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BALLOONS DESTROYED IN THE SKY

On Fire While Far a Flash of Blazing Meteors

MAKE GAINS OPERATE ATTACK

Making Hercules to Cement His Ambling Line

Philip Simms (staff correspondent) High Armies in the Field British aeroplanes to seven German balloons in of a vigorous aerial British flyers. The weather especially favorable the clouds.

Balloons were set afire shells while far aloft to the ground. Two down by British hovering close over the in the case of the other salmen careless of anti- slipped up to hangars explosives on the "sauc- ooned for flight. The balloons were going on violently Bullcourt. At the time sent, the Germans were cutting that portion of the line held by British southwest border of the Big bodies of German passed in the southwest age for this attack, but far proven fruitless.

Another deadlock have been temporarily in the fighting along the positions held by the Marshal Haig's report of any sign fighting the night and early morning a great number of sides, scattered along a

artillery was active at night at a num- particularly between Fre- the statement said. In the neighborhood of and Fau Quissart we of Armentieres a small our lines yesterday after a hand to hand given out, leaving a few of our men are missing, sentries another enemy

making hereafter efforts other the crumbling piece- endline by re- less her troops' blood. But- her detailed almost com- attacks against both and French fronts at the Hindenburg defenses by the Haig and Ni-

German Ver- tion London, May 8.—German and captured Fresnoy machine guns, today's

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MARTIN

GRAND HIGH SHOE SALE

too ole fer war, but he and wife's three sons. A- woman till she cries.

CROP CONDITIONS IN MIDDLE WEST BELOW AVERAGE

Winter Wheat Badly Hurt in Most Sections and Yield Will Be Light

ILLINOIS MAKES BEST SHOWING GENERALLY

Nebraska Hard Hit by Extreme Cold—Some Increase in Acreage

Chicago, May 8.—While congress has been talking about the war the western farmer has been doing his bit, some times helped and some times hindered by the late spring and "May snow storms."

A canvass of the agricultural centers of the middle west showed these conditions: Minnesota, North and South Dakota—Continued cold, rains and seed shortage threaten to cut down acreage. Seeding in the Red River valley is a week or 10 days late. Acreage will be about 10 per cent less than first planned.

Minnesota acreage increased, how- ever, 10 to 20 per cent. In the central Missouri valley only 10 per cent of the usual small grain planting is in. Iowa—Considerable increase in acreage reported—from 10 to 15 per cent in grains and from 15 to 20 per cent in potatoes, beans, sweet corn and other canning vegetables. Farm labor shortage felt but not acute.

Nebraska—About 60 per cent of the winter wheat and 50 per cent of the winter alfalfa has been ruined by cold, wet weather. Many farmers plowing wheat and alfalfa under and putting in potatoes. Indications point toward a four per cent increase in acreage. Wet fine spring crop, especially oats. Wet weather had delayed corn plowing, but if weather continues warm soil will be in best condition in years.

Texas—Wheat is 70 per cent normal and oats 60 per cent. Corn not all planted but outlook good. Cotton shows an increased acreage with prospects for four million bales.

Missouri and Kansas—Crop outlook much more favorable since recent rains. Corn crop especially good and much

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Salem Banks' Fine Showing Deposits Total \$6,073,051.98 and Resources \$7,261,618.75

The May 1, 1917, statement of the four Salem banks showed the following: Total deposits \$6,073,051.98 Total resources 7,261,618.75 Total loans and discounts 3,178,869.95

HERE'S HOW TO FLY OLD GLORY

(By United Press.) Washington, May 8.—For the guidance of puzzled patriots, the war department has prescribed this simple formula for hanging the American flag—as it should be hung: Wherever possible hang the flag from a staff, and not against the wall—use bunting for the wall. If, however, a flag is hung against a wall, the field of stars should be always to the north—on a north and south street, and to the east on an east and west street. Never hang it horizontally, if possible to hang it otherwise, but if hung horizontally, the end containing the stars should be at the north or east. Army regulations call for the flag to fly from sunrise to sunset, but it is optional with the individual whether it shall fly at night.

GERMAN PEACE OFFER CANNOT BE RELIED ON

Minister to Denmark Says Any Offer Is Made Only to Secure More Time

By Arthur D. Mann (United Press staff correspondent.) Copenhagen, May 8.—"Any German peace proposal at this time simply indicates the determination of a tremendously organized and still powerful nation to gain its own ends," declared American Minister Maurice Egan today, in a warning to the people of America, voiced through the United Press. He appealed to his fellow countrymen not to be deceived by German peace duplicity and not to slacken their war preparations under the mistaken impression that the Germans are really ready to quit.

