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## ITALIANS CONTINUE VICTORIOUS ADVANCE

### OFFENSIVE GROWING IN IMPORTANCE

Italian Drive in Julian Alps and on Carso Plateau Results in Capture of 10,245 prisoners and Much Munitions—Heights of Jamiano Captured—Guns Can be Heard in Trieste—French Take Part of Chevreux Woods on Aisne Front.

Austrian official statements, supplementing the announcement from Rome, indicate that the Italian offensive in the Julian Alps and on the Carso plateau is steadily growing in importance and extent.

General Cadorna's guns already can be heard in Trieste but the wilderness of volcanic rocks and caves which lies between him and his goal makes a rapid advance, under the most favorable circumstances, a practical impossibility. The most advanced Italian posts are scarcely more than ten miles from the great Austrian naval base, but this distance is not to be compared with an equal distance in an open country.

The Italian blow is struck at a time when political conditions in Austria-Hungary have reached the acute phase.

**Capture Jamiano Heights.**  
ROME, May 25.—Italian troops engaged in the offensive movement south of Gorizia have captured the fortified heights north of Jamiano, the war office announced today. The Italian positions have been extended still farther, the announcement adds. South of Jamiano to sea the Italians also gained ground, driving forward south of the Jamiano-Brestovizza road.

The battle is still raging from the sea as far north as Piava. The Italians yesterday and the day before took a total of 10,245 prisoners and much war material.

**Austrians Admit Loss.**  
LONDON, May 25.—An official statement issued by the Austrian war office on Thursday admits Italian successes in the Carso plateau but claims that the Austrians inflicted severe repulses upon their assailants elsewhere. The text of the statement follows:

"Since noon yesterday the battle of the Isonzo has been again raging with extraordinary stubbornness. Masses of the enemy directed a furious on-set against our whole front for forty kilometers from Piava to the sea. At many points the battle was uninterrupted during the night. In the region of Monte Cucco, near Vodice and Monte Santo, a storming attack was made in the afternoon. All the detachments which advanced east of Monte Cucco became victims of our destructive fire.

Near Vodice the enemy's attacks were broken by the bravery of our infantry. Near the convent on Monte Santo the enemy succeeded in crossing our trenches, which were ruined by his drum fire. He was, however, met by prompt reinforcements and

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### NORWEGIAN WORKMEN WANT GERMANS BARRED

LONDON, May 25.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen reports that Christiania workmen laid down their tools yesterday and marched to the parliament building where they presented a resolution demanding prohibition of the exportation of provisions and the seizure of all ships necessary to furnish food and raw materials for the country. They also demanded that no German ships be permitted to enter Norwegian ports on the ground that they carry away food.

### BILL PROHIBITS TRADING WITH ENEMY NATIONS

Administration Measure Penalizes Transactions by Americans With Enemies—Food Bill in Congress provides for Seed Sale at Cost—Modified Censorship Bill Favored.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The administration's trading with the enemy bill was introduced in the house today by Representative Adamson, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee. It is modeled somewhat after the British act and would forbid and penalize the trading by Americans with enemies, directly or indirectly.

The measure would also authorize utilization of patents held by alien enemies and provide for the care and disposition of certain classes of enemy property until the war is over.

**Food Bill in Senate.**  
Consideration of the first administration food bill, designed to stimulate production, provide for a national food census and sales of seed at cost, was begun today in the senate.

Senator Reed opened the debate with "a statement as to the real condition of the wheat situation." Much false information, he said, was being furnished to the country. He took up prices, which farmers receive for their wheat. There has been no abnormal hoarding of wheat, Senator Reed declared, adding that it was only after the supply was low that the prices became high. Senator Reed quoted figures to show a world shortage of 100,000,000 bushels and an artificial shortage amounting to approximately 300,000,000 bushels, due in part to the shutting off of Russia because of the war and a lack of ships to carry wheat from Australia.

**Espionage Bill Agreed Upon.**  
Conferees on the espionage bill have drawn a so-called modified newspaper censorship action which will be brought before congress with the influence of the administration for inclusion in the impending bill. It must be accepted by both houses to become part of the bill.

The wording of the new section confines prohibited publication exclusively to military information and retains the provisions that a jury shall decide whether published information is useful to the enemy. It is considered a much more liberal section than others previously proposed by the administration.

### BRITISH STEAMER FELTRIA SUNK OFF IRELAND, 52 LOST

NEW YORK, May 25.—The British steamship Feltria, a 5234 ton freighter belonging to the Cunard line was sunk May 5 off the Irish coast and her captain and 52 of his crew, including two Americans are missing. This report, current in marine circles today, was confirmed by the Cunard line.

The Feltria was formerly known as the Uranium and her last appearance in American waters was on February 18 when she sailed for Liverpool with cargo.

### U-BOAT MENACE MASTERED SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Successes Against Submarines Result in Distinct Improvement in Food Situation Says Premier—German Hope of Success Doomed to Disappointment—Not to Defeat England.

