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LAND GRANT CASE FERRIS ACT UPIS O

This Re-Vests Title In United States, Gives Railroad \$2.50 An Acre

SOME OF LANDS WILL BE **OPENED TO SETTLEMENT**

Counties Will Get 25 Per Cent of Proceeds of Timber Land Sales

Washington, April 23 .- The supreme court today decided in favor of the government in the noted Oregon and Catifornia land case, involving millions of acres of land granted to railroads and claimed by the United States by forfeiture.

The "Oregon land grant" case, causing 10 years of litigation between the government and railroads, grew out of valuable grants of land in Oregon and California to transcontinental railroads. The railroads were to sell the land to actual settlers for not more than \$2.50 an acre. Much of it was sold, admitted-ly, contrary to the grant —and the government tried to have the land for-

ion Pacific and Central Pacific railroads millions of acres of land to enable them to build a transcontinental railroad from the Missouri river to San Franform the Missouri river the Missouri river to San Franform the Missouri river to San Franform the Missouri river to San Franform the Missouri river the Missouri river the Misso from the Missouri river to San Francisco bay. An extension north along the Pacific const was planned, and in 1865 congress granted the land involved were quite subdued and gladly surrenin this suit—in northern California and

Oregon—to the railroads.

Under the provisions of the grant the land was to be sold to netual settlers, not more than a quarter section to a purchaser and at a price not more than \$2.50 an acre. Much of the land was mountainous and valuable, particularly in later years, for its timber. The railroad claimed it could not sell such land—inaccessible and hard to cultivate—to settlers. It sold much of it to lumbermen. This fact was known for years. It continued, the railroad claimed, for nearly 40 races.

ed legislation regarding it. In June, 1916, congress passed the Ferris act, "re-vesting" the land in the United States, allowing the railroads the \$2.50 an acre for it, that they were authorized to charge in the grant, and opening the land to settlement. The proceeds from sale of timber lands were to be through the most disastrons week of divided, 25 per cent to the country in her history of the war. which the land was situated for schools, troads, highways, bridges and port districts; 40 per cent to the general reclamation fund, and 10 per cent to the general fund of the treasury.

The court upheld the Ferris act, passed by congress and giving the land to the government with the provision that milroads should be paid \$2.50 an acre for it from the proceeds of the sale.

Effects of Decision. Portland, Or., April 23.—The import-

(Continued on page four.)

ABE MARTIN



Women Wronged by Germans, Says Wife of Famous Surgeon

Chicago, April 23.—New stories of the suffering and abuse of French wo-men and children in the city of Noyon after the recent retreat of the Ger-mans came to Chicago in a letter from Mme. Alexis Carrel, wife of the celerated surgeon of the Rockefeller foun Non. In her letter she says:

sery woman between the ages of and 30 had been carried off nine days before the retreat by the Germans. The young women who were left in Noyon were all about to become mothers by German fathers. In several instances mothers had been taken away and their children left behind. "In the orphan asylum the children were so crowded that their beds touch ed and they were forced to sleep with

out mattresses or covering.

"The wounded French who were still in the hospitals had not been cared for and the stench was so horrible that our nurses could hardly stand to wait on

them. "The people had nothing but brown bread for 17 months and were reduced to a state of starvation."

TWENTY SUBMARINES CAPTURED IN ONE DAY

Bases Destroyed Left Them

That Is the One Vital Great Thing Necessary to Win the War

IS MESSAGE BROUGHT BY BALFOUR AND OTHERS

and Greetings Courtesies Soon Give Way to Business in Hand

By George Martin

(United Press staff correspondent) Washington, April 23 .- What the alies want from the United States more

Bases Destroyed Left Them
Helpless and They Were
Forced to Surrender

Washington. April 23.—A member of the British war commission today said twenty Gorman submarines and their rews were captured by the British to the day to the British to the day was given over principally to surface courtesies and diplomatic greetings, the various experts of both England and America plunged at once into the consideration of the vi-

erews were captured by the British once into the consideration of the vi-They weren't exactly captured fronting the allies since the United

Balfour conferred with President Wilson President Cunliffe of the

Wilson, President Cunliffe of the Bank of England conferred with Secre-tary of the Treasury McAdoo. Naval experts of both nations con-ferred with Secretary Daniels. Military experts talked with Secre-tary Baker.

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By Henry Wood

(United Press staff correspondent)

uns from the Germans. Taking of twenty thousand German

ively estimated at 100,000.

Two great battle were raging today, egical positions on the western front. One is along the Chemia Des Dames—
"the ladies' road''—dominating Laon and the plateau; the other around Moronvillers Heights, dominating the battle line.

Remember th' ole five-cent soup bone
that'd make a dinner for a tiger! If
you must raise chickens in town handcuff 'em,

The Aisne-Champagne
front comprises only one portion of the
great FrancojBitish offensive. That
offensive now extends over at least
125 miles Every operation undertaken
on the vast front is inter-related.
The estimate of German losses is
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her history of the war.

Today, on the week's anniversary of the great French drive, the French army staff permits me to say that the coming seven days are likely to unfold more clearly the nature of the Franco-British oftensive. The fighting which is now in progress is of tremendously vital importance.

