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## PRICE, TWO CENTS. FRENCH WIPE OUT TWO GERMAN DIVISIONS

# VIOLENT NIGHT BATTLE WON BY THE FRENCH

# SOLEMN RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN HISTORIC ST. PAUL'S SEALS

British and Americans in Old Land, Headed by Royalty, Celebrate America's Part nership in the Great War by Impressive Ceremonies in the Great Cathedral, While Stars and Stripes Flies A bove Westminster Palace.

IS REPORTED KILLED

TROOPER FRED (BUD) SMITH, who

IN PALESTINE

Half Mile Front Taken.

Ghuzze in Holy Land

War.

London, April 20.—The general officer

commanding the British forces in Egypt

of 61/2 miles. The attack, the British statement says, was assisted by the fire

of warships and the position gained was

BRITISH-OWNED CONCERNS

AMBASSADOR ELKUS ILL.

LONG MISSING, NOW and Americans in this country celebrated America's partnership in the world war by a religious service today in St. Paul's Cathedral, attended by the official heads of the nation and a great congregation which included hundreds of Americans and many prominent British men and women. There was a great display of American flags in London, and all other English towns and a popular demonstration by the crowds which surrounded the cathedral. The Stars and Stripes floated from the highest tower of the Parliament Buildings at Westminster—the first time a foreign flag was ever displayed on that eminence—and flew above all Government buildings in the British capital. and Americans in this country cele-In Historic Church.

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The service in the historic cathedral, where the most momentous occasions of nation rejoicing and mourning have been solemnized for centuries, was unprecedented in being the commemoration of an act and decision of another nation. Overhead in the dim arches hung the dust-weighted and battle-torn flags of famous British regiments.

The cathedral seats nearly 4,000 people and was filled to its furthermost recesses with hundreds looking down from the balconies and niches high in the vault. All seats were occupied when King George and Queen Mary entered, followed by the mayors and aldermen of the 26 boroughs of London, who formed a vivide block of color in their scarlet robes of office. The American embassy robes of office. The American embassy and consular staffs occupied front seats with representatives of the Pilgrims, the American Society, the American Luncheon Club, and the American Chamber of Commerce. In the diplomatic section were officers in the uniforms of France, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, Rumania and Japan.

soldiers, including many canadians and several Americans who are serving with the Dominion forces. Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law represented the cabinet in the absence of Premier Lloyd George and the parliamentary delegation was large.

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The King and Queen and Princess Mary were received at the west entrance by the lord mayor and sheriff, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the dean and chaplain of St. Paul's, and United States Ambassador Page.

The clergy of St. Paul's conducted the service, assisted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London.

The royal party came from Windsor for the service, and drove from the station to the cathedral in open carriages. The King returned to Buckingham Palace afterward, the crowds along the route cheering him heartily.

Great Crowd Present.

Seldom has a service in the ancient

10 o'clock a steady line of motor cars and carriages was bringing the holders of tickets for the service, while vast throngs had gathered about the cathedral, and especially in Ludgate Hil, through which street the royal couple and Princess Mary were to arrive. Americans clad in the uniforms of Canadian, New Zealard and Australian contingents mingled with thousands of conventionally clad civilians.

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Barriers had been erected in all the streets about the cathedral, and at 10 o'clock great cordons of the police and the military stopped all business traffic. By 11 o'clock most of those who were to attend the service had arrived, the motors and carriages bringing them bearing the arms of some of the most notable families in the Empire. At 11:30 o'clock those waiting in the square heard a great volume of cheering from the distance, up Ludgate Hill, and knew that this heralded the approach of the royal party.

As the royal personages were received at the entrance to the cathedral by Ambassador Page and other dignitaries, it was seen that King George was in the full uniform of a British field marshal. field marshal.

#### Flags Together. On all the Government buildings, on Continued on Page Two. THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. recommended to the Senate that the council of national defence be empowered to fix minimum and maximum food prices. The official temperatures for the 12 lowest, 49.

MEXICO TAKES OVER MORE (Fighest, 64; lowest, 49.

Tomorto, April 20—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Southerly winds; partly fair and warm to ay and on Saturday, with showers or hunderstorms in some localities.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations, High. Low. Weather. Stations, High. Low. Weather. Victoria 52 42 Rain Calgary 54 28 Clear Winnipeg 42 28 Clear Winnipeg 42 28 Clear Port Arthur. 38 34 Cloudy Parry Sound. 62 44 Cloudy Parry Sound. 62 44 Cloudy Toronto 55 42 Cloudy Toro TOMORROW-FAIR AND WARM.