LONDON, May 25.—"The successes against submarines has resulted in a distinct improvement in our food situation," said Premier Lloyd George today in the house of commons.

The premier said more effective blows had been dealt the submarines during the last three weeks than in any corresponding period of the war. The shipping losses for May, the premier says, probably would show a reduction from the April figures. In speaking of the success of the anti-submarine methods he said:

**Debt to America.**  
"We owe a very considerable debt of gratitude to the great American people for the effective assistance they have rendered and the craft they have placed at our disposal. Now that the American nation is in the war, it is easier to make arrangements for the protection of our mercantile marine than it was before."

Mr. Lloyd George asserted there was no danger to that country from starvation but that the utmost economy of foodstuffs was still essential. "The submarine menace need cause no fear that the war is going to be lost for that reason," he declared.

**German Hopes Fail.**  
"I see that today the Germans are depending mainly on submarine warfare for success," said Mr. Lloyd George. "All I can say is that if that is their main hope of success it is doomed to disappointment. I say it with a full sense of responsibility and on behalf of the government after full consideration of the whole facts. That does not mean that the people need not economize, that farmers need not plow their lands. It means that if everyone does his duty the German hope of triumph in the war based on submarines is the greatest miscalculation in the whole series of miscalculations of that kind. If everyone does his duty patriotically each in his own way to the common stock, then I say the submarine is not going to defeat us."

### FRENCH LOSSES BY SUBMARINE LIGHT

PARIS, May 25.—One French merchantman of more than 1600 tons and two under that tonnage were sunk by mines or submarines during the week ending May 20. Three ships were unsuccessfully attacked while 991 entered French ports and 1018 sailed in the same period.

### KANSAS FARMER IS FIRST TO GET FEDERAL FARM LOAN



Farm of A. L. Stockwell, near Larned, Kansas, on which Uncle Sam's money at 5 per cent will be used to increase livestock holdings.

(Staff Special.)  
WASHINGTON, May 25.—The first loan made to any farmer of the United States under Uncle Sam's new rural credits acts went to A. L. Stockwell, whose farm is near Larned, Pawnee county, Kansas. The loan was for \$5,000 and to secure it a mortgage was given on 280 acres of the best wheat land of Kansas.

### FIRST PICTURE SHOWING ABYSSINIAN QUEEN CROWNED.



First picture to reach this country showing the coronation of Zeodoton, second "Queen of Sheba" and ruler of Abyssinia, who overthrew the former king by revolution and took his place. She claims to be a direct descendant of the reputed wife of King Solomon. She is here shown after the coronation, with the Ethiopian high priest, on her imperial throne.

### LANE FUNERAL HELD AT PORTLAND NEXT TUESDAY

PORTLAND, May 25.—Arrangements were being made today to hold the funeral of the late United States Senator Harry Lane here Tuesday, May 29, following the expected arrival of a congressional delegation from Washington Monday.

The remains of Senator Lane are expected to arrive here tomorrow from San Francisco, where he died Wednesday. Monday afternoon they will be in state in the council chamber of the city hall, where Lane presided as mayor four years.

### MEAT CARDS TO BE ISSUED AT PARIS

PARIS, May 25.—A decision to introduce meat cards at an early date is understood to have been reached at a conference just held by Premier Ribot, Louis J. Malvy, minister of the interior and Maurice Violette, minister of subsistence. Maximum prices will be fixed to prevent hoarding and speculation and severe penalties will be inflicted on all acts tending to hinder fair distribution of meat among consumers. The meat card will give the right not to obtain a fixed quantity but to buy for a certain sum to be determined by a special scale.

### BARON FELS, SPY PROVES ORDINARY ARMY DESERTER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—"Baron" Friedrich Fels, alias Lieutenant Frank Fels, alias Frank Wolf, arrested here May 10 as a German spy, is nothing more than a common deserter from the United States aviation corps at San Diego, federal authorities declared here today when they turned him over to the military authorities for prosecution as a deserter.

Fels, or Wolf as he was known in the German hospital here, where he was employed as a dishwasher, told lurid tales of spy plots in America, implicating Rudolph Flamendinghe, now under arrest in Los Angeles as the head of the spy organization on the Pacific coast, declared he had attempted to dodge spy service time and again but was always hounded back into it by his superiors, and finally obtained notoriety by suffering a "nervous breakdown which necessitated his removal to an army hospital with accompanying rumors that he had been poisoned.

Federal authorities declared that after checking up the man's stories they proved untrue in every particular. They said he never was a spy and had never seen service in the Kaiser's aviation service. Why he led them to believe he was a spy plotter remains a mystery, it was said.

### Need Airship Stations on Both Coasts

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Vital importance of immediate establishment of airplane stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was urged in a letter to Speaker Clark today by Secretary Daniels.

