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BIG RESULTS OF THE SPRING DRIVE

OVER 800 CANNON AND 22,000 GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN

BRITISH MAKE FURTHER GAINS

Following Capture of Village Today Between St. Quentin and Cambrai. Trenches Destroyed

By International News Service. London, April 21.—Thirty-three thousand prisoners and 330 cannon had been taken by the French and British western armies up to this evening since the spring drive began April 9th, Paris officially announced tonight.

The British night statement recounts additional British gains today, following the capture this morning of the village of Cornelle, between St. Quentin and Cambrai. The French also advanced further towards Laon.

London, April 21.—The admiralty announces that two German destroyers, possibly three, have been sunk in the course of a German raid near Dover.

Five German destroyers took part in the Dover raid. They were engaged by two Dover patrol vessels. The British suffered no material damage. The British casualties were slight in comparison with the results obtained. One hundred and five Germans were saved.

ANNUAL SPREAD OF ACME HOMESTEAD

Some fifty of the stockholders of the Acme Homestead association held their annual banquet at the Monteleone hotel. A number of addresses were made on the great benefits which the community derive from these progressive associations, which not only give to their stockholders a maximum return on dividends from their savings, but also assist in helping a man of moderate means to build and own his home on practically what could be called a rental basis.

The president, Mr. Jos. S. Flanery, welcomed the guests and congratulated them upon the co-operation shown, which explained the success and prosperity of the association. The vice-president, Mr. Hy. Thiherge, made a humorous and at the same time a practical talk showing the need of active co-operation amongst the members. The attorney, Mr. Oscar Schreiber, spoke on the legal aspect of the borrowing feature and the assurance given to the purchaser of a clear and absolute title, as the Building and Loan association would not accept any deed where there was a flaw.

The notary, Mr. Robert Legier, spoke of the great benefits which such associations confer on the community, and he was happy to state that for many years he had been interested in a number of progressive companies. The secretary, Mr. Henry J. Ledoux, was called upon and he expressed his appreciation of the co-operation given them by the directors, which made it possible to carry on a work which meant so much in the upbuilding of the community.

Talks were also made by several directors, Messrs. R. E. L. C. Ries, Armstrong Donaldson, A. L. Theraud, Geo. E. Guidry, C. S. Thomas and John A. Wagan. This is to say that

TELLS STORY OF GERMAN CRUELTY

Washington, April 21.—The official report of Brand Whitlock, the American minister to Belgium, was made public by the state department tonight, describing the German cruelties practiced on the Belgians who were reported last winter. The report was made in January but was kept secret. Whitlock says the Germans were brutal. He believes the Germans have dealt a death blow to any prospect they might have had of being tolerated by Belgium, which now will never consent to living under German rule.

POLICE CAPTURE BOX CAR THIEF

Fired upon last night by Supernumerary Patrolman Michael Baradot when the officer caught him making off with a wagon containing 16 sacks of flour stolen from a box car, George Gould, negro, was shot in the right heel and captured.

The robbery, it is believed, is being sought. The shooting occurred in St. James street, near Tchoupitoulas.

Baradot came upon the black just after they put the sacks in the wagon and started to drive off at furious speed. He shouted to them to halt under pain of being shot, but they paid no attention. About a block away one of the negroes jumped off and escaped. The other black, Gould, continued to drive on until Tchoupitoulas street was reached, when he too got off the wagon.

As he jumped and ran toward a string of box cars, the negro placed a hand to his hip pocket as if to draw a gun, Baradot says. Thinking Gould was going to shoot, Baradot fired three shots at him. Although wounded, Gould continued in his flight. Baradot caught him in a negro lodging house in South Front street.

The other negro is expected to be captured at any minute. The wagon they used was stolen from the Southern Drayage and Forwarding Company, 1137 Tchoupitoulas street.

TRIED TO END ALL WITH AWFUL

Eugene Cookmeyer Afflicted With a Nervous Disorder.

Afflicted with nervousness, Eugene Cookmeyer, 33, 411 Saratoga street, attempted suicide in his home yesterday afternoon by jabbing a shoemaker's awl into his throat and cutting his left wrist with a razor. His condition is serious. He has a wife and five small children.

