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## BRITISH STRIKE TELLING BLOWS AT BULLECOURT

### Further Successful Thrusts Made Through Hindenburg Line by Haig's Troops—French Keep Up Destructive Artillery Fire—Germans Claim Attacks Repulsed.

LONDON, May 12.—The British advance has gained and consolidated the positions along the road which east and west of Bullecourt both must be virtually surrounded, says a Reuter dispatch from British headquarters in France.

Telling blows were struck by the British at the Hindenburg line last night and early today.

Near Bullecourt where the main Hindenburg line has been pierced, a further successful thrust was made by General Haig's troops. This was pushed home and the objective gained despite the desperate efforts which have been made during the last few days to compel the British to relax their unceasing pressure upon this vital spot.

On the Aisne and Champagne fronts the French are keeping up a destructive artillery fire and attacking the Germans by outpost attacks. Less energy is being displayed by the German artillery along the line held by the French, the only exception being the Verdun region.

### British Official Report.

LONDON, May 12.—British troops attacking the Hindenburg line have gained their objectives and taken some hundreds of prisoners, the war office announced today.

The British attacked near Bullecourt, on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai road and north of the Scarpe river last night and early this morning.

### French Official Report.

PARIS, May 12.—Unusual heavy artillery fighting took place last night on the Verdun front near Avocourt, today's official statement says. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points in Alsace and near Besonvaux.

### German Official Report.

BERLIN, May 12.—German troops operating in the Cerny region on the Aisne front forced the French back yesterday at Bovelde ridge, says today's war office statement.

Fifteen French and British airplanes were brought down on the western front during the day, it was announced.

Fighting developed today between Achieveille and Quenot on the Arras battle front, the statement reports. The British, it is declared, were repulsed, in attacks made last night. The fighting is continuing at the Rouex railway station.

## GENERAL ATTACK ON WAR TAX BILL MADE IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The general attack on the war tax bill continued today before the senate finance committee.

Taxation of parcel post packages was advocated by representatives of railroad and express companies who contended it would be only fair to tax packages sent by parcel post which competes with the express companies.

The cent a pound tax and higher duty on coffee was assailed by Frank R. Seelye, of Chicago, president of the National Coffee Roasters' association. He suggested a two-cent tax instead and declared many retailers, such as mail order houses and chain stores, would escape the proposed tax. Lower retail coffee prices because of a protective large crop, probably the greatest in the world's history, was predicted by Seelye.

Representing interurban electric roads, Arthur W. Brady of Anderson, Ind., said the proposed taxes discriminate in favor of automobile lines having established routes competing with electric roads.

## SENATE REJECTS PRESS CENSOR CLAUSE IN BILL

### By Majority of One Administration Hard Fought Newspaper Censorship Section Eliminated From Espionage Bill—National Prohibition Debated as Clause Same Measure

WASHINGTON, May 12.—An amendment to the administration espionage bill forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquor of any kind as a beverage during the war was beaten by the senate tonight, 47 to 25.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—By a majority of one vote the senate today entirely eliminated the administration's hard fought newspaper censorship section from the espionage bill and then by an overwhelming vote defeated an attempt to reinsert the section in a different form.

This action, if permitted to stand on final passage of the bill, leaves the house on record in favor of censorship and the senate against it and probably will throw the question into a conference committee for settlement where the full force of the administration will be exerted to put a censorship through in some form.

### Up to Conference.

Without a record vote the senate adopted an amendment by Senator Reed to make the whole bill effective only for the duration of the war.

"Within one year" said Senator Cummins in offering his prohibition amendment, "if we may believe the people who are the best informed, the people of this country and the countries with which it is allied, will be starving. They may have enough to sustain life, but they will not have enough to sustain the strength to make them a vigorous fighting force. Either we will have to do without booze or we will have to do without bread. I am in favor of doing without booze."

"Between revenue and food," said Senator Cummins, "there can be only one choice. We should not hesitate for a single minute."

### Debate Prohibition.

Senator Ballinger, the republican leader, said he was in favor of the prohibition amendment and quoted from statistics to show that seven billions pounds of food were used annually in the manufacture of liquor. "If that is true," said he, "it is nothing short of a crime for the United States to set jolly by and allow the enormous consumption of the food supply into the manufacture of liquor which is injurious to the people."