No American official is more conversant with German conditions than Minister Egan, a veteran diplomat, long and brilliantly serving the United States at Copenhagen, has made an especial study of Germany and the Germans, no less than the ramifications of Teutonic propaganda. How strongly he feels the insincerity of Germany's "peace feelers" which have been flooding Europe recently is indicated in the fact that he decided to violate diplomatic precedent which forbids an envoy expressing personal views or granting interviews. Mr. Egan de-

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TOOK THREE SHOTS AT THE KAISER

Attacked While Motoring to Berlin—Two Strike Tonneau—One Goss Wild

Rome, May 8.—Kaiser William had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet while motoring to Berlin, a Zurich dispatch to the Corriere Italia asserted today. An unidentified man fired three shots at the kaiser's car, two of them striking the tonneau, the third going wild. He was arrested. The dispatch said the police were silent on the incident.

The greatest precautions have always been taken to guard the kaiser from attack. When he is at the front he lives in a bomb proof house without any insignia thereon by which hostile aviators might learn of his whereabouts. Circumstantial stories have told of special precautions taken during the frequent automobile trips such as an extra car made up to resemble a baggage automobile in which the kaiser actually rides, while preceding it is his gorgeous decorated automobile with a man resembling the kaiser seated inside. The newspaper Corriere Italia is the clerical organ in Rome.

ACTUAL SOLUTION OF SUBMARINE MENACE IS CLOSE AT HAND

Competent Navy Authority Spoke Confidently and Without Reservation

Washington, May 8.—That an actual solution of the submarine menace is close at hand was the view expressed officially by a competent navy department authority today. His opinion was given while W. L. Saunders and other members of the naval consulting board were at the department to confer with Secretary of the Navy Daniels on anti-submarine inventions recently considered by the board.

This authority declared that "we are getting down to brass tacks." The lines of effort, he felt, are converging toward a successful outcome. Inventions have been tried out and several groups of men working on the problem are beginning to co-ordinate their work in the direction of an actual solution.

Every branch of science is being used in solving the submarine problem. The most prominent workers in scientific and inventive lines are assisting. The plan reported by Saunders in an interview last Saturday in New York was said not to have crystallized entirely, though the general work of the consulting board is rapidly coming to a head.

"We must find some means of meeting this situation I believe we will very soon," said the authority. "Would you say a solution is just ahead?" he was asked. "I believe not," he replied. The speaker is known as an authority on inventions and would scarcely make so bold a prediction of success without having his facts well in hand. He spoke confidently and without reservation, saying that the situation will be met very soon.

Wheat Soars Again Sells at \$2.96 Bushel

Chicago, May 8.—A general belief that the government crop report to be released after the close of the grain pits today will show a relatively small yield of winter wheat, caused May wheat to soar 2-4 points above yesterday's close today. May wheat opened up 2-3-4 and later advanced 10 cents to \$2.96 per bushel. Flour advanced \$1 per barrel to \$15.60. July wheat opened down 1-4 and later advanced 4-3-4, going to \$2.30 3-4. September opened unchanged and gained 3 cents on the advance, going to \$1.93 1-2. Corn, influenced by the bullishness in wheat, showed good gains after a firm opening. May corn opened up 5-8, later advancing 3-1-2 to \$1.56 1-2. July opened up 1-4 and later advanced 1 to \$1.45. September opened unchanged and subsequently advanced 3-4 to \$1.36 3-4. Oats opened unchanged, but gained with the major grains. May advanced 5-8 to 68 1-2; July 3-4 to 63 7-8, and September 1-4 to 54 7-8. Provisions, after a strong opening, lost slightly.

EXPLOSION IN JAPAN

San Francisco, May 8.—Fifty persons were killed and many injured, 4,000 residences were destroyed and over 30 factories, warehouses and public buildings demolished as a result of a powder explosion at Osaka, Japan, on Sunday, according to a private cable today to the Japanese-merican News of San Francisco.

MONEY FOR FRANCE

Washington, May 8.—A loan of \$100,000,000 was made today to France. This is France's first share in the \$5,000,000,000 war chest. Secretary McAdoo turned over a treasury warrant for the sum to French Ambassador Jusse and received in return the obligation of the French government for the sum.

REICHSTAG LEADER SAYS GERMANY SOLID

Berlin, via London, May 8.—President Wilson is at error if he thinks there is a line of distinction between the German people and the German leaders, according to Ernst Strasse- mann, liberal reichstag leader. "A world war, with two million German volunteers, would have been impossible if there had been any difference between our people and our government," he told the United Press today.

The breach with America is the natural result of an English propaganda operated for a score or more years. When I visited the United States in 1912, I saw what a caricature Germany had been made in American eyes, without knowledge of which Wilson's effort to separate the German people and their government is inexplicable. "The German parliament is based on the freest electoral system in the world. The kaiser is more limited in his acts of imperial power than the president of the United States.