Mrs. Cookmeyer and children were in the house. They heard a crash and screams. Running into her husband's room, Mrs. Cookmeyer was terrified to find him lying on the floor in blood. She almost fainted. Neighbors were called in by the children.

Cookmeyer was rushed to the Charity Hospital in an ambulance. He refused to answer policemen and reporters when they asked him for the cause of his act. The would-be suicide's wife, however, told the police nervousness was responsible. She said her husband had been in a nervous condition for some time, owing to trouble, and that she took him to the Charity Hospital yesterday for examination. Cookmeyer is a moulder in the Diebolt, Baneroff and Ross factory, Tulane and Hagan avenues.

BRITISH COMMISSION ARRIVES; CONFERENCES BEGIN MONDAY

Party Will Reach Washington Tomorrow and Will Have Official Reception - Hopes Entertained of Securing Passage of Selective Draft Bill

By International News Service. Washington, April 21.—The brains of England and America will combine next week to complete the downfall of Prussian militarism and autocracy and to make the world a safer place for democracy.

Tomorrow at 3 o'clock the official British commission, headed by Arthur Balfour, the British foreign minister, will arrive in Washington. Monday a series of conferences will open, when plans calculated to bring the United States and Great Britain closer together than they ever have been in history will be discussed.

Twenty-four men comprise the visiting commission. They will be met at the station by the official reception party headed by Secretary of State Lansing, Major General Leonard Wood, representing the army, and Admiral Fletcher, of the navy.

The necessary precautions will be taken to provide for the safety of the visitors. Two troops of cavalry will guard the station and escort the party to a handsome residence in sixteenth street and the Hotel Shoreham. Secretary Lansing will greet Minister Balfour when he steps from the train.

Included in Mr. Balfour's party are: Arthur James Balfour, foreign minister; Sir Eric Drummond, Ian Malcolm, member of Parliament; C. F. Dormer and G. Butler, personal staff; Rear Admiral Sir Dudley R. S. DeChair, Fleet Commander; and Lord Curzon, former foreign secretary.

The fight for the bill to raise an army by selective draft took definite shape today with the prospect of another administration victory by the middle of next week. The debate of the bill was begun in the senate today and it is expected to pass with a good majority.

In the House the problem will be to overturn the report of the majority of the committee. The leaders are confident that they will be able to accomplish this. The majority of the committee favors the volunteer system. The debate begins Monday.

THREE STORY FALL FATAL TO TREHL

Injury received by Charles Trehl, 25, 531 First street, when he fell three stories from an elevator at the Jackson Brewery, yesterday morning, resulted in his death at the Tompkins Infirmary seven hours later. His skull was fractured.

Trehl, a fireman employed by the brewery, tried to jump on to the third floor while the elevator was in motion. The lift was going down at the time and he was jammed between it and the floor. As the elevator cleared, Trehl dropped down the shaft.

A Woodledge and James McManis, mechanics of the Otis Manufacturing Company, were on the elevator at the time and made a desperate effort to save Trehl. An ambulance took him to the Tompkins Infirmary, where doctors knew from the beginning there was no chance for recovery.

RETIRED BUSINESS MAN DEAD

Philip Thompson died at his home at Webster and Hurst streets yesterday morning. The funeral will take place from the Little Jesus church this afternoon. Mr. Thompson was 70 years old, a native of Greece, and a grandson of Philip Auguste Delachaise, one of the early investors in New Orleans property. Mr. Thompson spent many years in the wholesale grocery business, but retired twenty-five years ago.

NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY MISSING

Entertaining grave fears for his safety, parents of 9-year-old Chester Fox, 916 Leonidas street, who left home at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and failed to return last night, asked the police to search for him. The boy has white hair and wavy yellow pants and a blue blouse.

DIED OF APOPLECTIC ATTACK

William C. McBeth, 5, 357 North Diamond street, was stricken with apoplexy while eating supper in his home and died before the arrival of a doctor. He was a laborer employed at the naval station. A wife and child survive him.

