

EVERY BRITISH SOLDIER WHO HAS FALLEN ON BATTLEFIELD IN FRANCE HAS BEEN REPLACED

Lloyd George Lets British People Into Secret So Long and Carefully Guarded — More Than Thirty-six Divisions Have Been Transported to Firing Line—More Ammunition Used in Neuve Chapelle Battle Than During Whole of Boer War.

London, April 21.—Speaking in the House of Commons this afternoon on the manner in which the government is dealing with the question of war equipment, Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George announced that while Great Britain had started in the war on the assumption that the expeditionary force would consist of six divisions, the country now had more than six times that number of men in France. (A division of the British army contains about 20,000 men. 35 divisions would give a total of 750,000). These divisions, the Chancellor said, were adequately supplied and every man who had dropped had been replaced. It was one of the most magnificent pieces of organization ever performed, and nothing like it, he said, had ever been done before by any country.

Stating that as much ammunition had been expended in the battle of Neuve Chapelle as during the whole Boer war, Mr. George said that the character of the ammunition had to be changed in the middle of the war, and to secure supplies sub-contracts were given to between 2,500 and 3,000 firms. When it was found that they could not keep up the supplies, the government took steps to take over all work suitable for the manufacture of munitions. As a result there had been a great increase in the output.

If they took the figure 20, the Chancellor said, as the amount of artillery ammunition manufactured in September, in October, it was 90; in November 90; in December 158; in January 186; in February, 256, and in March, 388.

Mr. George said that Great Britain was also supplying her allies with munitions, and that in spite of this there still was a large reserve.

The Chancellor adhered to his statement that a small minority of workmen could, through drink, throw the whole work-out of gear. He promised that when the government measure was introduced, dealing with this matter, it would be found that it had not been approached from the point of view of persons who wanted to advance any particular idea or notion, but from the point of view of persons who had one object in mind—an increase in munitions.

It was no use saying there was more drinking than normally, the speaker said. These were abnormal times, and they had to take abnormal measures with an evil which had become abnormal.

TWO HOUR BATTLE IN CLOUDS ENDS IN VICTORY FOR ALLIES' AIRMEN

Fight Witnessed by Large Crowd from Safe Points of Vantage — Allies put Enemy to Flight.

Geneva, April 21.—The Rhine from Basel to Muelhausen was the scene of an aerial engagement yesterday afternoon. The action lasted from five until seven o'clock, and it was witnessed by gatherings of people at many points of vantage.

Four aeroplanes of the Allies, two British and two French, moved out from French territory to attack a group of German machines. Numerically the Germans were stronger, and as the aircraft of the Allies were subjected to a bombardment from Fort Istein, they retired. Later they returned with reinforcements. Outnumbering the Germans, they drove them away.

Later, at 9.30 o'clock, two Zeppelin airships, accompanied by several aeroplanes, appeared in the vicinity of Huningen, on the left bank of the Rhine, two miles from Basel. Their coming was followed by firing for two hours.

DEATH PENALTY FOR ATTEMPT TO KILL SULTAN OF EGYPT

Cairo, Egypt, April 21.—The young Egyptian merchant named Khalil, who on April 8, made an unsuccessful attempt in Cairo to assassinate Hussein Kamel, the Sultan of Egypt, was today sentenced by a military court to death by hanging.

U.S. GOV'T MAY HAVE TO AID AMERICANS TO GET BACK FROM ITALY

Washington, April 21.—Cancellation of sailings from Italy to the United States may cause the United States to take steps to aid home-bound Americans. In the absence of appeals, so far, State Department officials expect they will arrange transportation via France for England.

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THE CAPTURE OF GERMAN TROOPS AT NEUVE CHAPELLE



GERMAN PRISONERS ARRIVING IN LANSHIRE AFTER THE ATTACK ON NEUVE CHAPELLE

The concentration camp for German prisoners at Handforth, England, is linked up with the railway station by half a mile of country roadway, which dips down between the fields to the sheltered valley where the vast buildings of the camp are situated. Along this road recently marched 600 German soldiers who were captured in the trenches during the attack on Neuve Chapelle. They suffered no humiliation, and only a few inhabitants of the cottages and farms bordering the road watched them march past. What struck one most forcibly was the excellent physique, sturdy fitness and well clad appearance of the prisoners. A few of the prisoners might be over forty, but they marched with a light, strong step at the end of a long day's journey. Others were perhaps not more than eighteen, but they, too, with very few exceptions, displayed the full vigor of youth. Several were smoking cigarettes, and toward the end of the column one of the older men found manifest solace in a big German pipe.

VON BUELOW ADMITS RUPTURE NEAR AT HAND

Reported "Confession" by German Ambassador at Rome says negotiations not working out satisfactorily.

Rome, April 21.—The Messaggero today publishes an interview with Senator Riccardo Carafa, which gives a pessimistic forecast of the outcome of the negotiations between Italy and Austria.

The newspaper says the Senator, who is a frequent caller at the house of Prince Buelow, the German Ambassador to Rome, makes the statement that he heard from the Prince a "confession" which was substantially as follows:

"Unfortunately the Italian-Austrian conversations are not proceeding satisfactorily. Their failure will be followed by a rupture between Rome and Vienna. This will be regretted by Germany. I am sorry to affirm that in this sad eventual Germany will do her duty to the end by the side of Austria."

Continuing, Senator Carafa declares that he repeated his conversation to Premier Salandra, who did not seem surprised at it. On the contrary he said to the Senator:

"Impelled by the paramount interests of our country we will proceed with our duty against all our antagonists."

