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BRITISH GUNS AT 300 YARDS WIPE OUT MASSED GERMANS

UNCLE SAM HANDS OUT 200 MILLION TO AID JOHN BULL

Gigantic Loan Will Meet Immediate Needs of British Gov't for War Purposes and Save Millions Yearly in Interest.



.m.—Capt. of the American steamship Mongolia, which has arrived at a British port, told the Associated Press today that the Mongolia had fired the first gun of the war for the United States and

The submarine, Capt. Rice said, was about to attack the liner in British waters on April 19. He declared there was absolutely no doubt that the U-boat was hit, and that there was every reason to believe it was destroyed.

SHARP WARNING FROM MADRID TO **HUN WAR LORDS**

Berlin Informed Atrocities May Bring Spain Into

Washington, April 25.—The \$200,000,-000 loan was transferred to the British Government today.

The transfer of the big sum was made in Secretary McAdoo's office in the presence of Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Bank of England, federal reserve board, treasury and British embassy officials.

The amount of the loan was deposited today in the Federal Reserve Banks, by each bank subscribing to the \$250,000,000 each bank subscribing to the \$250,000,000 exemalning of the issue will be disposed of in a manner yet to be announced by Secretary McAdoo.

Meets Immediate Needs.
The loan which Great Britain had contemplated obtaining from J. P. Morgan & Co. on securities of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Arrangements looking to the issue by Morgan & Co. had been under way for some time when Secretary McAdoo requested that they be deferred and indicated that the Government would meet Great Britain will save aproximately \$3,000,000 annually in increast rate will be 3½ per cent as compared with a minimum of 5 per cent which Great Britain symmediate future was continued at the conference among Secretary McAdoo, The \$50,000,000 indebtedness due June 30. The \$50,000,000 and a great Britain is spending, it was represented approximately \$8,000,000 a day for foodstuffs and munitions in the United States. Her needs, therefore, approximate \$250,000,000 a month. Should the Government adopt a policy of collecting the proceeds of the first big bond issue by installments, covering four months, Great Britain's needs during that period would be about \$1,000,000,000.

From that sum, however, should be deducted supplies at present purchased by Great Britain's needs during the four months for herself alone would approximately \$150,000,000,000 and any approximately \$150,000,000,000 and approximately \$150,000,000,000 and as a great Britain's needs during the four months for herself alone would approximately that amount probably will be her share of the first bond issue loaned to the Allies.

STATES WILL FIGHT TO VICTORIOUS END. DECLARES BALFOUR

America Has Unbounded Confidence of Entente Powers.

states having come into the war will see easy targets for the artiflety.

"All the repeated attempts of the Spanish Government, undertaken with the intention of safeguarding its sea traffic and the lives of its sailors have realied in the face of the imperturable resolution of the Imperial Government to employ unusual and violent war measures. It is asserted that these measures render impossible the economic existence of the Imperial Government's enemies, but simultaneously they expose to great dangers the existence of friendly neutral powers.

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Members of No. 3 Section Draft, D. A. C., Who Have Left London FRIGHTFUL LOSSES FOR



Top Row .- T. R. King, F. S. Kirk, J. Banks, Madsen, Benfield Harper. Second Row -- Elvige, S. Carter, W. Burley, Ginsberg, Lacusse, Edwards. Third Row.—Eastman, Hucknergard, Cox, Porter, Chas. Madcraft, Geo. Madcraft, Bohenear, Grainger.. Fourth Row (Centre).—S. Stallwood, Green. Seated—J. Wilson, Scott, McQuillan, Illingworth, Lieut. E. E. Heath, O. C. the draft; Lieut. L. F. Clarke, O. C., No. 3 Section, D. A. C.; Sergt. F. Stallwood, Skiaba, S. Morgan. Seated on Ground-Lavell, Johnson, (dog, mascot), Allison, Stubbs, Downard.

British Headquarters, April 25.—The ground around Monchy, as far as the eye can reach, is covered with the dead, the Germans at times having employed their old tactics of attacking in mass formation. Letters taken in the last two days from German prisoners written in front of Monchy, say they regard the situation as worse than it was on the Somme, while the casualties are mounting up as at Verdun. In one of the letters the opinion

casualties are mounting up as at verdun. In one of the letters the opinion is expressed that what has made the fighting difficult has been the fact that the opposing forces have not occupied the opposing forces have not occupied lines, but are scattered in half-like fireflies in a summer thicket. The trenches on this part of the oncoming waves trembled for a t and then broke, completely routed.

tal Is Expected.

