse of autocracy.

Our hearts will be with them all the time. We can't all go to the trenches and fight or go to sea and fight.

But millions of us that stay at home can fight for the United States in that other place where there will be fighting and can win victories just as important in their way as victories on sea and in the trenches.

An Enemy at Home. The other place is in the back yards and the vacant lots.

This country of ours, facing Germany, the enemy of mankind, on the battlefield, faces another enemy at home.

The very grave fact stares us in the face that this year we are likely to be short of all kinds of things that we grow to eat. We have never had anything like this before in America. We are going to have it this year unless those of us that must stay at home meet the situation and beat it.

Short of beans, peas, corn, potatoes, cabbage, onions, carrots and turnips. Short of a hundred things we usually have in abundance.

One reason why we shall be short is because millions of men will be needed in the army, the navy and the munition factories. Another reason is that in recent years production has not kept pace with the increase of population.

Every town and city in this country has vacant lots and back yards that now grow nothing but grass and weeds and might grow enough to feed the whole community for a year.

Every vacant lot and every back yard ought to be put to that use now, this week, without any more delay. Time is short, spring is advanced, planting time is here. Get busy, boys and girls and everybody else, plant something!

Get Busy on Land. No person that owns a vacant lot or a back yard will refuse to allow it to be put to this good and necessary and patriotic use. When other men are offering their lives for this cause, he will be glad to offer a piece of ground he doesn't use.

It is good work, patriotic work, useful work, and most pleasant work. There is no greater pleasure than to cause things to grow and watch them develop.

This is your work. Go to it now and you will be proud of it hereafter. You will be glad to think that you had a part in this great war for humanity. You will always remember that you did your part to prevent a food shortage that would have done more to help the enemy than 10,000,000 men could have done.

But congress at the same time should do its part, no less. While we are producing things in back yards and vacant lots the farms in this country ought to go the limit in production.

We need this year the biggest crops ever known. We need the bumper record in wheat, in oats, in corn.

We need to have every corner of every farm out to use; we need to have crops by the wayside and crops where there were never crops before.

But no one can expect the farmers to push planting to the limit as it ought to be pushed unless there is a prospect of a return for their labor. They, like other men, must see some reason and some inducement for their efforts.

The only way to make sure of the cultivation and the crops we need is for congress to establish a guaranteed minimum price for staples.

We are going to tell you later how congress may be induced to take this great step to insure early victory against the enemy. But just now, settle down on this useful job of the back yard and the vacant lot and help your country to win.

Every bushel of potatoes you raise is as good as a five-inch shell.

# BERLIN STRIKE AND FOOD RIOTS CLAIMED FIZZLE

### Streets Quiet Despite Parades of Strikers Who Are Prevented From Uniting—Demonstration Is Against New Food Regulations—Strike Is Limited to Factories.

BERLIN, April 16, via London, April 17.—A day of apprehension in Berlin ended tonight without alarming events. The threatened strikes because of a reduction in the weekly bread ration materialized in only a portion of the larger factories and did not affect transportation nor public utilities. The strike leaders had planned an elaborate system of street demonstrations which were to unite in an outdoor assemblage, but inclement weather kept down enthusiasm.

Some of the factories affected announced tonight that the workmen would resume work tomorrow. In others, meetings will be held tomorrow morning to decide the future course of the strikers.

The streets are quiet tonight, but the police are still on guard. The government authorities declare that they will make no effort to interfere with the strikers, because they are only registering disapproval of the new food regulations and are expected to resume work everywhere before the end of the week.

Limited in Extent. The strikes are limited to factories manned by unions belonging to the Liebknecht-Ledebor branch of the social democracy. The Scheidemann group is not striking. The Vorwaerts, the organ of the Spheidemann socialists, printed a warning against striking for fear that the latter would interfere with efforts to obtain a separate peace with Russia.

There were no strikes in factories employing the so-called Christian unions. The workers appeared in all the factories as usual this morning, but an hour later those who had agreed to strike walked out. Apparently there was an agreement to march through the Unter Den Linden to Charlottenburg. The police, however, prevented the parades from entering Unter Den Linden and most

# SHERIFF RETURNS WITH WOMAN HELD FOR BURNING HOUSE

Sheriff Ralph Jennings accompanied by County Prosecutor G. M. Roberts, arrived in the city Tuesday forenoon having in custody Mrs. Nan Strickfadden and sister, Mrs. L. Dryfoos, who were arrested in Seattle recently in connection with the incendiary fire at the Strickfadden home in Ashland last March.