## IRISH PROBLEM FACES SERIOUS CRISIS IN PARLIAMENT

LONDON, May 12.—The Daily Telegraph's parliamentary lobby correspondent says, that owing to the recent unfavorable turn in Irish affairs, several leading members of the nationalist party are threatening to resign their seats in the house of commons.

According to the Times, the South Londond election, in which a Sinn Fein won the seat, has not altered the government's determination to submit to parliament proposals of an Irish settlement, but that there is little doubt that it will cause the ministers to modify their views on the practicability of country option or any similar form of partition. The nationalist members, says the Times, do not conceal anxiety over their future position and already are talking of desperate measures. An influential section is prepared to advise the party, if the government proposals concerning their view are fair and practicable, to resign in a body and appeal to their constituents for a mandate to accept the proposals.

They feel, the Times adds, that after two Sinn Fein victories, they have not the necessary authority to bind the Catholic party of Ireland to and fundamental change.

## HOUSE VOTES TO PERMIT TEDDY TO RAISE FORCE

### After Stormy Debate, Conferees on Army Bill Instructed to Restore Senate Amendment Permitting Roosevelt to Lead Division to France—Put Up to President.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—By a vote of 215 to 178 the house today after a stormy debate voted to instruct its conferees on the army bill to restore the senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to lead a division to France.

The house vote had a double significance, indicating that the hard-fought amendment will stay in the bill because it directed the conferees to accept the provision exactly as voted in by the senate.

In view of the fact that it carried by a heavy majority including democrats in the senate, there seemed no doubt that it would be come part of the new law.

### Puts It Up to Certain.

It is by no means certain, however, that Colonel Roosevelt will lead his division to France under its terms because the amendment does not direct the president to accept the division; it merely authorizes the call. All the weight of the president's expert advice is against it.

During the course of the debate Representative Anthony declared that it would be impossible to meet the request, he believed Marshal Joffre had made of the war department for troops immediately, unless resort was had "to the services of 100,000 patriotic Americans who were ready to enlist under the banner of the one great American compatriot to lead such an army."

"Joffre," he said, "has told the war department, and we know it to be a fact despite the expurgation of his statements, that a force of volunteers could be raised here and with one or two months training in this country could be sent abroad and that after four months of training in Europe they could be trained and sent into the trenches."

### Party Is Split.

Neither party was solidly aligned in the vote but most of the strength came from the republicans.

Speaker Clark directed that his vote be recorded against the amendment. Democratic Leader Kitchin and Republican Leader Mann voted against it. Representative Rantlin of Montana, was among those voting for it.

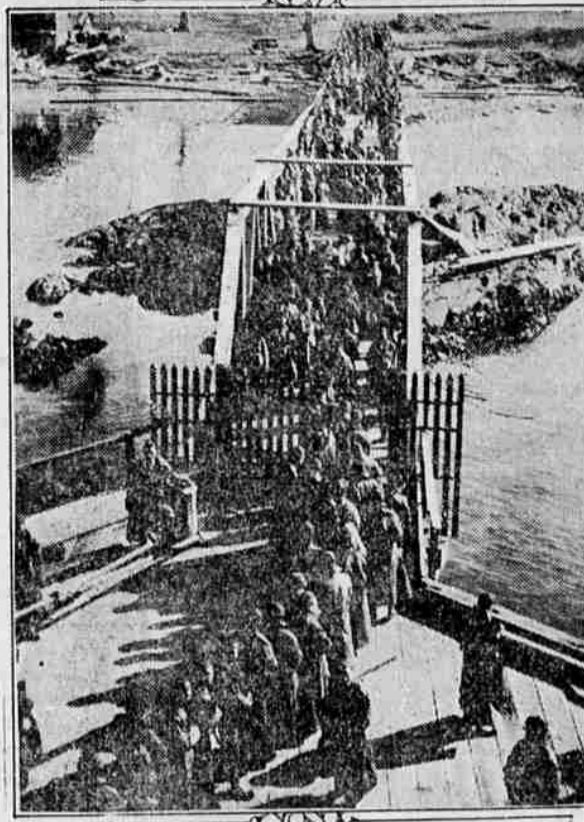
## NO STRIKES DURING WAR TOLERATED

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The government today demonstrated its determination not to tolerate labor disturbances which would disrupt war preparations by persuading central Pennsylvania coal miners and operators to reach an agreement to avoid the strike of 75,000 miners threatened for next Tuesday. Representatives of the workmen and employers, after a conference last night with Secretary Wilson and officials of the federation of labor, today went to work on a settlement. Though details had not been arranged, an announcement was made that there would be no strike. This was the first big threatened strike seriously affecting war activity, through supply of fuel coal for railroad industries, to be settled under government pressure since the war began.

