

FORCE GERMAN FRENCH TERRITORY

to Happen Soon Unless French Drive Is Checked Australians Today Drove Wedge Mile Deep Into Ger- Lines—Hindenburg Pours Picked Reserves Into and Fighting Is Most Desperate—6,000 Prisoners Today—Two Strong Positions In Danger

By William Philip Simms,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
The British Armies in the Field, May 7.—Aus-
troops forged ahead a mile into the German lines
this morning.
The moment of cabling this great hole in the Ger-
man line is being successfully maintained against enemy
attacks.
The penetration of the German front thus achieved is
of great importance.
The Australians began their drive at dawn. Their
advance was pushed forward, yard after yard, to
depth, in the face of violent resistance. The
drive carried them to the east of a village lying in a
north direction from Riencourt.
The front itself is thus hemmed in by British troops to
the east and the south.
The Riencourt attack was a part of general progress-
ively achieved on the right flank early today.
Over a hundred prisoners were taken.
Where on the British front there were no major
attacks of infantry, but all along the line artillery on both
sides were violently active.

Reserves Sacrificed.

By Henry Wood,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
The French Armies in the Field,
May 7.—The German retreat from
the French drive.
The fighting brought proof
of the necessity of
the German command-
er's efforts which the
French were making to
save the Rheims salient.

The Pick of the Army.

Not only has the number of the
troops in the past few days' fighting
been greater than that employed in
any previous engagements since
the early days of the war, but the
quality of troops is higher. Prisoners
showed there were no decrepit reserves. All
those captured were of choice regiments.
Saturday around Craonne, for
instance, a complete division of the
picked Prussian Guard was called into
action by the German commanders. It
was practically annihilated in a vain
attempt to retake Craonne.

Whole Line Menaced.

The double success of the allied
armies today menaces the entire Hindenburg
retreat line from its two most vital
points. The victories constitute the
first great objectives toward which
every French and English action since
the beginning of the great offensive has
strategically contributed.
The French advances on the Hindenburg
salient is only a small portion of their
success in the second great drive
since April 16. This fighting has covered
a front of nearly 22 miles—including
the entire length of Chemin Des
Dames to the east and northwest.

BE MARTIN

Now the entire Craonne plateau has
been attained. Almost the entire summit
of the ridge dominating the plateau and
descending toward Laon has been captured;
nearly 13 miles of Chemin Des
Dames is held, all of the road but a
small portion in the vicinity of Fort
Malmaison. The new French positions
formerly constituted the greatest obstacle
which they were in German hands,
to Nivelle's advance to Laon. They
dominate the valley of the Ailette,
down which the French kept up Saturday
and Sunday's operations.
But in addition to this great success,
another epochal victory has been registered
by the French on the Rheims front.
There, on Friday, General Nivelle
initiated an offensive north and
east of the Rheims which carried the
French over several heights. The victory
may soon liberate Rheims, as the
German "hate target."

When the French, on Saturday morning,
leaped out of their trenches in the
Aisne assault, the German first lines
were literally gorged with men under
orders to die resisting.
Hardly had the French beat down
these lines of human flesh and attained
their first objective, capturing and killing
thousands, than the Germans initiated
fresh counter-attacks. They were

By George Martin
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
St. Louis, Mo., May 7.—The middle
west's unrivaled reception of the great
French warriors and statesmen is at an
end and with the last long cheers of
the flag-strewn crowd which watched
the special out of sight here today,
cheering in the distance, Premier Vi-
viani and General Joffre turned their
steps toward the grave of Lincoln.
Perhaps the most impressive and sig-
nificant moment of the French commis-
sion's tour of the west will come when,
in the presence of a great gathering of
those common people for whom all
three have given the best efforts of
their lives, Rene Viviani and Joseph
Joffre, leaders in the war for the eman-
cipation of the world, do homage be-
fore the tomb of Abraham Lincoln,
emancipator of a nation.
That the heart of the west—and its
sword and storehouses—have been pledged
and are being taken back to
France by the allies' battle commission-
ers there is no doubt.
Millions of Americans—thousands of
German birth among them—stood on
the line of march in Chicago and at
stops cheered them to the echo. The
progress of the party thence through
corn and wheat belts to Kansas City
and back to St. Louis was a blessed
trail of triumph for allied arms.
Three Flags Flying
"The stars and stripes and the tri-
color have been inextricably mingled
in the middle west in the last five
days," said a member of the party as
the train left St. Louis today.
In all the millions of mixed citizenry
alongside the line of march as the
Frenchmen passed it has been all
"vive la France!" and not one whisper
of "hooray for the kaiser." And if there is
any one incident which has touched the
hearts of the French more than any
other among countless incidents by
which the middle west has attested its
devotion to the allies' cause, it was
that of a little farmer lad who stood
alone in the midst of rolling fields be-
side the track, far out in the black
fields of Illinois, bravely waving a
flag three times as large as he, while
the train whizzed by.
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BREAD-FRUIT BREAD