Since Manday, a week ago, when the great French offensive began, General Nivelle's forces have accomplished this:

Capture of more than one hundred guns from the great remarks, Judge Griffin rose from the bench and walked out of the division.

It should be emphasized that the figures of the great french drive alone. They do not include the achievements of the British offensive. But aside from the cold figures of the man losses, the French have achievement of the German morale and proof of the Superior strategy of the French staff.

Reserves Forced In

First, General Nivelle definitely prested from German Field Marshal Von Hindenburg the initiative of the war operations, Nivelle forced Hinden-Occupation of twenty large villages burg to fight from frenches which the root including hamlets.

Occupation of twenty and the Aisne his much second, Nivelle has forced Hindenf French territory.

Inflicted losses in killed, wounded burg to throw into the Aisae his much nd missing on the Germans conserva valued is strategy reserve army. He cannot now employ this force in strat-

northern Champagne plains.

Although the French attacks are against the two strongest positions held

Seven have already been completely wiped out.

Coupled with the tremendous losses Seven have already been completely #

against the two strongest positions held by the Germans on the entire western front, General Nivelle's men have already won strong footholds. Moreover, they are calarging these footholds.

Only in Pirst Stage

The fighting which was in progress today supersedes in importance any actions on the entire western front. At any moment newer and more important situations may be created.

While the German disaster of the past week has been tremendous, nevertheless the week's fighting is only the first stage of an entire action planned.

WHATCHAMA COLUMN

The shirt stud is the collar button's rich uncle. And lige the collar button, it is irresponsible and not to be depended on. It is as the tribes of Israel-for-

ever lost. It is said that birds feather flock together. It is true of shirt studs. We have, perhaps, 14 dozen shirt studs scattered around in one drawer and another at our house, but for some strange reason no two of them seem to be alike. It has been our experience that you can't keep a set of them together from one white shirt to the

If you have a set you particularly desire to keep, put 'em on a ball and chain and lock 'em

JUDGE SAYS MOONEY MUST HAVE NEW TRIAL

Says a Man's Liberty Is At Stake and He Must Be Given Square Deal

San Francislo, April 23.—Superior Judge Franklin Griffin exploded a veritable bomb in court today when he declared his belief that Thomas J. Mooney should have a new trial on charge of complicity in the preparedness pa-rade dynamiting. He stated from the bench that District Attorney Fickert should confess error and that if Frickert did not do so, the court himself would personally ask Attorney General Webb to do so.

TO ATTACK RUSSIA

Petrograd, April 23.—A German battleship and cruiser squadron has left Libau presumably to attempt an attack behind the Russian lines from the Baltic, pecording to official word from Rign today. It was reported also that another German warship squadron was en route to the Russian Baltic position from Kiel.

The Riga dispatches asserted that a number of transports, loaded with troops, were accompanying the German squadron

TO CENSUS FOOD SUPPLY

Washington, April 23.—Secre-tary of Agriculture Houston today asked the senate agricul-tural committee for "power and money to make an immediate survey of the Tood supply of the country to determine what the resources of the country are. **
The total supply now, he told the committee, cannot be esti-

Plan of Alternative Smashes Proving Highly Successful

NOT A MINUTE'S REST IS GIVEN THE GERMANS

Two Important Towns Taken. and Stream of Prisoners Flowing Back

By William Philip Simms.

(United Press staff correspondent.) With the British Armies Afield, April 23.—Slow, steady smashing by British forces all the way from around Lens to around St. Quentin brought in prisoners running into four figures today-

Unofficial headquarters reports de-clared the towns of Guemappe and Gavrelle had fallen into British hands. A vast quantity of booty is being captured all along the front.

Guemappe is located on the main road from Arras to Cambrai, about five miles distant from Arras. It lies directly

to the south of Monchy. Gavrelle is on the main highway from

Military experts and at a price not more than a price of the provents and at a price of the provents and at a price of the price of the provents and at a price of the price of the provents and at a price of the price of the provents and at a price of the price of t

we captured the remainder of the vil. are being closely lage of Trescault and at night gained permitted to sail. greater part of the Davrincourt

"The Scarpe attack was over a wide

London hailed Haig's report as indisative of resumption of the general British offensive, While there has been no abatement in the pressure around Even Lens and on the Cambrai-St. Quentin said: date the positions they won in the first sumshing drive and during the week have more or less confined their of fensive to smashing drives suddenly executed at scattered points.

Adoo plans to utilize offers of advertising to awaken the people to the fact that this huge sum must be raised to infinance bill; involving an issue of \$5.

America's forces for the battle lines.

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The Scarpe offensive is to the south, specialties.

"Whattehell Matter Europe? No United States Marshal?"

Seattle, Wash. April 23.—According to R. O. Sawyer, Jr., editor and publisher of the Seward Gateway, who reached Seattle Santay en route to his home in the north after a trip down the coast as representative of the Seward chamber of commerce, old Chief Goodlatah, an Indian tribesman living near Cordova, is greatly worried by the war in Europe.