### FIRST AMERICAN FIGHTING CORPS ON BATTLE LINE

First Detachment of United States Field Service, Consisting Mainly of Cornell Under-graduates Now on Aisne Battlefields Under Stars and Stripes—Left Ambulances to Fight

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

**HEADQUARTERS FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, May 25.**—The first American combatant corps went to the front today under Captain E. I. Tinkham, and Lieutenant Scully of Princeton.

Captain Tinkham won the war cross at Verdun. It was a proud moment when the first detachment of the American field service, consisting mainly of Cornell undergraduates departed for the Aisne battlefield. They were armed with carbines, attired in khaki uniforms and drove American five-ton motor cars. As they left the stars and stripes, floating over the contention in an historic French forest, spread out in the breeze, and other contingents cheered them on their way. Clarence Mackay presented the camp with the American flag which now flies beside the tri-color.

**Other Troops Drilling.**  
The correspondent of the Associated Press watched other American sections drilling in preparation for active participation in the fighting. Among them were detachments from Andover, Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Yale, Chicago and Williams colleges, while a large body from Princeton was awaiting organization. Lieutenant Daly, captain of the Yale football team of 1916, and Lieutenant William Taylor of New York, were busy putting one section into shape while Lieutenant Kennedy superintended another.

French officers and Lieutenant W. J. Oathelmer of Philadelphia, who won his rank in the French army in which he enlisted at the outbreak of the war, have been appointed instructors of the Americans at the central training school. Some sections are drilled according to the French method and others according to the American.

Most of the Americans intended to serve with the American ambulance, but selected the fighting corps after the United States decided to enter the war.

### STEEL COMMON STILL BOOMING

NEW YORK, May 25.—United States Steel, the bellwether of the stock market, led the general list of securities to fresh high ground today in an extraordinary bull movement accompanied by enormous trading.

Steel common in the first hour mounted to the new maximum of 133 1/4, an overnight gain of 2 1/2 points. Rails only were an exception to the upward movement.

The character of the trading indicated a general revival of public interest. Commission houses with connections at interior points were among the heaviest buyers.

### SUCCESSOR NAMED TO HERBERT HOOVER

AMSTERDAM, May 25.—The appointment is announced of Jonkheer Charles Rays De Beerendroock as head of the Belgian relief commission to succeed Herbert Hoover. The Jonkheer is a Roman Catholic deputy for a Lemburg constituency and a son of the Queen's commissioner for that province. He is an expert social worker and has given much assistance to Belgian refugees.

### ANARCHY RULES LARGE PORTION INTERIOR RUSSIA

Agrarian Disorders, Wholesale Confiscation of Property, Incendiarism and Rioting Become Serious Over Central and Southern Russia—Siberia Overrun by Convicts.

PETROGRAD, May 25.—The agrarian disorders, wholesale confiscation of property, incendiarism and other dangerous symptoms of anarchy which followed the overthrow of the old authority in many important industrial centers and agricultural districts of central and southern Russia are becoming more serious, according to dispatches from various points in Bessarabia and Siberia.

In many cities the soldiers' committees, by taking prompt action, have succeeded in anticipating revolts and in restraining the impulse of the population toward indiscriminate confiscation and all kinds of lawlessness. In others, however, the peasants, defying restraint, have burned or sacked and appropriated government and private property and a general state of anarchy prevails. The following resume of telegrams indicates how acute the trouble in the interior has become and how, like contagion, it has crept from one district to another.

**Anarchy Widespread.**  
Yeniseisk, in central Siberia, reports that during the last three weeks thirty houses were burned and that the population is in a condition of panic. Men of various foreign nationalities, headed by anarchist leaders and escaped criminals, have overrun the district, the advices state. The local council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies declared martial law and all public institutions and officials are under the orders of a military dictator.

According to a dispatch from Esartysn, in the government of Saratov, all authority has been overthrown in the city, which is completely in the hands of the peasants. The soldiers levied a contribution of 1,500,000 rubles for the increase of their pay and confiscated ships on the Volga. A farm belonging to Madame Bekmar Maretina in the Oriol government, was overrun by a mob of 29,000, who wrecked the place, doing damage amounting to 750,000 rubles.

**Itaining Agriculture.**  
The latest reports from the Minsk government state that the agrarian disorders have reached such a point that they threaten the complete ruin of agriculture there. In one district all the wine cellars were sacked and the militia found itself powerless to prevent drunken riots.

Public organizations and committees are striving to stem the tide of anarchy which is sweeping many districts of Bessarabia. The Kishinev peasants have driven their cattle on to fields where grain was being reserved. Food conditions are particularly serious in this part of Russia.

The Pskov district committee has decided that all agricultural lands may be taken free of charge and this has resulted in a general confiscation. Proclamations are being issued by the various local governments in an effort to prevent anarchy spreading to the thus far law-abiding districts.

### ANOTHER LOAN MADE TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain today by the United States, bringing the total loaned that nation thus far to \$400,000,000 and the total of loans to all the allies \$745,000,000.

A payment of \$75,000,000 also was made to Italy today as part of the \$100,000,000 loan announced some time ago. The Italian government already has received \$25,000,000 of the loan.