Sings the Old Song "America has already fought us like an enemy. Our children are insufficient"

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WILL ASK BILLION TO BUILD WOODEN AND STEEL SHIPS

Entire Power of Government To Be Concentrated On Ship Building

MAY BE FINAL MEANS OF BEATING SUBMARINES

All Work Interfering With This Will Be Suspended Temporarily

Washington, May 8.—The administration will ask congress for a billion dollar appropriation to build steel and wooden merchant ships it was learned today. The entire power of the government and the resources of the nation are to be concentrated in a gigantic building program to thwart the kaiser's U-boats. Every item of the program of the shipping board and the administration will be pushed to the limit. It is hoped that the appropriation asked will be given within a week.

Product of all steel, coal and iron companies of the country, insofar as they are necessary, will be given over by the government to speed the great building program. Work on private contracts will be stopped.

Those holding contracts for private supply will be recompensed. An appraisement board is to be organized to pay a fair amount of damages to individuals and corporations, where private work is stopped and the product of plants taken over. All of the steel plants of the country will be speeded up on the government work.

Supplies for bridge building, for steel skyscrapers and in the making of small steel articles will be halted and all of the available plants turned to ship work. The Council of National Defense has an inventory of all of the steel, coal, iron and coke plants of the country and of the coal mines. The council is prepared to toll off the quantity of production in all of these plants needed on the government work. It is not contemplated that these industries will be taken over or operated by the government. They are to be

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NINE SELECTED TO LEAD REGIMENTS GOING TO FRANCE

About 300 Officers of Engineer Corps Will Accompany This Force

3,000 ENGINEERS MAKE TENDER OF SERVICES

These Had Been Recruited by Roosevelt As Part of His Two Divisions

Washington, May 8.—About 300 officers of the engineers' reserve corps will be selected to accompany the nine engineer regiments soon going to France. The only drafts from the regular army to aid this expedition—the first to carry the flag abroad—will be a colonel and an adjutant of the engineer corps to head each regiment.

It is assumed that the reserve officers will give the men basic military instructions and that it will not be necessary to call upon the regular establishment for training purposes. The war department anticipates that the railway brotherhood will aid in the work of getting trained railway men who shall rebuild worn out railway lines and create new means of communication behind the battle lines. It is understood that America will soon furnish equipment for the rail- ways of France. Much rolling stock and trackage is in bad condition from the strain of constant hard usage during the war, while it has been nearly impossible to give the equipment the proper care to maintain it in anything like normal condition.

The war department announced today the following commanders of each regiment with their adjutants: First—New York, Lieutenant Colonel C. H. McKinstry; Adjutant O. X. H. Price. Second—St. Louis, Colonel Curtis McD. Townsend; Captain C. L. Hall. Third—Chicago, Colonel W. C. Lang- fitt; Captain R. D. Black. Fourth—Boston, Major W. P. Wool- ten; Lieutenant L. E. Atkins. Fifth—Pittsburg, Lieutenant Colonel Edgar Jadin; Lieutenant B. B. Somer- vell. Sixth—Detroit, Lieutenant Colonel Harry Burgess; Captain R. F. Newler. Seventh—Atlanta, Major John S. Se- well; Lieutenant P. C. Ballard. Eighth—San Francisco, Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Cavanaugh; Lieutenant J. B. Crest. Ninth—Philadelphia, Lieutenant Colonel Herbert DeKyne; Lieutenant W. F. Tompkins.

3,000 Are Ready. New York, May 8.—Three thousand engineers who enlisted with Colonel Roosevelt's division today offered their services to the government as part of the first unit of Americans to go to the front in France.

T. C. Desmond, who organized the engineers for Colonel Roosevelt, offered the services of men to Secretary Baker after a conference with the colonel, during which the latter urged him to take the shortest way to get his men to France, even though it takes men from the volunteer division. "Our men can go into camp on a moment's notice," Desmond said. "A recruiting call be opened tomorrow in New York. Lieutenant Colonel C. H. McKinstry will command the first re- serve regiment, which will be recruited. It will consist of 1,061 enlisted men and 37 officers."

GOLF AND POTATOES

Moscow, Idaho, May 8.—Potatoes rival golf balls on the links of the local golf club. The club hasn't plowed up the links to convert the ground into a big potato patch, but it has rented a 40-acre tract of which at least 10 acres will be devoted to the cultivation of spuds. Should the venture be a big success financially, the club will use the money to start construction of a clubhouse. The women of Middletown (N. Y.), have formed a rifle club.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: To- night and Wed- nesday showers; light variable winds.

DOES IT MEAN RUSSIA?

Amsterdam, May 8.—German Imperial Chancellor Von Beth mann-Hollweg has postponed his advertised peace address "in anticipation of events soon which will facilitate his task," according to an explanation printed today in the Berlin Lok- al Anzeiger. The newspaper in this connection reports "rumors of an agreeable political event as being imminent which it is hoped will not miscarry."

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