Weather Notes. The area of low pressure west of the Great Lakes has remained almost stationary, and is now centred in Iowa. The weather has cleared and is becoming warmer in the Western Provinces, while in Ontario it is warmer Zeitung says that a German specialist is assisting the embassy physician.

## FOE'S LOSSES AT HANDS OF FRENCH ARMS ARE FEARFUL

Two Complete Divisions (40,-000 Men) Literally Wiped Out.

FIVE DAYS STEADY SMASH

French Have Advanced Over 40-Mile Front, Taking Many Towns.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)
BY HENRY WOOD,
With the French Armies in the Field,
the pril 20.—Seventy-seven square miles
of France had been reclaimed up to toof France had been reclaimed up to today from the invader by five days continuous steady smashing over a front
of nearly forty miles to a depth of from
three-quarters of a mile to four miles.
A score of villages and towns have
been taken since Monday, when the
great offensive started.

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The German losses have been staggering. Two complete divisions (40,000) which made a counter-attack on Jauvincourt were literally wiped out by the French artillery alone.

Demoralization is spreading among the Germans, even among their officers.

Great masses of reinforcements hur-Great masses of reinforcements hurriedly rushed to the line are unavailing in stopping the advance.

French Are Calm. "The battle is progressing favorably," is the calm way in which the French military chiefs regard the offensive.
"The results exceed the expectations." French officers regard the advance between Ostel and Courtecamp as having reached the proportions of a great success. The utmost strategic importance is attached to the formidable positions captured there.

Advance Defences On Six and **ALLIES PURCHASING VAST GRAIN STOCKS** ASSISTED BY WARSHIPS ON CHICAGO MARKET British Now North of Wadi

> Also Make Some Neat Profits By "Turns."

reports in an official statement to the war office that on April 17 the British advanced north of the Wadl Ghuzze, in Southern Palestine, and captured the Turkish advanced positions along a front worst of more than \$3,500,000 in the last wo months in "turns" on the grain narket by changing from one option to he other.

This profit, it is said, was made by elling a line of July wheat and buying he September option at a price approxnately 30 cents below the July option. nly a short time ago agents of the lies soid more than 2,000,000 bushels. May wheat, in an endeavor to block it rise in price and according to obkers, they made a large gain on the ansaction.

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Agents of the Allies' governments ave bought wheat futures in anticipation of shipments of cash wheat, and hus have taken up about 15,000,000 oushels, according to brokers. They also have taken some 12,000,000 bushels of May and July corn and as much oats.

Washington, April 20.—Broad governmental powers to control food production, distribution and possibly even prices were provided in legislation drawn today for presentation to Congress. Authority to establish a virtual food dictatorship, if necessary, may be asked by the administration as a war measure.

ABOLISH ANTI-JESUIT LAW.

Amsterdam, via London, April 20.—A Berlin dispatch says that it is officially announced that the Bundesrath agreed on Thursday to the decision of the measure.

The abolition of the imperial coalition Reichstag to abolish the anti-Jesuit law. law of 1908, which has been passed by

22,000,000 IN U.S. OF MILITARY AGE

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FORMER LONDON MAJOR WEDDED IN ENGLAND



MAJOR S. R. HEAKES, formerly assistant rector at Cronyn Memorial urch, is here shown leaving Holy Trinity Church, Marylebone, with his bride (Mrs. Watkin), Major Heakes went overseas as chaplain with an Ontario hattalion, and later Joined a Highland unit. (Photo from the Daily Mirror).

#### REMINISCENCES

On this date (April 20th), thirteen years ago (1904), curling was going on at the Simcoe street rink—a record for late play.

On the 16th a fall of ten inches of snow had occurred. Street railway sweepers and snowplows doing duty, and cutters and lighter class of sleighs were to be seen on the streets. On the 17th the big Toronto fire took place, eight firemen being sent from London to help quell it. E. de 'a HOOKE.

## IN MESTOPOTAMIA CAPTURED BY GEN. WADE--COMPLETE ROU

London, April 20 .- General Maude, commanding the British forces in Mesop otamia, has forced a passage of the Shatt-el-Adhem, attacked the Turkish main positions and completely routed the Turkish forces, says an official statement issued today by the British war department. So far 1,244 Turks have been taken prisoner.

## HAIG GAINS GROUND DURING THE NIGHT

ANOTHER RAIDER REPORTED, BRITISH CRUISER ON WATCH

Amsterdam, April 20.—Via London.