## NEUTRALS TOLD TO SHUT-OFF GERMANY

MILAN, May 12.—The Swiss government has informed Berlin, according to the Corriere Della Sera that the recent commercial agreement between Switzerland and Germany cannot be carried out because of the re-issuing of transportation contracts by all American steamship companies with Switzerland, Holland and the Scandinavian states.

## CHINESE IN BRITISH UNIFORMS ON WAY TO FRONT



2,500 Chinese coolies, garbed in British uniform, disembarking at Vancouver, B. C., for transshipment to European battlefields.

## IS CHINA SENDING TROOPS TO EUROPE AS COOLIE LABOR? WAR TO CEMENT FRIENDSHIP BONDS AMERICA-JAPAN

SEATTLE, May 12.—Is China, under the guise of sending coolie labor to dig trenches in France, massing an army of well-trained soldiery with the allies before formally declaring war with Germany?

Certain it is that thousands of Chinese, in British uniform, are today on their way to the European battle front.

Twenty-five hundred recently passed through Vancouver, B. C., and across Canada to the Atlantic seaboard.

At least 100,000 more, all in uniform, are said to be concentrated at Oriental ports awaiting shipment.

"Coolie" contingents are also going into Europe, by various other routes.

This information was brought here by M. H. Crawford who recently arrived from Hong Kong on the same transport that carried the 2,500 Chinese to Vancouver.

Ostensibly these coolies are to be used by the allies only to dig trenches and build roads in France. Crawford stated, however, that they are well trained in the manual of arms and seem to be picked men.

This gives rise to the surmise that Chinese soldiers are being massed to fight with the British, pending China's eventual decision as to active warfare against the kaiser, diplomatic relations having been severed some time ago.

Even if used only for purposes of "digging in," the Celestials will be under fire considerably, and for that reason, it is explained, only the pink of China's millions is being mobilized.

They are paid \$52 "cash" per day, equivalent to 15 cents in our money. This is so far above the usual coolie scale of wages at home that there is no difficulty in getting volunteers.

## PURCHASING AGENT FOR ALL ALLIES TEN MILLION LIABLE TO SELECTIVE DRAFT

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Administration officials today gave serious consideration to plans being formulated for establishment of an international purchasing agency to eliminate competition among allied nations to whom the United States is loaning money. In purchase of American markets, Great Britain, France and Italy already have agreed to such an arrangement. It is said and the other nations are expected to enter it. The United States would not necessarily have to buy through the common agency, however.

## BOARD OF TRADE ENDS GAMBLING IN MAY WHEAT

### Settlement Price of \$3.18 a Bushel Fixed and May Wheat Wiped From Board as Speculative Option to Prevent Crash Caused by Short Selling—Prevents Price of \$10.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The decision of the board of trade of Chicago to terminate trading in May wheat and the fixing of the price of that option at \$3.18 by a committee which met this morning, had practically no effect on speculation.

For weeks business in the May had been comparatively slight and what there was simply accrued to the more distant futures when trading was resumed today and after hesitating at the opening with prices slightly under yesterday's close, July wheat shot up 15c and September 14 1-2 cents from the early bottom.

### Speculation Continues.

The action of the board in no way applied to those options and trading in them was active. July sold to \$2.61 and September to \$2.28 1-2. In effect the fixing of the May price was to save shorts from further losses and to prevent the longs, among them representatives of the allied groups, from obtaining further profits. The settlement price, however, permits of handsome gains on wheat bought even two weeks ago.

The resolutions of the board refers to the action of the directors as a "patriotic duty," and remarks that further trading in May might "unduly stimulate prices." There was no promise in the resolutions that the May situation would not be repeated in July or even September.

The resolutions adopted by the board read: "There is comparatively little wheat in Chicago or territory contributory thereto and available for delivery on May contracts."

