

HAIG STRENGTHENS POSITION ALONG BATTLE LINE IN FLANDERS

Local Operations Improve Defenses of British Both North and South of Somme

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NINE HELD FOR CIRCULATION OF BARRED PAPER

Herman G. Babcock Among Those Nabbed by Police for Circulating "Kingdom News"

HITS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Clarence Reames Issues Warning to International Bible Students' Association.

HELD pending an investigation by the federal authorities, nine men, one of them Herman G. Babcock, treasurer of the Mescham & Babcock Shipbuilding Company, now building \$3,000,000 worth of wooden ships for the government yesterday were placed under arrest by the police when found distributing propaganda issued by the International Bible Students' Association.

The literature, "Kingdom News," which was widely distributed over the residence section of the city, is a two-page protest against the government's suppression of Pastor Russell's book, "The Finished Mystery." The pamphlet also is characterized by Federal officials as an effort to make it appear that "The Finished Mystery" was barred, not because it was seditious, but as a result of religious agitation. Clarence L. Reames, special assistant to the United States attorney-general, with headquarters in Seattle, who is handling the case, declared today that if the members of the Bible Association persist in getting as close as they can to the line of law violation, without being afraid of the consequences, he will prosecute for their former alleged crime of selling the book.

Only One Out on Bail. Of the nine caught by the police yesterday, Babcock was the only one to be released on bail this morning. He was given his liberty on deposit of a check for \$500. Assistant Attorney General Reames said today that the other defendants will be held in jail until their bonds, fixed at \$500 each, are forthcoming.

Babcock was seized by city firemen at Warren Avior and Lee Street and detained until the police arrived and took him to jail. The others arrested are A. E. Carpenter, 38, a carpenter; Chris Johnson, 46, a laborer; F. J. Rice, 48, machinist; Walter Field, 42, farmer; H. S. Harkema, 36, salesman; David Howell, 59, carpenter; J. Happs, 35, salesman; and F. A. Wilcoxon, 45, salesman.

Their arrest was ordered yesterday morning by Felix L. Lacey, chief of police when he received numerous telephone calls from the residence sections from persons complaining that literature had been left on their doorsteps. Mason previously learned from federal agents that their apprehensions were desired and promptly sent a corps of motorcycle and other police after them.

Discussing their arrest and the circulation of the pamphlet, Assistant Attorney General Reames said today: "Volume 7 of 'The Finished Mystery' is a plain violation of the sedition act. It contains a direct argument against military enlistment and recruiting. The tenor of the whole book is against enlistment and recruiting. The government has readied from the beginning of this matter that a large number of poor, misguided men and women had been led into the sale and circulation of this book by others who are religious fanatics.

"Instead of prosecuting them, the government issued a warning and then took possession of about half a carload of the books. At the same time we had an understanding individually with the members of the International Bible Students' Association, who were selling the books, that their activities would cease.

REPRESENTS ITALIAN ARMY



Color cartoon by Martin from photo by Central News Photo Service. Gen. Gaetano Gairdino.

Gen. Gaetano Gairdino has succeeded General Cadorna as Italian representative on the Inter-Allied War Council, which was formed shortly after Italy's setback a few months ago.

400 ENJOY RIDE ON FIRST STEAM TRAINS TO YARDS

Shipbuilders Travel in State, Opening New Transportation to Seattle Plants.

FOUR hundred shipyard workers rode to their work in state this morning. They had two special steam trains for themselves, nobody to tell them that they must move up in front, no boiler room conductor to attempt to prevent their smoking and plenty of "elbow room" as they journeyed toward the south end industrial plants. The men went to the trains leisurely and in small groups. There was nothing like the rush that is made for the street cars at the Yesler Way transfer.

Two deaths were caused indirectly, several were injured and damage estimated at several hundred thousand dollars was caused by earthquake shocks which wrecked the greater part of Southern California yesterday and continued during the night, decreasing in intensity and extent until shortly after midnight, when they ceased. Hemet and San Jacinto, their business districts half wrecked, were the chief sufferers.