(By United Press.)
Rio De Janeiro, May 7.—A
syndicate has been formed here
to manufacture bread-fruit
flour. The promoters say the
flour will make as good bread
as wheat, at much less cost. The
bread-fruit supply throughout
Brazil is declared to be par-
ticularly unlimited.

THE SMALL GARDEN

NOTICE:—The department
of agriculture at Washington,
D. C., has issued a bulletin en-
titled "The Small Vegetable
Garden." It is aimed at the
man who has land enough for a
small garden, but no definite
idea of how to proceed. This
booklet should be placed in the
right hands as quickly as pos-
sible. A copy can be obtained
free by any person writing a re-
quest for one to the Depart-
ment of Agriculture, Wash-
ington, D. C.

Market Very Dull Price Trend Is Lower

New York, May 7.—The New York
Evening Sun financial review today
says:
Trading in today's market was lack-
ing in practically every element of in-
terest save for those professional op-
erators on the floor of the stock ex-
change who were engaged in covering
short accounts. The short interest is
in fact so extensive that traders on
that side of the market are prone to
timidity.
The fact that the market advanced
one to two points in relatively small
volume of trading would indicate that
there was less readiness to sell than
in the latter half of last week. The
success of the liberty loan offering to
date has been due more to the banks
and wealthy investors than to the aver-
age wage earner, to reach whom the
secretary of the treasury is bending
every effort to order to give the lib-
erty a popular character.
Prices receded somewhat from the
best level of the day in the afternoon
session as activity died down, although
still holding well above the previous
closing. Motor and leather stocks were
particularly strong, the latter respond-
ing to increasing war demand for
leather.

An agent of the Oregon Fruit com-
pany has just been at Sutherlin con-
tracting for bean acreage. He says that
his company will have 2000 acres of
beans this year in the Willamette and
Umpqua valleys.

Men of All Countries, Now American Citizens, Out to Welcome Great Frenchman

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HOOVER CONSULTS FOOD COMMITTEE AS TO CONDITIONS

His Statements As To World's Food Supply Vastly Important

WILL BE EXPURGATED BEFORE MADE PUBLIC

British Food Investigators Aiding in Uncovering Speculators' Tricks

Washington, May 7.—Herbert C.
Hoover, chairman of the food com-
mittee of the Council of National Defense
and the administration's consulting ex-
pert on world food conditions, appear-
ed unexpectedly before the house agri-
cultural committee to urge immediate
action on the administration's food con-
trol legislation.
So important were Hoover's revela-
tions as to the present world food sup-
ply, the conference was behind closed
doors and it was said his remarks
would be subject to careful expurga-
tion before being made public.
The committee is working overtime
to dispose of the food legislation, which
confers great powers to regulate pro-
duction and distribution of food and
punish manipulation, and "preventable
waste." It will be reported to the
house, it is expected, early in the week.

