

BRAZIL MAY COME WITH THE ALLIES

British Naval Circles Would Welcome Her—Other Republics Discussed—Germans Flocking Into Mexico From South America

New York, April 5.—Buenos Aires despatches received by the Associated Press last night state that the press of Brazil is unanimous in its approval of the action of the United States.

London, April 5.—British naval circles would welcome Brazil as an ally of the Entente considering her the most important neutral after America for the Atlantic case.

PEDERSEN CASE RECEIVED FINAL HEARING TODAY

Evidence of Fire Chief Blake Taken—Held That Pedersen Cellar Was in Bad Condition Even After Repeated Warnings—Action of Commissioner Sustained

The last chapter in the Pedersen case was finished at the committee meeting of the common council this morning.

Commissioner McLellan brought J. Mansen to the meeting and asked him if (the commissioner) had ever gone into the witness store and "raised hell."

"Did you ever say to Mr. Pedersen that the chief told you that he saw no reason why I should complain and make such a fuss over Pedersen's store?"

The witness replied in the negative. Mr. Pedersen, when asked by members of the council what he had to say regarding the refutation of his statements as made at a previous meeting, by the witness, was non-committal in his reply.

Fire Chief Blake said that on several occasions he had visited the store and once he said to the proprietor that it was too bad it was in such a condition.

"Some year and a half ago I was summoned on the telephone and informed of a fire in the Pedersen store. This was caused by carelessness and I have several times since, always in a friendly spirit, urged Mr. Pedersen to use more care and keep his place cleaner."

Chief: "No, sir. I have inspected other cellars just as bad as Pedersen's. To get down to the day of this occurrence, I went there and found the place in a bad state, as I had always found it. The commissioner spoke to me and asked me why it was. I said I had tried to get him to clean the place up on different occasions. I said I had reported him seven or eight times, which I had."

Mr. McLellan: "Did you not say to me that you could have reported him seven or eight times in fact dozens of times?"

Chief: "That's about the size of it. Later I went in telephone and Mr. Pedersen said: 'I lost the store.' He said: 'McLellan took the store away from me and gave it to my brother.'"

Mr. McLellan: "You consider Pedersen has had more than a show in regard to his cellar?"

Chief: "He has had every chance in the world to keep it clean. Mr. Pedersen said that he agreed with a good deal which had been said by the chief. He said the chief had been into his store and urged him to keep it clean. He was only in the store on Saturday nights and he did not know what went on the other days of the week except Mr. Pedersen's cellar."

Wilson's Speech Sent Mark Down To Lowest Point

Berne, April 5.—The effects of President Wilson's address to Congress on the German exchange rate was to send the mark down to 77 1/4 centimes, the lowest price on record.

HERO OF THE BATTLE OF THE MARNE RETIRES

General Foch Detached From Active Service

SAVED AN EVENTFUL DAY His Terrible Attack on German Centre Which Changed Fortunes of War When Teuton Hordes Were Near the Gates of Paris

Paris, April 5.—General Ferdinand Foch, the hero of the battle of the Marne, has been detached from active service. A list of promotions issued today contains a brief announcement to that effect.

It is not known whether General Foch has been assigned to some special political or military mission or whether he has been definitely placed on the reserve through ill health, he having reached the age limit. He is succeeded by General Labori, formerly chief of brigade.

Another well-known leader who has been withdrawn from active service is General of Division Eyadema, military governor of Dunkirk and former head of a military mission which re-organized the Greek army in 1914.

Five generals of brigade are retiring, their places being taken by colonels who distinguished themselves in recent operations and who are given temporary rank of general.

General Foch is sixty-six years of age. He has made a brilliant reputation as one of the foremost strategists for the French army. He is a Basque by origin and spent his early years in Metz.

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He was in Alberta when war broke out and he joined a battalion then mobilizing. He was a true soldier of empire, having passed through the South African campaign. In England he was transferred to an imperial unit.

Two men, who inform the authorities that they are from St. John, have been placed under arrest in Halifax, charged with bootlegging.

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Here's Cheery Bit of News From Threadneedle Street

London, April 5.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from 5 1/2 to 5 per cent. today.

BRITISH CAPTURE TWO MORE VILLAGES NEAR PERONNE

French Scouts Find Germans in Strength at St. Quentin—Bombardment of Rheims Continues

London, April 5.—The capture of the villages of Ronsey and Basse-Boulogne, in the sector northeast of Peronne, is announced by the war office today.

"We captured the villages of Ronsey and Basse-Boulogne after sharp fighting, in which we took twenty-two prisoners and three machine guns."

"East and northeast of Metz-en-Couture our troops continued to make progress in the face of considerable resistance and reached the western and south-western edges of Goussencourt Wood and Havrincourt wood. We captured here a further sixty prisoners, two trench mortars and five machine guns."

Paris, April 5.—The French War Office statement says: "Between the Somme and the Oise the enemy undertook no counter attack against the new front which we occupied yesterday."

"In Alsace we caught under our fire and dispersed a German group in the region of Amersweiler. Elsewhere the night was calm."

Paris, April 5.—A Havas despatch from Rheims says the shelling of the city continues each day and is growing in intensity.

Frederickton, April 5.—A committee of the New Brunswick branch of the Dominion Alliance met this morning in the Brunswick street Baptist church.

Berne, April 5.—A bread card after the German pattern is to be introduced in Switzerland before the end of the present month, according to an announcement made today.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was over the southwestern states yesterday has moved with increasing energy to the middle states and gales with rain and snow prevail this morning over the western part of the Great Lakes.

Partly Fair and Cool. Maritime—Fresh northeast and north winds, partly fair and cool today and Friday.

WILLARD OFFERS TO FIGHT THIS TIME IN THE ARMY

Washington, April 5.—Jess Willard, champion heavy-weight pugilist, sent this telegram today to President Wilson: "I will fight. When do you want me?"

British And Russian Patrols In Contact In Mesopotamia

London, April 5.—British and Russian patrols have got into touch with each other in Mesopotamia, so the Associated Press was informed today by Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office.

HUNS SINK BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP; FIRE ON BOATS AS CREW LEAVE

London, April 5.—The Belgian steamer Trever, from New York with Belgian relief supplies, was torpedoed without warning on Wednesday.

London, April 5.—The Belgian relief steamer Feistin has been sunk in the North Sea while approaching Rotterdam, according to a cablegram received here today by the Belgian relief commission.

Congress Is Asked For Big Sum For War

An Appropriation Of \$3,400,000,000 Requested

WAR VOTE IN HOUSE BY NIGHT

Big Majority in Favor of War is Looked For—Believed Not a Dozen Will Vote Against—Pacifists, Losing, Are to Combat

Washington, April 5.—Requests for immediate appropriation of \$3,400,000,000 for the army and navy were made to congress today by the executive departments.

Provision is made for increasing the enlisted strength of the navy to 150,000 men and to increase the marine corps to 80,000.

Washington, April 5.—Debate on the war resolution began in the House at ten o'clock this morning with Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee making the opening statement.

Under the unanimous consent rule by which the resolution was being considered, Representative Flood could move the previous question at any time after one hour and if sustained bring the measure to a vote.

He was disposed, however, to give members every opportunity to speak throughout the day. The debate began without any limitations.

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