

ALL THE GUNS ARE 300 YARDS THE PRUSSIAN 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.

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 Curzon, governor of the Bank of England, federal reserve board, treasury and British embassy of details.

The amount of the loan was deposited today in the Federal Reserve Bank, by each bank subscribing to the \$200,000,000 issue of treasury certificates of indebtedness due June 30. The \$200,000,000 remaining of the issue will be disposed of in a manner yet to be announced by Secretary McAdoo.

Meets Immediate Needs.

The loan will take the place of a private loan which Great Britain had contemplated obtaining from J. P. Morgan & Co. on security of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Arrangements looking to the issue by Morgan & Co. had been made under way for some time when Secretary McAdoo requested that they be deferred and indicated that the Government would meet Great Britain's immediate needs.

Incidentally, Great Britain will save approximately \$2,000,000 annually in interest charges by obtaining the loan from the Government instead of from private institutions, as the Government's interest rate will be 3 1/2 per cent as compared with a minimum of 5 per cent which Great Britain would have had to pay on a private loan.

Discussion of Great Britain's further needs in the immediate future was continued at the conference among Secretary McAdoo, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Lord Curzon, and later at lunch with the federal reserve board.

Spending Vast Sums.

Great Britain is spending, it was represented, approximately \$5,000,000 a day for foodstuffs. Her needs, therefore, approximate \$250,000,000 a month. Should the Government adopt a policy of collecting the proceeds of the first 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 on behalf of Italy and the United States. Preliminary reports of this phase indicate that Great Britain's needs during the four months for herself alone would approximate \$750,000,000, and a sum of approximately that amount probably will be loaned to the Allies.

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



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, Huckergerd, Cox, Porter, Chas. Madcraft, Geo. Madcraft, Henner, Granger. Fourth Row (Center)—S. Stallwood, Green, Seated—J. Wilson, Scott, McQuillan, Hingworth, 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—Lavelle, Johnson, (dog, mascot), Allison, Stubbs, Downard.

HURRICANE OF FIRE FROM THE BRITISH BATTERIES TURNS GERMAN ATTACK INTO A COMPLETE ROUT

British Headquarters, April 25.—The ground around Monchy, as far as the British are concerned, is a scene of death and destruction. The Germans, at times having employed their old tactics of attacking in the face of a machine gun fire, in the last two days from German prisoners written in front of Monchy, say that a party of Germans, estimated at about four thousand, attempted to advance from the direction of the Bois-du-Sant, but was "absolutely knocked to bits" by the British guns. Between Gavrelle and Ronsart, two battalions of Rhinelanders were massed for a counter-attack. One battalion, according to dispatches, is believed to have been almost completely shattered. The numbers in which the Germans advanced is said to have rendered them easy targets for the artillery.

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SEVERE PRIVATIONS MENACE OLD LAND THROUGH SUB WAR

British Food Controller Says Situation Is Grave.

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FRIGHTFUL LOSSES FOR THE PRUSSIAN TROOPS IN FUTILE COUNTERS

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 vainly counter-attacking at Gavrelle today. From a range of 300 yards—almost point blank—British artillery poured concentrated fire upon the Germans' massed ranks.

BRITISH FIRMLY 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 25.—(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 Land.

THE WAR SITUATION

One of the greatest and most bitterly contested battles of the war has ended 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 khaki-led troops. Several minor positions, including trench lines and villages, have been taken by the British, but the main line, the Scarpe, still is in the hands of the Germans.

RUSS PEASANTS PROMISED FAIR PLAY AS TO LAND

Petrograd, April 25.—The Grand Committee of the Alliance of Peasants has addressed the following petition to the peasants at the front:

"Do your duty. Do not fear that the lands will be divided without you. This division cannot be made by isolated villages, for that would provoke internal quarrels, by which the enemy might profit. Only the constituent assembly, wherein you will be represented, will decide this important question."

RUSS PEASANTS SEIZING ESTATES OF LAND OWNERS; RURAL RUSSIA REVOLTING?

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

London, April 25.—Dispatches from Petrograd report that the revolutionary spirit is manifesting itself in the rural districts of Russia, bringing the long-standing agrarian troubles to a head. Notwithstanding the organization of food committees, which are doing their best to make the peasants understand that the land question cannot be wisely settled until the constituent assembly is elected, the peasants are inclined to take the matter into their own hands.

BREAD RATIONS SHORTLY FOR THE BRITISH ISLES

London, April 25.—England will shortly be placed on bread rations, it is understood.

AMERICAN LINER MONGOLIA SINKS A GERMAN SUBMARINE

London, April 25.—Capt. Rice 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 sunk a German submarine.

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 the War.

Christiana, April 25.—Sforstatter says that as a result of reports by German ministers and consuls 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 already has obtained concessions.

STATES WILL FIGHT TO VICTORIOUS END, DECLARES BALFOUR

America Has Unbounded Confidence of Entente Powers.

Washington, April 25.—Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign secretary, stated today that the Allied governments, completely convinced of America's wholehearted consecration towards the common end of destroying Prussian militarism, would not think of asking the United States to depart from its traditional policies or enter into any formal alliance which might prove embarrassing. "Our confidence in the alliance and the assurances of this Government," Mr. Balfour said, "is not based on such shadowy assurances as arise from the fact that the United States have come into the war will see it through to the great end we all hope for."

TAKE OVER ALL MINERALS

Petrograd, April 25.—Via London.—At a conference held at the offices of the minister of commerce to discuss the question of a Government coal monopoly, it was proposed to place all mineral combustibles at the disposal of the Government and regulate their distribution.

THE USUAL EXCUSE

Copenhagen, via London, April 25.—German war correspondents on the western front are again excusing the bombardment of Rheims Cathedral on the ground that the venerable structure is being used for military purposes by the French. Dispatches from German headquarters assert that artillery observers are posted on both the cathedral towers, who direct the operations of the batteries stationed near the edifices. The correspondents protest that the French will be responsible for further damage to the cathedral.

THE WEATHER

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.		
TOMORROW—MILDER.		
Toronto, April 25—8 a.m. Forecast.		
Today—Shining; easterly winds; showers tonight.		
Thursday—Showery and milder.		
Temperatures.		
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:		
Victoria	52	44
Calgary	44	30
Edmonton	46	32
Port Arthur	40	28
Perry Sound	40	28
Port Stanley	48	34
Buffalo	48	30
Toronto	46	32
Kinistone	44	30
Ottawa	44	28
Montreal	42	30
Quebec	42	30
Father Point	36	30