British Are Helping

Chicago, May 7.—British food in-
vestigators, it became known today, are
aiding in the "food speculator" in-
vestigation being conducted in Chicago,
Boston, Los Angeles and other large
cities of the country by federal author-
ities.
Information gleaned by the British
food commissioners, who drove eggs in
England from \$1.10 down to 25 and 30
cents per dozen, will prove invaluable
to American officials in breaking the
"price fixing ring," a British official
stated.
"We are looking to get a big net of
fish before this week is done in Amer-
ica. The time is opportune, as right now
there are men, who, for patriotic rea-
sons, will give up information that at
other times is hard to get," said an
allied investigator. Likewise, "I look
for the courts to deal with an iron

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\$25,000,000 More Is Loaned Great Britain

Washington, May 7.—An additional
loan of \$25,000,000 was made today to
Great Britain.
The transfer was not attended by the
usual formalities. Secretary McAdoo
sent a treasury warrant to British Am-
bassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice at the
British embassy and received in return
Great Britain's obligation for the sum.
The loan is a part of \$100,000,000
which will be turned over to Great Brit-
ain at intervals during the month of
May. The first portion was transferred
Saturday. The remaining \$50,000,000
will be transferred in either of two in-
stallments within the next three weeks.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WILL NOT SUFFER

War Will No Doubt Stimulate Many Lines of Production and Industry

By Lowell Mellett
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, May 7.—American business
has nothing to fear from the war. The
profits in England have been above
normal since the war began.
Lord Rhondda, president of the local
government board and a member of
Lloyd-George's cabinet, in making this
statement to the United Press, declar-
ed the American business man—firm
the small tradesman up to the biggest
capitalist—can look optimistically to
the future.
Lord Rhondda may be best known to
Americans as D. A. Thomas—his name
before elevation to a title. He is one
of the world's captains of industry
with interests not only in England, but
in France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Brazil
and Argentina. He has made frequent
visits to the United States—his latest
being one undertaken at the request
of Premier Lloyd-George to arrange
supplies for England and to obtain in-
formation as to American business con-
ditions.
"I have never been inclined to urge
that America 'come in,'" Lord Rhondda
told the United Press, "and this, not-
withstanding the fact that I was
aboard the Lusitania when the Ger-
mans torpedoed her. I have consistently
believed that America would do the
right thing—but that it was America's
own problem."
"Now that America has taken the
step, I feel free to assure American
businessmen—among whom I have a
great number of friends—that possible
fears for business disaster through the
war are likely to prove unfounded."
"Certainly it has not been that case
in England, except in isolated instances
in some lines. The government realized
\$700,000,000 from its excess profits tax
last year. That means profits above the
normal before the war profits. The prof-
its last year were \$1,100,000,000, since
\$700,000,000 represents the sixty per
cent tax."
Moreover, last year's profits were
achieved with but little evidence of so-
called "writings." Labor obtained its
due proportion in increased wages—as
witnessed by ability of the workmen
to meet the increased cost of living
and at the same time spend more.
"The latter fact is one of the rea-
sons why tradesmen have not suffered
as perhaps they anticipated."
"Please don't misunderstand me—
war isn't a business any truly civil-
ized government should enter for the
purpose of making profit, but it is one
of the strange facts incidental to this war
that such has been the case."
"America, like England, need not
contemplate the wrecking of the fabric
of its business life."
"America knows what hard times
periods are—though fortunately the
wisdom of the new financial system in-
stituted by President Wilson's admin-
istration has obviated a recurrence of
such panics as those which once peri-
odically afflicted business. A war such
as America faces can't be compared
for its effect on business with those
former hard time periods."
"Events have made it necessary that
America fight to retain her freedom to
engage in business with the world on
even terms—but for the reasons I have
given, the fight itself won't work dis-
aster to the present business struc-
ture."

Wheat Up Five Cents Closes at \$2.84

Chicago, May 7.—The wheat market
congested at the opening showed a de-
cided upward trend today. Mal wheat
opened up 1-2 and later advanced five
cents to \$2.84. July opened up 1-2 and
subsequently advanced another half to
\$2.25 1-2. September opened down 1-4
and later advanced 3-4.
Corn was dull at the opening, later
showing slight movement. May opened
up 1-4 and later advanced an additional
1-4, going to \$1.53 1-2. July opened
unchanged and gained 3-8 to \$1.43 3-4.
September opened unchanged and de-
clined 5-8 to \$1.35 3-4 later.
Oats opened slightly higher, but sub-
sequently declined. Offerings were
light. May opened up 1-8, later losing
to 67 1-4 and later advanced an additional
1-4, going to \$1.53 1-2. July opened
unchanged and gained 3-8 to \$1.43 3-4.
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clined 5-8 to \$1.35 3-4 later.
Provisions sold at lower levels. Trade
was quiet and the weakness in the main
was attributable to the excessively
heavy receipts and lower hog market.