Chief Goodlatah, on his periodical trips into Cordova, invariably hears much about the war,—so many soldiers killed at such and such a place, or a great massacre at some other point.

To the Alaska Indian, the law of peace and order is personified by the United States murshal. It is the marshal who always arrests the Alaska Indian for getting drunk and fighting.

shal who always arrests the Alaska In-dian for getting drunk and fighting. While Sawyer was in Cordova, on his way outside, Chief Goodlatah dropped into town. As usual, he heard of an-other big mattle across the ocean. "Say," he demanded of Postmaster Steele, "whattehell the matter in Eu-rope? No United States marshal over there?"

BERLIN THRONGED WITH TURKISH TROOPS

There Are Being Rushed to Western Front to Stem Allies Attacks

By Arthur E. Mann.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) Copenhagen, April 21.—Berlin is thronged with Turkish troops en route

while I am interested in justice being done to Mooney."

Deputy District Attorney Cotton asked for a continuance until he could not both banks of the Searpe and made thous and men is the equivalent of seven German divisions, as they are now conformant during his remarks, Judge Griffin for the bench and walked out of German divisions, as they are now converted to the continuance in justice being done to Mooney."

British drive with a tremendously force full attack.

We attacked at dawn this morning on both banks of the Searpe and made satisfactory progress." he reported to satisfactory progress." he reported to satisfactory progress. The reported to satisfactory progress to dent out onto touch with the district attorney. Strong pressure is being dent between the could not must remain legation has been expected to satisfactory progress. The reported to satisfactory progress to dent so the could not must remain legation has been expected to satisfactory progress. The reported to satisfactory progress to derive the remains to Copenhagen recently and the American legation has been expected to satis

Prices Unchanged But New York, April 23.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said: **President Wilson is in closest touch with every move. His intimate advisers were said to be positive conscription would win. Practically No Sales

chief defense counsel said the prosecutor had not notified the defense definitely whether the defendant was actually to go to trial today and he asked
a week's continuance, which was grant
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the past week a prove the past week and t French army was making its terrific last week trading was almost negligible first armies in the field and for the assault on the Soissons-Auberive front, and prices changes were for the most work of training recruits, is about rendy

Now, however, according to military 000,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000,000 NO SALES WERE MADE in indebtedness certificates, would be IN DALLAS MOH

come law.

The fact of the bill's passage was centrate his reserves in opposition and permitting the French in turn to consolidate their positions, bring up more guns and get a breathing spell.

The thrust along the Scarpe was regarded as a new development in the allied offensive. Haig is now reaching out with powerful force loward Douai.

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The fact of the bill's passage was any doubt as to remove any doubt as to remove any doubt as to remove any doubt as to its possible defeat or radical amends its possible defeat or radical amends in the Polk county Mohair pool Saturday. Eight hundred fleeces were offered, and 76¼ cents, the highest bid was made by William Brown & Compared to the trading. It will probably be several weeks before the bond sale can be lanuched.

Today's statement did not definitely locate exactly where Haig's blow on both banks of the Scarpe was delivered, but it was probably near Fampoux. Fampoux is about eight miles southwest of Douai.

A drive in this direction is not only a menace at Douai, but it is part of the general enveloping scheme around Lens. Sunday's official statements indicated a tightening of the noose around this coal city by attacks activered by the British near Loos—to the north of Lens. The Scarpe offensive is to the south, and the specialties.

Further indication that Haig's forces on all the British front are starting in motion in a concerted effort mentioned (Continued on page two.)

For once, a general amnesty creates no disgust. The clearing of Bussia's prisons will probably restore to liberty the very men who ought to have beez ruling Russia for the past 25 years.

Conscription In Some Form It Is Believed Will Be Main Feature

ACTION IS EXPECTED NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY

Amendment Is Offered Permitting Raising Army To Led by Roosevelt

By J. P. Yoder.

(United Press staff correspondent.) (United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, April 23.—After finally
disposing of the great war loan, house
and senate shortly after noon today
went into the final stages of the problem of raising an army of two million
men for defense of the nation.

It was the first day of debate in the
house and the second day for the senate.

It was still believed today that both houses will take final action Thursday or Friday at the latest.

The conscription feature, in some form at least, will pass both houses.

While house and senate debated, the

bench that District Attorney Fickert should confess error and that if Frickert did not do so, the court himself would personally ask Attorney General Webb to do so.

Judge Griffin who presided at Mooney's trial declared further that, after reading letters F. C. Oxman, star state witness against Mooney, wrote to F. E. Rigall, of Grayville, Ill., he was of the opinion that the jury which convicted Mooney should be re-impaneled and called into court and that Oxman should be forced to make some explanation to the twelve man or these letters.

Deputy District Attorney Cunha began an argument against granting the

ents whipped into line.

The senate fight is not so bitter. It appeared certain the draft program would ultimately pass in the upper

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the British seized the time to consoli-date the positions they won in the first derione.

IN DALLAS MOHAIR POOL

THE WEATHER



Oregon: To-night and Tues-day fair; cooler



tonight with light frost; westerly, winds,