German newspapers are indulging in a veritable orgy of self glorification at the record figure of the sixth German war loan.

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Entente Allies, and the price went to \$1.85 as against \$1.79 to The Vossische Zeitung attributes the success of the loan to the "fires that flamed up in German breasts at President Wilson's repulsive treatment of us." while Die Post points out that "the sixth war loan coincides with America's entry into the war, the German people in this way testifying to its conviction of victory."

The Deutsches Tages Zeitung says that "this U-boat loan showed that even a world capital power like the United States is unable to shake the confidence of the German people in the least," and that it is made plain that Germany wants "no business peace, no renuaciatory peace, but vicalizations have ask

"Gen. Maude reports that the dash and determination of our troops, especially the cavalry, in spite of the great heat, were brilliant.."

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(Special to The Advertiser.) the least," and that it is made plate that Germany wants "no business peace, no renunciatory peace, but victory full and complete."

Winnipeg, April 20.—Several fruit growers' organizations have asked the Retail Merchants' Association to exert influence to have the entry of foreign fruits into Western Consula during Can-

## FURTHER GAINS FOR GEN. NIVELLE'S TROOPS BRINGS FRENCH CLOSER TO LAON FORTRESS; ENEMY ATTACKS ROUTED WITH BIG LOSSES

#### THE WAR SITUATION

The French made further progress last night in the great battle along the Aisne and in the Champagne.

This is notably true of the region northeast of Soissons, where the lines of envelopment are gradually being drawn nearer to the important railway centre of Laon, the strategic objective in this division of the front.

The French here gained ground in the vicinity of Laffaux, the advance being characterized in the official statement as "considerable." The Germans reacted strongly on this front, but were unable to make any impression on the new French lines.

Forcing Germans Out.

General Nivelle's pressure here is colonized.

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General Nivelie's pressure here is calculated to force the Germans speedily out of the salient to which they have clung, projecting toward the Aisne in the direction of Conde.

The advance towards Laon also was continued on the Vauclere plateau, almost directly south of this city, where the French are pushing northward west of the Rheims-Laon road. On the plains north of Rheims, where the Germans are clinging stubbornly to their strongly-entrenched positions, several of their trenches near Courcy were carried in grenade attacks. Headway also was made east of Loivre in this sector.

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Badly Cut Up.

In the Champagne, notably near Moronvilliers, the Germans launched their expected violent counter-attacks, which the French troops, their artillery brought up, were amply prepared to meet. The artillery and machine guns cut loose on the advancing columns, reinforced by the fresh contingents recently thrown in from other fronts and from the reserves. The result was that the Germans, although their attacks had been prepared by heavy bombardments, were badly cut up, and failed to attain their ojective.

On Haig's Front.

Signs of renewed activity also appeared yesterday on the British front in the Arras battlefield, where some gains in the Lens region and east of Fampoux were reported, extended last night to the district northwest of St. Quentin. London today reports British progress in the neighborhood of Villers Guislain, midway between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

## **BRITISH LABORITES** SEND DELEGATES AT **GOMPERS' REQUEST**

System of England.

London, April 20.—"We gained ground during the night in the neighborhood of Villers Guislain," says today's official statement. "Elsewhere there was nothing especially interest."

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Stream which was head by a detachment of the listh Turkish Army Corps. Next morning we attacked the main position held by this corps, covering the Istabulat station, and about twelve miles southeast of Samara on the right bank of the Tigris. The operations were carried out with great vigor and dash, and resulted in complete rout of the enemy. "In a later dispatch dated the 19th Gen. Maude reported: "Though no full statement of our captures has yet been made, 27 officers and 1,215 Turkish rank and file have been collected, and more are coming in. Six machine guns and a considerable amount of other booty have been taken. Our total casualties numbered of free peoples."

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Buenos Ayres, April 19.—A German raider has been signified off Montevideo, according to reports in maritime circles. The commander of a steamer, which has reached here, declares that he signified as supplicious looking craft during the voyage from Rio Janeiro to Montevideo. The delay in the arrival of several vessels has given some cencern. A British curieur is on the watch off the River Plate. The minister of marine has discussed the reports with the president.

THE "U-BOAT" LOAN

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SONS TO STATES ARM

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states that scores of applications have come in from people desiring to adopt or otherwise make homes for wards.

Application forms have been sent in response to requests and the indications are that as a result of the story, a numebr of the children will find happy, suitable homes.