FLOWER \$15.00

Minneapolis, Minn., May 7.—Best
grades of flour jumped 40 cents a bar-
rel today, reaching 015, the highest
mark in the history of the local flour ex-
change, it is said.

KILLED AT HARRISBURG

Harrisburg, Ore., May 7.—W. M.
Scott, age 73, deaf and almost blind,
was hit and instantly killed by the
Shasta Limited here this morning. He
stepped on the track when the train
was only a few feet away.

CO-EDS TO FARM

Oberlin, O., May 7.—Co-eds of Ober-
lin college have leased several acres of
land and will raise their own potatoes
this season.

RAILROADS ALL WANT STILL HIGHER RATES

Demand They Be Permitted a 15 Per Cent Increase, and Say This Will Not Keep Them Even—Claim They Must Have More Rolling Stock and Evidently Want Country to Present It To Them—Increased Cost of Coal and Labor the Main Excuse Given—Make Figures Fit Arguments

Washington, May 7.—Eastern railroads today pleaded
with the interstate commerce commission for a fifteen
per cent increase in rates.
To support their contention that such a raise is vital,
they presented figures running into millions and billions.
The cost of operating necessities, including labor, has
soared so tremendously, they declared, that practically all
their surplus earnings would be absorbed this year.
In their opening statement the railroads cited their
1916 expenses for coal, wages and materials at \$1,015,000,-
000; they indicated 1917 expenses for the same items at
\$1,232,000,000, or an increase this year of \$217,000,000.
Wages alone in 1916 were \$701,000,000, while the indicated
1917 wages will be \$770,000,000, due to high rates under
the Adamson law and to other increases.
The high cost of coal absorbs an added \$58,000,000 on
the eastern lines, the roads' representatives said, while
advanced material costs mean about \$90,000,000 addi-
tional, provided proper upkeep is maintained.
The \$217,000,000 increase was based on items which
cannot be stably determined, while the roads argued that
they need much new rolling stock, all of which is fifty to
one hundred per cent higher than a year ago.

POPE AN ADVOCATE OF HOME RULE

No Statement Made But He Endorses: "The Rights of Small Nations"

By John H. Henrly,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Rome, May 7.—Pope Benedict may
throw the weight of his influence in
the Irish situation, according to in-
formation from high vatican authorities
today.
Official expression was unobtainable,
but it was reiterated that the holy
father "emphatically endorses the
rights of small nations."
This expression was given signifi-
cance as applying to Ireland by an-
nouncement of the impending selection
of Monsignor Corretti, long a student
of Irish and American affairs, as papal
secretary of state for extraordinary ec-
clesiastical affairs.
The new post does not affect Car-
dinal Gasparri's work as papal secretary,
but establishes a new sphere of vatican
activity.
Monsignor Corretti was formerly
papal representative in Mexico and
papal auditor at Washington under
Cardinal Falconio. At present he is
papal nuncio at Australia.
Creation of the new vatican post
aroused further interest today in re-
ports that the vatican had been ad-
vised by its South American ministers
of the pending entry into the war of
"almost all" Latin-American nations.
The pope's peace message of Satur-
day was regarded as significant in this
connection.
The holy father has also been in-
formed, it was said, that other nations
in Europe and Asia may be drawn in-
to the conflict.

FIRST AMERICAN UNIT

Paris, May 7.—A unit of Americans
who will be officially classed as fight-
ing men will begin work at the front
Wednesday carrying munitions to
French fighters.
A. Piatt Andrews, in charge of the
American ambulance corps, made this
announcement today.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair,
cooler tonight
with light frost
west and heavy
frost east portion;
Tuesday fair;
northerly winds.

ME FOR THE SUNNY SOUTH

Howard Elliott, chairman of the New
Haven, declared a 15 per cent increase
would not pay the increase in the coal
bill of his road. He said the most his
road would expect from the increase
would be \$3,500,000 and that indications
are that his coal bill will be increased
\$6,000,000 over last year.