The prisoners both of whom were weeping, after a stop at the prosecutor's office, were taken at noon by automobile to Ashland by the sheriff and prosecutor, where they were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Wimer on an arson charge.

On leaving Medford it was understood that the women would waive examination and be held to the grand jury and that the bail of each would be \$2500. This program was followed and each furnished bond.

Prosecutor Roberts had agreed on this program at a conference in Portland between the women and their attorney.

Mr. Roberts verified the report that E. S. Hemphill, the Medford man who committed suicide in jail in Eugene, had made a complete confession following his arrest in that city, implicating Mrs. Strickfadden, Mrs. Dryfoos and Mrs. M. M. Garwood and admitting that he had actually started the fire.

Mrs. Garwood, who was arrested at Eugene last Thursday and who is in the jail at Jacksonville, was also arraigned at Ashland on Tuesday afternoon on an arson charge.

She waived examination and was held to the grand jury in ball of \$5000. Being unable to furnish bond she was taken back to the county jail. Attorney Gus Newbury of Medford represented Mrs. Garwood at the Ashland hearing. As to why her bail was made double that of the others, Prosecutor Roberts said he was not at liberty to explain just now.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown and for the many beautiful floral offerings, during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

JAMES S. HOWARD, AND FAMILY.

of the Freiderstrasse, and prevented the different parades from uniting. Police officials said tonight that the trouble was over.

# MEDFORD HOME GUARDS TO ELECT COMPANY OFFICERS

At a largely attended meeting Monday night in the assembly room of the high school, 16 more men added their names to the muster roll of the Home Guards company, making the membership so far 94. All men desiring to join the organization can sign their names at the Commercial club.

At a meeting Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock at the same place the formal organization will be completed by the election of officers and an executive council of three men. Mayor Gates appointed a committee of five consisting of E. E. Kelly, George Collins, H. L. Walther, Chas. Davis and Mr. Newport to report nominations for these positions. By-laws for the organization were unanimously adopted as follows:

"The name of this organization shall be The Medford Home Guard, Company A.

"The purpose of this body is to promote patriotism, enforce law and order, protect life and property, compel a respect for the flag of our country, to secure the swift punishment of any treasonable acts or utterances and teach its members the science of modern military drill.

"Any able bodied male of good moral character over the age of 18 who is a resident of Jackson county and a citizen of the United States, may become a member after signing the roll and subscribing to an oath to support the constitution of the state of Oregon and the constitution of the United States.

"The officers of this company shall be an executive council of three, who shall be elected by a majority of the members, and who shall hold office for the period of one year. The duties of the executive council shall be to establish such further rules and regulations, not in conflict with these by-laws as shall by them be deemed necessary for the conduct of the business of the organization; to provide a place of meeting and to make rules governing the time for drills; to levy assessments for necessary expenses and to have control of all property of the organization; to try the members of the organization for violation of the rules and regulations and to punish by fine or expulsion any such violation.

"Other officers shall consist of a

captain, first lieutenant, and second lieutenant and first sergeant. "The number of sergeants and corporals shall be in conformity to the United States infantry regulations and shall be elected in like manner and hold office for the period of one year.

"No member of this organization shall be required to salute any officer except when in company formation, or in the exercise of some assigned duty.

"All vacancies in officers after the first election shall be filled by appointment by the executive council.

"The first sergeant of the company shall keep the muster roll of the organization and shall call the roll and note the absentees at each regular meeting.

# DAMROSCH HERE ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Music lovers from towns for many miles from Medford and from the country districts began arriving in Medford this morning for the concert tonight of the New York Symphony orchestra at the Natorium. The house was practically sold out at noon.

The orchestra of about 100 members with its great music stars arrived in Medford early Tuesday afternoon in a special train from Portland. Immediately following tonight's concert at the Natorium the orchestra will depart on its special train for San Francisco, where the organization is booked for a concert Wednesday evening.

This evening's concert will begin at 8:30, but the doors will open at 7:30. Any late comers will not be seated while the orchestra is playing.

# WAR BOND ISSUE IN SENATE

afternoon, when by a viva voce vote the senate rejected an amendment by Senator Thomas of Colorado to make the proposed issue of \$2,000,000,000 of treasury certificates the basis of issue of national bank notes.

The council holding its quarterly meeting here today called upon Mr. McAdoo in a body to discuss the administrative financial program. In accepting the offers of co-operation Mr. McAdoo made it clear that the government will seek the aid of all citizens and would be glad to receive suggestions from financial experts and big banking houses as well as others.

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