A Park'ell lady also subscribed to a society.

peace, no renunciatory peace, but victory full and complete."

SWITCHED TO BALTIC.

Petrograd, April 20—Via London.—Admiral Kolchak, commander of the Black Sea fleet, has been appointed commander-in-chief of all Russian naval forces in the Baltic.

BIG PRICES FOR FURS.

St. Louis, April 20.—A matched pair of silver fox skins sold for \$1.000 at the international fur auction here. A single skin sold for \$750. Buyers from Milwaukee, Cleveland. Buffalo and St. Paul were notable in the bidding. Up his boats as they were being lowered. Afterward the Germans looted the international fur auction here. A single skin sold for \$750. Buyers from Milwaukee, Cleveland. Buffalo and St. Paul were notable in the bidding. Up his boats as they were being lowered. Afterward the cap-the single skin sold for \$750. Buyers from Milwaukee, Cleveland. Buffalo and St. Paul were notable in the bidding. Up his boats as they were being lowered. Afterward the Germans looted the steamer.

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French Progress During the Night in the Regions of Laffaux, Vauclerc Plateau and Champagne.

Paris, April 20-Noon.-Violent fighting continued during the night, in the course of which the French made further gains in the regions of Laffaux and the Vauclere Plateau, the war office announces. Several lines of trenches east of Loivre were captured. Heavy counterattacks by the Germans in the Champagne were repulsed,

severe losses being inflicted on the enemy, The statement follows: "South of St. Quentin the enemy's artillery kept up a heavy fire, to which our batteries replied vigorously. During the night patrol encounters occurred north of Urvillers. In the region of Laffaux we made appreciable progress and faux we made appreciable progress and took fifty prisoners. We repulsed sevfaux we made appreciable progress and took fifty prisoners. We repulsed several counter attacks by the Germans in

"On the Vauclerc plateau and south- tion, says the official statem "On the Vauclerc plateau and southwest of Courcy we carried several trenches with grenades. East of Loivre a well-conducted operation enabled us to gain ground and take 250 prisoners.

"In the Champagne the night was marked by violent reactions of the enemy. Very strong counter-attacks, preceded by bombardments, were launched by the Germans in the region of Moronvilliers. Our curtain of fire and our machine guns completely negatived these efforts, which cost the enemy very heavy losses. A score of prisoners remained in our hands.

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#### GERMANS CAUGHT IN A VICE AND THEIR PRINCIPAL SALIENT COLLAPSES

steady and methodical pressure of ture of the operations to date in the great offensive on the Aisne and in the Champagne. It is clear that Gen. Nivelle's armies are in no danger of losing the initiative and that gradually but surely all the salients along the Soissons-Auberive front

are being crushed.

Caught in a Vise. The principal salient to which the enemy had clung formed an angle where the front, running south from St. Quentin, hinged to the line run-ning eastward toward Rheims.

ure of the Germans to resist the | advancing northeast from Laffaux and northwest from Vailly and Cha stantial progress also was made the centre, ground being won east and west of Craonne, which is gradually being enveloped.

Strong Positions Falling. In the Champagne section on the right, strong positions still held by the enemy are falling one by one. All this work could only have been done at a heavy cost in lives under former war conditions. It is being

### Will Explain the Co-operative CASUALTIES SINCE EASTER TOTAL 2,410

Ottawa, April 20.—Of a total of 213 names in the noon casualty list today, 23 are given as killed in action, 14 died of wounds, 171 wounded and 5 missing. There are no officers in the list. This brings the total of rank and file so far as announced up to 2,410 since Easter. The officers' total remains at 395.

Chicago Wheat Pit Goes Wild, Prices Making Great Bulge

Sensational Advance Follows Report of Heavy Entente Buying.

FIRED ON THE LIFEBOATS

## MUNITION PLANTS. INCLUDING KRUPPS

Amsterdam, April 20 .--Via London .- Strikes have broken out in various munition factories in Germany, including the Krupps, the Telegraaf says it has learned from German

### BALFOUR'S PARTY WILL BE **ELABORATELY ENTERTAINED**

#### GREATER ACREAGE FOR FOODSTUFFS

London, April 20.—The Times says that as a result of the Government's appeal to farmers to plow grass lands, 300,000 acres have been added to the graingrowing area in England and Wales. The acreage in Scotland has been increased by 50,000, and in Ireland by 500,000.

EVERYBODY DECORATE TO HONOR THE HEROES OF