

LORD RHONDDA FOOD RULER OF ENGLAND, DEAD

Man Who Put Great Britain On Food Rations and Saved the Day Dies a Victim of His Own Theories of Short Rations—Suffers Collapse Trying to Live On Too Little Food.

LONDON, July 3.—Viscount Rhondda, (David Alfred Thomas), the British food controller, died this morning.

Since recent operations for disposition of the food consequent to plenty, Lord Rhondda had weakened gradually. There were few rallies and yesterday's announcement recorded that the patient had lost strength and that his heart showed signs of failing.

Put Rationing in Force

Viscount Rhondda was the man who put England and most of the United Kingdom of Great Britain on rations and won the gratitude even of the people whose food supply he regulated. Before he achieved the task it was generally regarded as all but impossible.

Food was running short in the United Kingdom in June, 1917, when the Baron Rhondda was appointed food controller of Great Britain. The German U-boats were sending ships to the bottom of the ocean and Great Britain was supporting a tremendous army in France. The civilians at home were beginning to feel the pinch. Long queues of men, women and children stood for hours at the food stores in scores of British cities and there was a loud grumble from the public.

The man who as David A. Thomas had been managing director of the great Cambrian coal combine, apparently undertook his task with many misgivings.

Limited Prices

By fixing prices, he put into effect a policy of controlling the profits of food dealers from the producer down to the retailer.

Transportation in America was snowbound for weeks during the winter of 1917, and America failed to deliver to England the food she had promised. Rhondda met the crisis by fixing the amount of food to be served every person in hotels, restaurants and boarding houses down to the minute fraction. It carried England over the crisis and resulted in his elevation to viscount.

But the new viscount seemed to have fallen a victim to over-devotion to his own theories. He had boasted that he was living on a far smaller ration than he had imposed upon the British public, but in April, 1918, suffered a physical collapse that was attributed to his short ration regimen.

Solved the Problem

The queues had disappeared from the British food stores. Prices were established, and, while stories of the sufferings of Germany and Austria leaked past the censors, the Briton smiled and boasted of what Rhondda had accomplished for him. There was food enough and each received his share; the coal king had won the fight and the applause of his countrymen.

Before undertaking that task, Rhondda had in 1915 organized the British munitions buying in the United States and Canada and put it on a business basis.

Born at Adre, Wales, March 26, 1856, David A. Thomas was the son of a colliery owner. Succeeding to his father's business, he became the head of the great Cambrian combine which controlled many mines producing steam coal used by the British navy. He was elected to parliament from Cardiff and twice refused to be made a peer. Long before he began to figure in public life he was widely known in America as the "British Coal King." His favorite recreation was in farming.

In 1882 he married Sybil Haig of Pentlith and they had one daughter.

PANAMA ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JULY 7

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1,019,155 YANKEE TROOPS IN FRANCE SAYS PRESIDENT

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total for the three months of 637,929.

This, Secretary Baker said later, put the troop movement six months ahead of the original program.

Substantially 30 divisions are now in France, ready to meet whatever move the German staff has in preparation. Some of these divisions already have been formed into the first field army under Major-General Liggett, others are holding trench sectors at important points along the battle line, and still others have been broken up and brigaded with the French and British troops. And so when the German thrust comes, the Americans will be called upon to play no small part in meeting it.

Supplies Are Adequate.

Secretary Baker wrote the president that the supplies and equipment in France for the million men who have gone, is shown by the latest reports to be adequate and added that "the output of our war industries in this country is showing marked improvement in practically Baker's Letter to Wilson.

"War Department, Washington, July 1, 1918.

"My dear Mr. President:

"More than one million American soldiers have sailed from the ports in this country to participate in the war in France. In reporting this fact to you I feel that you will be interested in data showing the progress of our overseas military effort.

Started May 8, 1917.

"The first ship carrying military personnel sailed May 8, 1917, having on board base hospital No. 4 and members of the reserve nurses' corps. General Pershing and his staff sailed on May 20, 1917. The embarkations in the months from May, 1917, to and including June, 1918, are as follows:

"1917—May, 1718; June, 12,261; July, 12,988; August, 18,323; September, 32,523; October, 38,259; November, 23,916; December, 48,840.