FINISHES BRIEF TOUR OF THE STATE

INAUGURATING SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN AGAINST MALARIA

DR. DOWLING HOME SATURDAY

Trip Ended With Three-Day Stay at Alexandria During State Medical Society Meeting

Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the State Board of Health, returned yesterday morning from a brief tour of the state with the health authorities at Alexandria, for the meeting of the Louisiana State Medical Society.

The purpose of the trip was to inaugurate an anti-malaria campaign in the south and among the touring party was Dr. H. R. Carter, assistant surgeon general of the Public Health service, a pioneer investigator of malaria and a recognized authority on malaria and mosquitoes. Others of the party were Dr. Fred L. Hoffman, statistician for the Prudential Life Insurance society and an authority on vital statistics, and Dr. W. H. Soman, retiring president of the State Medical society.

The points visited were as follows: Baton Rouge, April 9; New Orleans, April 10; New Iberia, April 11; Lake Charles, April 12; Delcambre, April 13; Shreveport, April 14; Tallulah, April 15; Monroe, April 16; and Alexandria, April 17, 18 and 19. While malaria was the main subject dealt with, talks were made on cancer, infantile paralysis and the necessity of improving general health conditions. "The people of the state generally respond promptly to appeals to improve their own health," said Dr. Dowling, "but it is necessary to keep the subject before their minds. The anti-malaria campaign, which was launched during this trip, holds promise of great benefit to the south."

MANY APPLICANTS FOR CITIZENSHIP

The number of Germans applying for naturalization papers has taken a drop during the past few days, and the French are now on top. Friday there were 21 applicants in all. Yesterday eleven more alone applied. The list yesterday is:

Chas. M. Conras, 29, 1303 Baronne street, Germany; Andre P. Lahondou, 32, 3509 Havana street, France; Eugene E. Bille, 31, 1716 Pleasant street, France; Frank Manfer, 31, 2401 Palmyra, Italy; Angelo Primavera, 25, 1820 Louisiana avenue, Italy; Saint Martin Lucas, 12, 2618 St. Philip street, Newfoundland; Mat. Buschi, 17, Empire Post office, La. Austria; John Bepich, 20, Empire Post office, La. Austria; Saml. Harnisch, 23, 518 Dumaine street, Austria; Claus H. Clark, 55, 1506 St. Roch avenue, Germany; Giovanni Bertolini, 26, 909 Kerlerec street, Italy.

LESSON TO ADVENTUROUS BOYS

Thirteen-year-old Edward Saturday, living in West Carrollton, Jefferson parish, will hasten the next time he is tempted to "steal a ride" on a train. Yesterday the lad jumped on an Illinois Central box car and in trying to get off at Harahan he fell and had his left elbow dislocated. He was put aboard the train which met a Charity Hospital ambulance at Carrollton avenue and the V. and M. crossing.

COTTAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The single cottage at Safoedo and Cleo streets, owned by L. Singer, and occupied by Cornelius J. most negro, early yesterday morning was destroyed by fire of unascertained origin. An unoccupied adjoining house was damaged. The loss is estimated at \$1,000.

SPARKS ANR WOODEN ROOF

Sparks from a chimney falling on the shingle roof of the residence at 321 Avoine street resulted in a fire that caused \$50 damages yesterday. Joseph Stein own and tenants the house.

ARCHBISHOP TO BE BURIED THURSDAY

The body of the late Archbishop Bleek, who died Thursday night at 10:30 o'clock after a long illness, will be borne to its last resting place Thursday morning. The formal funeral services will be held in St. Joseph's church at 10 o'clock. Bishop N. E. Gallagher of the diocese of Galveston, celebrating the solemn requiem mass and Bishop Gunn, of Natchez preaching the funeral sermon. The interment will take place in the crypt of the St. Louis Cathedral, but owing to the condition of the building it is not likely that the general public can be admitted.

Exposed to the view only of members of the clergy and sisters, the body of Archbishop Bleek will remain in the parlor of the archbishopric, 1057 Esplanade avenue, until Sunday afternoon, when it will be transferred to the parish seat, St. Augustus' church, St. Claude and Hospital streets. There it will lie in state in view of the public until Wednesday afternoon.

The remains will be moved to St. Joseph's church Wednesday afternoon, until the funeral services at 10 o'clock.