All those whose homes were destroyed or made untenable by the earthquake were sheltered by friends and officers said so far they saw no need for aid from the outside world.

LACK OF VOTES HALTS SUFFRAGE BILL IN SENATE

Amendment Hangs Fire for Reason That It Lacks Enough Support.

SOUTH STRONG AGAINST IT

Senator Jones Favors Making Sure of Majority Before Risking Test Ballot.

Mr. Jermaine's Dispatch

WASHINGTON, Monday, April 22.—The federal suffrage amendment hangs fire ominously in the Senate for the reason that there are not enough votes to put it through. This is plainly intimated by Miss Doris Stevens of New York, who succeeds Miss Anne Martin, now a candidate for the Senate in Nevada, as legislative chairman of the National Woman's Party, and it is stated bluntly by senators who would lose no time in bringing the measure up for consideration if they could count the necessary two-thirds majority.

Figures recently submitted by the National Woman's Party indicate that there are six Republicans who refuse to support the amendment and twenty-two Democrats. Apparently, the friends of the amendment have given up hope of converting the six Republicans and believe there is not much hope of converting the Democrats.

The six opposing Republicans are Lodge and Weeks of Massachusetts, Knox of Pennsylvania, Senators of Connecticut, Wadsworth of New York and Dillingham of Vermont.

The latter men comprise the opposing Democrats comes from the states of the Old South, along the South Atlantic and Gulf states, and their opposition to equal suffrage for many years has been deeply imbedded in political and social traditions. Evidently, as immovable as the six Republicans, in a short time they will be present at least, has been developed.

Blocked by Democrats. With more than two-thirds of the Republicans in the Senate and only half of the Democrats pledged to the amendment, there is a touch of unconscious humor in Senator Stevens' words that it is up to the Republicans; we have done all we can. When the Republicans give us their votes to pass it we will bring it up.

This Democratic opposition is interesting in view of the suffrage plank in the St. Louis national platform in 1916, the specific endorsement of the pending amendment by the Democratic national committee, and the statement by President Wilson in his famous letter to the National Democratic caucus, urging its not count heavily in the South when they run up against inherited prejudices.

It is well to know that senators who lack the suffrage and are anxious to have the amendment passed, that the estimate of twenty-two anti-suffrage Democrats is too low, and that nothing is to be gained by their refusal to give votes which are unpledged or pledged to the opposition. They add that nearly all of the six Republicans might be won over, and the amendment still lack the two-thirds majority.

Senator Jones declared the present situation when he says that it is better to consider anything not justified by the facts, but rather to wait until it is done to do it to "assure a requisite majority."

NEW GOVERNOR OF ALASKA AND HIS WIFE HERE ON WAY NORTH



Photograph by Webster & Stevens, Times Staff Photographers. Thomas Riggs, Jr., and Mrs. Riggs at New Washington Hotel.

Aircraft Program Due for Shake-Up; New Control Hinted

(For Editorial Comment See Page 6.) **WASHINGTON, Monday, April 22.**—A readjustment of the aircraft program has been decided on definitely by President Wilson and Secretary of War Newton D. Baker has been directed to carry it out. It was indicated today that a man not heretofore mentioned will be given full charge of production.

Secretary Baker was working today on reorganization plans and an announcement probably will be made within two or three days. It was not indicated today what changes in personnel might be made or whether the Aircraft Board itself would be reorganized.

Captain Richthofen, Noted Hun Aviator, At Last Meets Fate

LONDON, Monday, April 22.—Capt. Baron von Richthofen, the famous German aviator, has been killed, Reuters correspondent at British headquarters reports.

The captain was brought down in the Somme valley. His body was recovered and will be buried today with military honors.

Since Captain Boelcke was shot down in October, 1916, Capt. von Richthofen has been the most prominent and successful German aviator. On April 8 the German war office announced that he had achieved his seventy-eighth aerial victory, although in this, as in previous citations, he was not credited explicitly with having brought down an Allied airplane. Recently Emperor William conferred upon him the order of the Red Eagle.