"1918—January, 46,776; February, 48,027; March, 83,811; April, 117,212; May, 214,345; June, 276,374.

"Marines 14,614.

1,019,115 Gone to Fight.

"Aggregating 1,019,115.

"The total number of troops returned from abroad, lost at sea, and casualty, is 8165, and of these, by reason of the superbly efficient protection which the navy has given our transport system, only 291 have been lost at sea.

"The supplies and equipment in France for all troops sent in, by our latest reports, adequate and the output of our war industries in this country is showing marked improvement in practically all lines of necessary equipment and supply.

Wilson Replies With Satisfaction.

"The White House, Washington, July 2, 1918.

"My dear Mr. Secretary:

"Your letter of July 1 contains a very significant piece of news and an equally significant report of the forwarding of troops during the past year to the other side of the water. It is a record which, I think, must cause universal satisfaction, because the heart of the country is unquestionably in this war and the people of the United States rejoice to see their forces put faster and faster into the great struggle, which is destined to redeem the world.

Plans of Future Obscure.

How long the present rate of transportation will be maintained France and the length of time the surplus ship tonnage furnished by England can be employed. Secretary Baker said tonight that he disapproved of speculation as to the fu-

YANKEE FLIERS WIN PRAISE FOR FIGHTING ABILITY

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Tuesday, July 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—American aviators are receiving congratulations for the efficient protection given the infantry and artillery during the operations Monday night and today west of Chateau Thierry. The Americans kept the air, especially on the American side of the line, virtually free of enemy airplanes. The French commander in this district has sent official congratulations.

An American pursuit unit encountered a big enemy group late Monday and chased the Germans off after getting in some good shots. One American machine failed to return. Today a damaged German machine was found inside the American lines.

North of Chateau Thierry this morning nine American machines and nine German airplanes had a thrilling combat for half an hour. At least three of the German planes were driven down, while two of the Americans have not returned tonight.

ture records in troop movements, saying he did not desire to have "past performances made the basis of speculation for the future."

Another Million in U. S.

As reserves for the million men now in France, more than another million men are now in training in the United States. It has been officially announced that 3,000,000 American soldiers will be under arms by the end of this month, while information recently furnished to congress by General R. E. Wood, acting quartermaster, disclosed that his department is planning to clothe 4,000,000 men on next Jan 1.

Predict Heavy Draft Calls.

General Crowder recently told the senate military committee that class one registrants will be exhausted by the first of the year, and he added the significant statement that "everybody expected heavy draft calls to be made during the first six months of next year."

In discussing the heavy movement of troops in the last three months, Mr. Bakes said it was worthy of mention "that the month in which German submarines were operating off our coast was the month in which we made the record number of shipments."

Hun Raiders Were Sighted.

In this connection it was recalled that not a single American transport carrying troops had been sunk by Germany's sea wolves, the only two destroyed having been attacked when returning home without the protection of American destroyers and other naval craft. Two British vessels, carrying American troops, have been torpedoed and a third was sunk last month when returning to this country.

Few Marines, But, Oh, My!

Secretary Baker's letter for the first time reveals the number of marines sent to France. They form only a part of a division, but have been giving excellent accounts of themselves since they helped stem the German thrust for Paris, and reports today show that they again have battered thru the German trenches and then resisted furious counter-attacks.

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The American Girl Who Stood Her Ground and Defied the Murderous Hun.

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"War and The Woman"

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VON BELOW TO LEAD AUSTRIANS AGAINST ITALIANS

ZURICH, July 3.—Important changes have been made in the Austro-Hungarian command in the Italian theater of operations, Field Marshal Conrad von Hottendorf, who has been in command on the mountain front, has been replaced by Field Marshal von Koevess, accord-



General Otto von Below

ing to Munich papers. General Otto von Below of the German army has been appointed commander-in-chief.

According to the Munich Zeitungs, Austrian military circles attribute the defeat on the Piave mainly to the strike in the Buda Pest munition factories.

General Otto von Below led the great Austro-German offensive in Italy last October.

PULLMAN PORTERS TO RECEIVE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Decision to retain operating control of the Pullman company was announced today by the railroad administration in an order allowing wage increases for sleeping car conductors, porters and maids on the same basis as the advances recently given railroad employes.

THIS WOMAN KNOWS

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