Rome, April 21, via Paris.—An official statement issued today by the Italian government says that Senator Carafa asked for an interview with Premier Salandra, saying that he wished to present to the Prime Minister a memorandum of a communication which "perhaps appeared to the Senator more important than it really was."

Premier Salandra, the statement continues, simply undertook to transmit the memorandum to Foreign Office. That department, out of pure courtesy, entertained Senator Carafa in a few minutes conversation without "making him any concrete statement of any kind."

Sensor Carafa, the government communication continues, "would have acted more correctly and more patriotically if he had maintained a complete reserve regarding a conversation on such a delicate subject accorded him in consideration of his position."

MAKE EXAMINATION OF KRON PRINZ WILHELM

Newport News, April 21.—The navy survey board has completed its preliminary examination of the German cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm. The board later will complete its inspection as to what repairs are necessary to make her seaworthy.

NON-COMBATANTS WERE KILLED BY GERMAN BOMBS

German Aeroplane Squadron dropped bombs on Bialystok — Russian aviators attack railway station at Soldau.

Petrograd, April 21.—The Russian war office today gave out an official announcement reading as follows: "In Western Galicia, we repulsed an Austrian attack near Gorlitz on Tuesday night. The previous day the enemy had attacked but without success our positions in the region of Verkhnia, Jablonka, in the Beskids, Polan, and north of Orszepataki."

"The offensive movement of the enemy against the heights of Polen, previously captured by us, was particularly fierce and his losses were very great. The first batch of prisoners captured at this point to the number of 500 has been brought in."

"Other sections of the front remain as a whole unchanged."

"A German aeroplane squadron on Tuesday dropped in the neighborhood of one hundred bombs at Bialystok, killing and wounding civilians. No material damage was done. Tuesday night the town of Ciochanow was bombarded with bombs by a Zeppelin airship. No damage was done. Our aircraft successfully bombarded the railway station at Soldau on the Polish frontier in East Prussia."

German Charges Against Russians Berlin, April 21, via London (2.30 p.m.)—Details of the Russian air raid on Insterburg, East Prussia, in retaliation for which German aviators attacked the Russian town of Bialystok with bombs state that a Russian machine appeared above Insterburg about ten o'clock in the morning and dropped six bombs.

The first missile fell in a vacant building of the cavalry barracks. The second dropped on a children's playground near a large group of children, but without injuring any one. The third and fifth fell without doing any damage, but the fourth bomb instantaneously killed a ten-year-old boy named Scherr, and severely wounded a woman shopkeeper.

The last bomb struck a house occu-

SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH BLOCKADE

By new arrangement even Contrabands will be given safe passage by England through blockade.

Washington, April 21.—Arrangements have been made between the British and Dutch governments whereby, through embargoes or other measures, possibility of supplies reaching Holland by water, being trans-shipped to Germany is eliminated. Official notice was given today that not only conditional contraband, such as food supplies, but even goods on the contraband list of the British government, may be given safe passage to Holland through the blockade lines. The British embassy issued this statement:

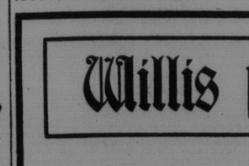
"1—Shipments of wheat, wheat flour, and meal, destined for consumption in Holland, should be consigned to The Netherlands government."

"2—Shipments of all other articles on the British contraband lists, destined for consumption in Holland, should be consigned to The Netherlands overseas trust."

"The Netherlands-American, the Royal Holland Lloyd, and the Royal Steamship Company have instructed their agents that shipments of cocoa, coffee and tobacco must also be assigned to The Netherlands Overseas Trust."

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GREAT BRITAIN DISCLAIMS THE RESPONSIBILITY

For detention of American cotton at Gibraltar — Delay due to lack of transportation facilities.

Washington, April 21.—Responsibility for detention of American cotton at Gibraltar, bound for Switzerland, is disclaimed by the British government, according to statements of officials here, who say the delay in forwarding shipments is due to lack of transportation facilities.

Dr. Paul Enter, the Swiss minister, yesterday appealed to the State Department for the good offices of the United States to get the delivery in Switzerland of American raw materials, especially cotton, which are absolutely necessary to continue many important Swiss industries.

Steamship lines running to Italian ports are said to have declined to convey Swiss-owned cotton from Gibraltar to Italian ports, on the ground that so many difficulties had been placed in the way of handling the cotton cargoes that the companies did not care to take the trade.

Efforts are being made to have the cotton forwarded by way of Merselles, and the French authorities have been approached with that purpose in mind.

THE WILHELMINA LEAVES FALMOUTH

London, April 21.—The American steamship *Wilhelmina* left Falmouth today for Cardiff where her cargo will be discharged. The vessel had been

detailed at Falmouth since February 11, after putting in at that port with a cargo of foodstuffs which she was carrying from New York to Hamburg. No reference has been named as yet to estimate the damages due the owners of the vessel, or to fix the price to be paid by the British government for the seized cargo.

The Rev. Stuart Robertson, of Glasgow, has offered his services, which have been accepted, as an unskilled worker in the making of shells in Messrs. G. & J. Weir's engineering establishment at Cathcart. Mr. Robertson states that as age and various other considerations prevented him from joining the active fighting forces, he thought there might be an opportunity of serving in this field. He will put in the usual number of hours, from 6.30 a. m. until 5 p. m. During the evening he will carry on his pastoral duties as usual.

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