PERSHING'S MEN REGAIN LAST OF LOST POSITIONS

Restoration of Line Breaks Up Germans' Attempt to Isolate American Sector.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED

Yankees Punish Teutons in Hand-to-Hand Fighting—Bring Down Two Hun Planes

WHILE awaiting the next German blow, now momentarily expected, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is taking advantage of the comparative lull to strengthen his lines, says today's Associated Press summary.

Both north and south of the Somme and on the Lys battlefield the British positions were improved in local operations last night. The enemy, however, occupied advance elements from which he was elected yesterday in a counter-attack. To the east the French lines also have been reestablished.

Offensive Plan Halted. Indications are that the Germans intended to separate the American and French troops and perhaps wipe out the American sector. Gen. John J. Pershing's men, however, fought desperately and only retired from Seicheprey before overpowering numbers. The enemy was not able to hold the village and soon evacuated it.

After the Americans had driven the Germans from the occupied Seicheprey posts, the enemy did not attack again and yesterday was comparatively quiet east of St. Mihiel. The German offensive, which persisted throughout the day and into the night, was preceded by most violent artillery work and trenches to meet the enemy storming troops and German planes were brought down by American machine gunners.

Claims 137 Prisoners. Berlin, in its official statement, admits that the Saturday's fighting was severe and it is claimed that 137 Americans, including five officers and twenty-five machine gunners, were captured. Heavy losses, it is said, were inflicted upon the Germans. That the effort failed is indicated by an announcement that the attackers returned to their own positions under cover of night. No mention of French troops having been engaged in this region.

Today the German offensive begins its second move without having separated the British and French and with the British army still intact. Heavy artillery fire is in progress on so many parts of the front that little indication is afforded by this as to the point selected by the Germans for their renewed thrust. Naturally they may be expected to make further efforts to extricate themselves from the pocket into which they have forced themselves southwest of Ypres.

Situation on Somme. The situation in the Somme region is being for the moment even more closely watched than that along the Franco-Belgian border to the north. Field Marshal Haig reports heavy shelling from the British lines on both sides of the Somme and the Ancre, and the correspondents are sending word of German preparations for a movement of some nature between Arras and Amiens, within which the region under bombardment is located.

The enemy is known to have brought up some of the heaviest guns to the Somme battlefields, where Amiens is his objective.

BRITISH STRENGTHEN POSITION BY SLIGHT ADVANCE, SAYS HAIG

LONDON, Monday, April 22.—The British advanced their lines slightly last night in local operations on both of the principal battle fronts, the war office announces. Gains were made near Villers-Bretonneux and Albert on (Continued on Page Four.)

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REPEATED RAIDS MAY PRESAGE NEW DRIVE

By PAUL H. LOVERING, Associate Editor of The Times.

ENEMY ATTACKS on the American positions in the vicinity of Verdun are increasing in intensity.

The raid of last Saturday near Seicheprey was participated in by 1,200 soldiers, identified in Berlin's official statement as "Lower Saxon battalions."

Reports of the engagement from various sources differed only in a few particulars. The attacking force, it is agreed, penetrated first-line American positions and temporarily occupied the village of Seicheprey, later being driven back by counter-attacks.

The chief disagreement in the reports concerns the number of prisoners taken. The German communique claims the capture of 183 of our men, while a correspondent at Pershing's headquarters says "no Americans were taken prisoner, but three Germans were captured."

While United States troops seemingly are bearing the brunt of the foe's repeated raids in this sector, the latter appears to be unusually active everywhere along this front which previously had been one of the few "quiet spots" in the West.

The Germans have been much more aggressive ever since the "Sammies" took over first-line positions in this district. They have brought up additional artillery and recently have assembled in the rear a very considerable force of infantry, said to be mainly

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SEATTLE.	
Clearings	\$5,750,533.12
Balances	1,689,952.94
Portland.	
Clearings	\$5,328,002.00
Balances	1,975,497.00
Spokane.	
Clearings	\$1,558,571.00
Balances	680,227.00
Tacoma.	
Clearings	\$82,728.00
Balances	258,070.00