TO BATTLE UNTIL THE LAST

London, April 25 .- A Helsingfors dis-

patch says that the council of army

decided to send a wireless message to

the Allied fleets saying that the Baltic

4,000 GERMANS WERE CIVILIANS LEAVING "KNOCKED TO BITS" PETROGRAD THROUGH BY HAIG'S BATTERY FEAR OF INVASION

One Battalion Believed To Teuton Advance on Russ Capi-Have Been Wiped Out.

the War.

Christiania, April 25—Via London.
—The Norges Handels Siofartistication of reports by German ministers and consults in neutral countries to the German Government, the latter probably will draft new regulations governing the ruthless submarine war upon neutral shipping. Spain, the newspaper adds, already has obtained concessions.

Amsterdam, via London, April 25.—An exodus of civilians from Petrograd is reported in a distinguishment of the Market of Spain's note to Germany as given in experted through neutral confidence in the alliance and the old of Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the ond of Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the ond of Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the ond of Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the solution of the more of the spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Government of the spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Government of the spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the solution of the warning that the Government of the grave of the spain's note to Germany as given in a grave warning that the Government of the grave of

THE WAR SITUATION

One of the greatest and most bitterly contested battles of the war has entered its third day on the British front in France. Massed German reserves are being hurled forward in bloody counter-attacks in a supreme effort to check the forward surge of Gen. Haig's khakiclad troops. Some minor positions, including trench lines and villages, have been selzed by the British, but the Woran line, their main chiecture, is still intact.

Sensations Elsewhere.

Sensations Elsewhere. While the mighty struggle in France rages, developments in other fields of the world upheaval are occurring with sensational rapidity. Spain has taken a long step forward on the path along which she is apparently being pushed, slowly but surely, into the universal conflagration. The Madrid Government has parently being pushed, slowly but surely, into the universal conflagration. The Madrid Government has addressed a note to Germany which, on its face, must result in an abandonment by Berlin of its uncompromising attitude on ruthless submarine warfare, or its acceptance of a new and important foe. The situation is somewhat modified by the fact that Count Romanones who as premier dispatched the note, has since resigned 'The growing tide of anti-Germanism in South America appears, however, to be having its effect in Spain, but a rigid censorship leaves affairs in the peninsular kingdom obscure.

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Next in importance are the growing rumors of a great German attempt to be made against Petrograd. The reports are taken seriously enough in the Russian capital to induce many hundreds of civilians to flee to the interior. According to rumor, the German plan is a combined assault by sea and land; and transports, escorted by a powererful German fleet, are said to have already sailed from Libau. The political situation in Russia remains confused, but there are uncomfortable reports of the activities of Radical Socialists, and of renewed outbreaks of agrarian troubles, some of a counter-revolutionary character. Petrograd Menaced. Unrest in Germanya

Unrest in Germany a
The unrest in Germany is having a
new manifestation in a fresh outburst against Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg by the Conservatives
and National Liberals. The chancellor is being violently attacked for
his alleged subservience to Socialist
influences, and the opening of the
Reichstag, which is scheduled for
today, is expected to bring these
attacks to a focus.

In the meantime there are indications that the tremendous currents of discontent which are running through Europe are growing in ed the Government against undu-interference with the great labo interierence with the great labor demonstration planned for that day, and navy delegates at Sveaborg has

THE WEATHER

fleet and the army defending its base LOCAL TEMPERATURES Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 54; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 32.

Petrograd report that the revolutions is manifesting itself in the rural districts of Russia, bringing the long-time to a head.

Notwithstanding the organization of some districts toward land owners. Beshours previous to 8 a.m. today were: food committees, which are doing their sarabian peasants in one instance best to make the peasants understand best to make the peasants understand sacked a country house and estates between the peasants understand the revolutions. is in complete readiness to fight to the last in defence of free Russia. The te message will add that the soldiers and

THE PRUSSIAN TROOPS

SETTLE ON SOIL OF HOLY LAND

Troops Entered El-Arish, the Historical Gate of Palestine.

MEANS NEW ERA OPENS

Progress by Three Stages From Desert Sands To Green Fields.

With British Forces in Palestine April 2-(Correspondence of the Associated Press) .- It is over two months since the British troops entered El-Arish, which geographically and historically is the gate of Palestine, and the continuation of the advance has now put them firmly on the soil of the Holy

Reach Green Fields.