### Stimulates Buying.

The statement was to have stimulated some buying. The operations of agents for the allies were not referred to as "speculation" as they are known to have been buying futures with the idea of taking the actual grain when delivery day arrived, but the subject is mentioned in the preamble in the following words: "Representatives of foreign governments, millers and others are not now trading upon the exchange in wheat for May delivery."

## WALL STREET PAYS TRIBUTE TO BRITISH VISITOR

NEW YORK, May 12.—America's most distinguished leaders of industry, commerce and finance today paid high honor to Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, and members of the war mission visiting this city, at a reception and luncheon at the chamber of commerce.

It was perhaps the most notable gathering of its kind that has ever extended greetings to foreign guests in the nation's metropolis.

Men whose names stand out in the industrial life of the United States—manufacturers, bankers, shippers, merchants—joined in uproarious acclamation of the British statesman.

Mr. Balfour in his speech said his life's dream had been a hope that "the union between the English-speaking, freedom-loving branches of the human race would be drawn far closer than in the past," and added: "There will be a bond between our people which nothing will ever be able to shake, and which, I believe to be the surest guarantee for the future peace and freedom of the world."

### Local Rains for Coming Week.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Weather predictions for the week following Sunday, May 13, issued today begin: Pacific states: Temperature will average close to normal. Generally fair in California and overcast with occasional local rains in Washington and Oregon.

## ENTIRE VALLEY REPRESENTED IN GREAT PARADE

### Patriotic Parade on Wednesday to be Biggest Turnout of Year—Ashland and Other Cities to Cooperate in "Do Our Bit" Demonstration—Lodges to Participate.

It now seems probable that Medford has never seen and will not see again until the termination of the present great war, such an inspiring pageant as will be shown in the enormous patriotic parade—the "Do Our Bit" parade—which is to occur next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Previous to the proclamation of May 16th as a patriotic day by Mayor C. E. Gates, coupled with the announced determination of the Medford Merchants' association to close the Medford stores during the hours of ten to twelve o'clock, the great majority of the military, business, fraternal, social and women's organizations in Medford had stated that they intended to participate in the big patriotic demonstration to the limit of their membership. These two announcements however appeared to have given an added patriotic impulse to the movement and the few remaining local organizations which had not previously announced their active support fell into line and out of town organizations began to express eagerness to swell the ranks of what now begins to look like a great southern Oregon rather than a purely Medford demonstration.

The Medford Elks unanimously voted to line up in a body and are simply awaiting the undoubted authorization of the grand exalted ruler to participate, and the local merchants' organization have announced and are planning to "do their bit" with a large contingent in line. The Spanish War veterans of the vicinity, though lacking a definite organization, are rallying to the colors under the leadership of Judge E. E. Kelly and Dr. E. H. Porter and eligible veterans are urged to communicate with them.

Ashland also present. Ashland furnished a pleasant surprise to the plans of the committee in charge by announcing today thru Lieutenant Spencer of the First company, Coast Artillery corps, that that body would be present headed by the excellent Ashland band, and ladies of the Ashland Auxiliary American Red Cross enthusiastically announced their determination to be fully represented. Other announcements of Ashland's further support of the patriotic event are momentarily expected as much interest is being expressed in influential quarters.

Central Point also will be represented by its band, and the Home Guard organization of Table Rock will be on hand with its full membership, all armed to the teeth. That Governor Withycombe of Oregon, Governor Lister of Washington, and the Oregon State Highway Commission will review a great throng when they take their places at the reviewing point is assured.

Lawton Parade Marshal. J. W. Lawton, Medford fire chief, has accepted the position of marshal of the parade and his past experience assures a prompt start and orderly running off of the big event. A police officer closing Main street to automobiles during the parade will assure spectators of the best possible view of all features of the pageant.

Any information required by outlying organizations which may wish (Continued on Page Five.)

## BOOKKEEPERS DIE YOUNG, FARMERS OLD

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Bookkeepers and office assistants die youngest and farmers die oldest, according to a bureau of labor statistics report issued today. The average age of death among bookkeepers and clerks was 56 years, and among farmers 58 years.

Tuberculosis caused 35 per cent of the deaths of clerks and half of the deaths of farmers, the report stated. The average age of death among farmers was 58 years.