Transfers before the final service only members of the clergy, will be allowed to accompany the body.

The Catholic clergy of the city will assemble in St. Augustus' church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to recite the divine office in both morning and afternoon. Sisters of the religious orders also will assemble at St. Augustus' church. Requiem high mass will be said for the archbishop Monday and Tuesday in every church in the city. Special sermons will be preached Sunday.

Formal notification of the archbishop's death has been sent to the Catholic hierarchy of the United States and it is probable that many of the church's highest dignitaries will be present at the funeral. The ten bishops of the archdiocese will be among the number.

By post morden instructions of the archbishop Chancellor Jean-Marcel takes charge as administrator of the diocese until Archbishop Bleek's successor is duly named from Rome. Bishop Laval will be vicar general of the city and Rev. Father Gassler vicar general of the country.

POTATOES IN TULIP BEDS.

Flowers in Governor Capper's Yard Give Way to Vegetables. Topeka, April 21.—Arthur Capper, governor of Kansas, is "doing his bit" in the food production campaign. The governor has a fine home here, so comfortable that he refused to move into the residence furnished by the state. Heretofore the grounds have had beds of rare flowers.

The other day Mrs. Capper began wondering why her fine tulips were not appearing. She had paid a high price for the bulbs and the flowers were supposed to be of exceptional beauty. Mrs. Capper called a florist and he began prospecting around to find out why the tulip plants were not coming along.

He discovered that the entire flower bed had been planted with potatoes and the tulips had not sprouted because they had been disturbed. Further investigation showed that most of the big flower beds in the governor's lawn had been planted to potatoes, and instead of digging around in the flowers with a trowel this summer the governor will be cultivating potatoes with a hoe and spending his spare minutes chasing potato bugs into a can where they may be poisoned.

GERMANS FIGHT FOR THEIR LIVES

MANY KILLED IN MOB ATTACKS IN SOUTHERN BRAZIL

RIISING HAS BECOME GENERAL

Argentina Sends Energetic Note to Germany Demanding Satisfaction and Prepares for War

By International News Service. Buenos Aires, April 21.—German colonists in Southern Brazil are engaged in desperate warfare with the native citizens and many have been killed. The fighting zone extends from Porto Alegre to the Argentine border. At Porto Alegre the Germans have been fighting for two days defending their families against unorganized mobs of Brazilians. The rising in Southern Brazil against the Germans has been many an energetic man demanding complete satisfaction for the sinking of the Argentine sailing ship Monte Protegido. The Argentine minister is instructed to immediately break off relations if Germany attempts to evade responsibility for the loss of the vessel. The instructions sent to the minister are that Argentina will permit no evasion or delay on the part of Germany. He is told to instruct the Berlin government that if prompt satisfaction is not granted, Argentina will follow the course of the United States and Brazil, and will arm its ships against submarines.

KEEP DOWN THE BUREAUCRATS.

Washington, April 21.—An open letter to President Wilson, signed by twenty citizens, including Jane Adams, Amos Pinchot, Oswald Garrison Villard, Rabbi Wise and others, made public here today, asks President Wilson to make a statement to the country "discouraging the too zealous spread of bureaucratic laws and activities that might tend to jeopardize the historic rights of free speech, free press and right of assembly during the war."

CALL MISSISSIPPI SAFE FROM U-BOATS

By International News Service. Memphis, Tenn., April 21.—Experienced rivermen declare they believe it would be impossible for hostile submarines to pass up the Mississippi river unobserved. Destroying bridges and shipping, they point out that the current in the river is from four to seven miles an hour, and in some places the water is so shallow the submarine would be forced to ride on the surface. There are numerous craft navigating the river night and day, and they would easily detect a submarine. Several motor boats owned by Mississippi rivermen have been tendered the government as submarine chasers.

LOST MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Captain Streokfus, of the steamboat Sidney, yesterday complained to the police that a clarinet and a cornet, valued at \$180, were stolen from aboard the vessel Friday night. No one is suspected.

SARAH BERNHARDT

(Special to the New Orleans Bee) New York, April 21.—Sarah Bernhardt is resting comfortably, but is not yet out of danger.