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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

UNITED STATES JOINS ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, April 2. President Wilson asks Congress to declare that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. The President said war with Germany would involve practical cooperation with the Governments now at war with Germany, including liberal financial credits. He urged the raising of 500,000 men by universal military service. The President made it clear that no action was being taken against the Austrian Government and the other nations who are allies of Germany.

BRITISH WITHIN TWO MILES OF ST. QUENTIN.

LONDON, April 2. Their latest gains have brought the British troops within two miles of St. Quentin, says an official from headquarters in France. The text of tonight's statement reads: We made substantial progress, again to-day at a number of points along the front of our advance. Northeast of Savy our troops this morning carried the villages of Francilly Selency, Selency and Boton. We captured 32 prisoners and 6 field guns. We are now within two miles of St. Quentin. St. Quentin Wood, Villechelles and Belcourt have been taken by us and posts have been established at Templeux le Gerard, northeast of Roisel and Ancellette Farm, two miles east of Handecourt. We attacked and captured early this morning on a front of about ten miles a series of strongly held trenches forming part of the enemy's advanced line of defence between the Bapaume-Cambrai Road and Arras. This operation, in which the enemy offered determined resistance and suffered heavy casualties, we captured the villages of Dolgotes, Louverval Herquill, Longatte, Ecouth St. Mein and Croiselles, and took 182 prisoners. An attempted counter-attack was broken by our artillery fire. We carried out a successful raid during the night east of Ypres and secured a few prisoners. One hostile airplane was brought down yesterday in air fighting, and one of our machines is missing.

HUN TRENCHERY EXPOSED.

NEW YORK, April 2. A News Agency despatch from Copenhagen, Denmark, published here to-day, says the Russian Provisional

Government's investigation to ascertain who were in the plot to open the Russian lines and let German troops through to put down the revolt, developed, according to news coming by way of Finland and Sweden, these things: The Commander at Liban, it is alleged, received from Germany \$2,000,000; the Commander at Mittau, it is alleged, received \$1,500,000; the alleged price paid for the surrender of Kovno has not been determined. General Kuropatkin, Governor of Riga, got \$8,000,000 it is asserted, but sent the money to the Duma Government at Petrograd, and did not surrender his position. When the German Commander who conveyed the bribes found Riga was not to be evacuated, he committed suicide.

IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, April 2. British troops in Mesopotamia have occupied the town of Delyabbas, according to an official issued to-night. The capture of the town took place on March 31st. Delyabbas lies 13 miles S.W. of Kirkil Robe.

THE RECENT BATTLE IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, April 2. An account of the recent battle in Palestine in which the British routed 20,000 Turks was given out here officially to-day. The statement follows: Further reports from the Commander-in-Chief in Egypt, describing the action south of Gaza, dated April 1, follows. The primary object was to seize Wadi Ghuzzeb to cover up the advance of our railway. Wadi was occupied without fight and our advanced troops pushed forward in the direction of Gaza. It appeared to Lt-General Sir Charles Dobell, who was in command that the enemy might retire without fighting and to force them to stand he decided to attempt the capture of Gaza by a coup de main on the 26th. Dense fog delayed the operations and it was not possible to attack the Gaza position until later in the afternoon when the enemy first line trenches were captured and more than 700 prisoners taken. The German commander, Von Kress, in the meantime moved up three columns toward Gaza in support of his troops. These columns were admirably delayed by our mounted troops and armoured cars and heavy losses inflicted upon the enemy with slight cost to ourselves. The commander and staff of the 53rd division was captured during this fighting. The time during which the operation could be carried out was limited by the supply of water available for the troops, the infantry being dependent upon what they could carry with them. Owing to the delay in the morning the supply of water proved insufficient to allow the attack to be

continued and our troops took up a defensive position from a point just south of Gaza towards Wadi Ghuzzeb. This position was attacked on the 27th by the Turks who were repulsed everywhere with heavy losses, our camel corps completely defeating the Turkish cavalry divisions. On the next day our infantry were withdrawn to Wadi Ghuzzeb, our cavalry remaining in contact with the enemy's main position. The enemy showing no desire to resume the offensive our troops remained in occupation of Wadi Ghuzzeb. The enemy's total casualties are estimated by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief to be 8,000. We captured 550 prisoners and two Austrian howitzers. Our total killed amounted to less than four hundred. Some small parties of our men, totalling less than 200, who are believed to have fought their way into Gaza and got off, are missing. Finally, Sir Archibald Murray, Commander of the British troops in Egypt, reports the operation most successful, but owing to the waterless nature of the country around Gaza, it fell just short of a complete disaster to the enemy. Our troops are exceedingly proud of themselves. I am delighted with their enterprise, skill and daring. None of our troops were at any time harassed. It will be seen by this report that the enemy's account of the operation was fantastic.

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tion was a breakfast for the "Honorable Jeanette Rankin, of Montana," under the auspices of the suffragists of all factions. Miss Rankin's entrance to the House was signalled by cheering and applause. Every member on the floor and everybody in the crowded galleries rose as, accompanied by Representative Evans, of Montana, she walked to her seat in the rear of the centre of the Hall. Miss Rankin carried one score of bouquets of flowers, which had come to her office. She wore no hat and was attired in a dark dress. The members rushed from all parts of the House to congratulate her.

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day, according to advices received here to-night by the company from the United States Consul at Brest, France. The cable message gave no information as to the fate of the crew. There were 39 men aboard the ship, 16 were Americans. The Azetic sailed from New York on March 18th for Havre, and carried a full cargo of foodstuffs and general supplies valued at more than \$500,000.

Shea's Appeal

IN PROHIBITION CASE.

Yesterday afternoon in the Supreme Court, the full bench presiding, Mr. Dunfield, on behalf of the prosecution, advanced his argument in reply to Mr. Howley, counsel for the appellant. Mr. Dunfield argued that it was illegal for Mr. Shea to sell on the grounds that the Licensing Board was not legally constituted and there was no license issued as there was no District Court Judge available to issue the license. He added that even if Mr. Shea had received a license it would be suspended by the enforcement of the Prohibition Act, which re-

pealed the License Act by implication. It was found by the Colonial Secretary's Department, whose duty it is to conduct and manage all elections, that the votes polled at the plebiscite amounted to 40 per cent of the revised list of voters for 1913 and accordingly under the provisions of the Act the Proclamation was issued. The section of the Act under which Mr. Shea was convicted, Mr. Dunfield contended, was absolute in its provisions and therefore the conviction held good. The Chief Justice announced that judgment would be delivered within a few days.

TO ACCOMPANY PRISONERS.

Sergeant Savage and Constable Kelly are gone to St. George's to accompany to the city four prisoners, sentenced to terms of imprisonment by Magistrate McDonnell.

Presentation.

At the regular meeting of Atlantic Lodge, I. O. O. F., held last night Bro. A. F. Long, Past Grand, who for 12 years was an ardent and hard work-

ing member, was presented with a Past Grand's Jewel by Bro. G. F. Grimes, D. D. G. M., and a purse of gold from the Lodge members, which was tendered by Noble Grand, Bro. Gordon Bradley. Bro. Long intends leaving with his family shortly for the great Dominion where he will in future reside.

Our Volunteers.

The following young men offered for King and country yesterday.

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FOR THE ARMY.

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Robert Thistle, Broad Cove, B. B.

Wm. Frampton, Hr. Grace.

ANOTHER CASE OF SCARLET FEVER.

A young woman, a resident of Hagerty Street, suffering from scarlet fever, was removed to the Fever Hospital yesterday.



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