Progress from the sands of the desert to the sown land was gradual, and was marked by three separate stages. The first ended at El-Burg, bringing the troops to the region of grass. After a year of yellow sand, the green vistas were soothing and refreshing to the eyes, especially with the relief afforded by the tamarisk trees rising between the sand dunes. The second stage was from El-Burg to Sheik-Zoweid, marking the transition from the green meadows to a land of barley fields.

Sheik-Zoweid is a mud village, but boasts a fruitful orchard with a cactus hedge such as surrounds every place of fruitfulness in Palestine. The orchard's blossoms were a joy to the eyes of thousands of men who had seen no sign of spring for two years past. Reach Green Fields.

sign of spring for two years past.

In Wheat Country.

The third stage of the transition was from Sheik-Zoweid to Rafa, and marked entry into the country of wheat. The grass was no longer found in patches, but stretching away in undulating plains, like the downs of Sussex and Hampshire in England.

With the passing of Rafa, the British army began the English occupation of Palestine and opened a new era in the history of the east.

RUSS PEASANTS PROMISED FAIR PLAY AS TO LAND

Petrograd, April 25.-The Grand Com mittee of the Alliance of Peasants has addressed the following petition to the peasants at the front: villages, for that would provoke inter-

At Point Blank Range British Artillery Rips Massed Ranks of Enemy at Gavrelle --- Most Desperate on North of the Scarpe ---British Take Another Hamlet---3,029 Prisoners Since Monday.

(By William Philip Simms.) With the British Armies Afield, April 25. -Frightful losses were inflicted on German troops

From a range of 300 yards—almost point blank— British artillery poured concentrated fire upon the Germans' massed ranks.

vainly counter-attacking at Gavrelle today.

The attacking forces were literally and completely cut to pieces. South of the Scarpe the British are advancing steadily. North of the river, however, the battle counter today was in the standstill stagethe most desperate fighting of the war featuring violent attempts by both sides to gain.

3,000 PRISONERS SINCE MONDAY.

London, April 25-12:41 p.m.-The British have taken 3,029 prisoners since Monday morning, including 56 officers, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

British forces captured the hamlet of Bilhem, east of Havrincourt Wood, last night.

The statement follows: "In the area east of Havrincourt Wood, during the night, we captured the hamlet of Bilhem, Trescault village. Fighting took place early this morning along our front between the Cojeul and Scarpe rivers. Further progress has been made by us, and the ground

gained has been secured. "The number of prisoners captured by us since Monday morning is 3,029, including 56 officers.'

GAIN IN CHAMPAGNE. Paris, April 25-Noon.-Ground was gained by the French last night in the Champagne, the war office announced today. A German attack in the neighborhood of Hurtebiz was repulsed.

The Germans made several futile efforts to raid French trenches near Tahure and Maisons-de-Champagne, leaving many dead in the wire entanglements.

DESPERATE FIGHTING FOR MONCHY.

"Do your duty. Do not fear that the lands will be divided without you. This division cannot be made by isolated which lies about five miles east of Arras, will stand out in history as one of the bloodiest spats of the world war. The fight in worth worth worth with the bloodiest spats of the world war. The fight in worth wore worth wor the bloodiest spots of the world war. The fight in north, east and south of this nal quarrels, by which the enemy might profit. Only the constitutant assembly. wherein you will be represented, will the village apparently have subsided on account of the sheer exhaustion their available forces.

ESTATES OF LAND OWNERS; RURAL RUSSIA REVOLTING?

Serious Agrarian Troubles Reported From Interior of Russia -Counter-Revolution In Bessarabia Suppressed By the Army.

Petrograd report that the revolutionary and others at moderate rent, to be fixed spirit is manifesting itself in the rural by the local community.

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London, April 25 .- Dispatches from soldiers' wives to receive shares free

THE FRENCH STATEMENT. "Between the Somme and the Oise the night passed in relative calm. The enemy began a bombardment of our trenches near La Fere, which

was checked quickly by the counter-"In the region of the Aisne we made some progress southeast of morning, after a violent bombard-ment, in the vicinity of Hurtebiz and on the Vauclerc plateau was checked by our fire. "In the Champagne, near the Mountain-Without - a - Name, we made progress, taking prisoners and

made progress, taking prisoners and one cannon. Near Tahure and Maisons-de-Champagne, the enemy made several fruitless "acks. The storming parties were repulsed, leaving a number of bodies in our wire entanglements.

parties penetrated the Germa lines and brought back prisoners.

SOCIALIST LEADER