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GERMANS LOSE GROUND BEFORE ALLIES' ATTACK

American Gunners Sink a Submarine While Washington Applauds. British Losses on Decrease

By International News Service. London, June 6.—On both wings of the Hindenburg line the Germans suffered reverses today. The British penetrated the German lines in Roeux. The French defeated their assaults north of the Aisne. The Italians appear to have suffered a reverse on the front between Jamiano and the sea. The German positions over a front of a mile north of the Scarpe river was captured by the British, according to the night war office report. Last week's shipping losses were the smallest suffered by Great Britain since the ruthless submarine warfare begun, the official statement says. Fifteen vessels of 1,600 tons or over, three under, were sunk. There were 2,693 arrivals and 2,642 departures. The previous week eighteen over 1,600 were sunk. Of eighteen German aeroplanes that raided England yesterday, eight were bagged by the British aviators and high angle gunners, the war office announces. Washington, June 6.—The official announcement of the State Department that American gunners had sunk a submarine after an hour and a half battle was highly encouraging to officials who look for the suppression of the submarine warfare. The name of the ship and the location is withheld.

INTEREST BANS HOPE OF TENANTS

NEVER CAN BUY FARMS AT CURRENT INTEREST RATES ONLY 35 PERCENT OWN FARMS

Balance Have No Chance Till Widow's Dowry Act Is Repealed, Says Senator Stafford. "Sixty-five per cent of the farmers of Louisiana are tenants; that is one reason why the Federal Land bank is an imperative necessity in this state." This was the declaration yesterday of State Senator E. M. Stafford, who last Saturday was elected president of an association of farmers in Louisiana to work for the repeal of the widow's dowry act, and let down the bars for five per cent money for the farmers. As long as the present interest rates are in force, according to the men interested in extending the activities of the land bank to this state, few of these tenant farmers can hope to own their farms. They pay a high rate of interest on their loans, and even higher interest on the supplies they purchase in advance to raise their crops. For them the Federal Land bank is their only salvation. Senator E. M. Stafford was principal speaker at a law-raising in Covington Tuesday, which was attended by 1,000 persons, and spoke for the repeal of the widow's dowry. He declared that in view of the fact that demands were being made of the farmer to increase his production of foodstuffs, it was high time that some financial assistance be extended the farmers. Five per cent money, as provided under the Federal Land bank plan, would be the salvation of the farming industry of the state, he asserted, would increase the demand for farm lands and consequently increase their value, and would greatly stimulate the production of foodstuffs. "Senator Stafford is now making a poll of the members of the legislature to ascertain how they stand on the repeal of the widow's dowry act, should an extra session of the legislature be called. The following letter is being sent to the senators and representatives of Louisiana: "Dear Sir: A meeting of farmers held at Baton Rouge on Saturday, June 2nd, 1917, resulted in their forming a permanent organization to be known as the Louisiana Farmers' Association for the Promotion of Farmers' Loan Banks. "The object and purposes of the association are to obtain for the farmers of the state of Louisiana the great benefits to be derived from the Farm Loan banks, which enables the farmer to borrow up to fifty per cent of the value of his property for the purpose of improving the same either for drainage, or erection of improvements, the purchase of implements, etc., or to pay off an existing mortgage on his land. "The plan allows the farmer, or his heirs in case of death, to repay the loan within 36 years. All that the farmer has to pay is \$6.00 each year on every hundred dollars he has borrowed, which will pay both the principal and interest on the loan at the end of said period. In other words, if a farmer borrows \$1,000.00, he pays \$60.00 per year for 36 years, at which time his loan is paid in full. He can, however, repay the entire loan, at any time, and relieve himself from the payment of any further interest. "The Farmers' Loan bank is intended to do for the farmers what the Federal Reserve banks have done for the cities and manufacturing interests throughout the country. "The Louisiana farmers cannot now enjoy the liberality offered them on account of the provisions of Article 3252 of our Civil Code, which will have to be amended or (Continued on Page Two).

BURGLAR FIRES ON HIS CAPTOR

HENRY HAUSMANN IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN HIP BURGLAR ESCAPES ON ROOF

Diamond Pin Belonging to Youth's Mother Is Stolen—Neighbors Rush to Assistance. In attempting to capture a burglar he discovered in a bedroom of his home at 1838 Webster street last night, Henry Hausmann, 23, of the jewelry firm of T. Hausmann and company, was shot in the left hip and slightly wounded. The burglar escaped. The only thing known to have been stolen is a diamond pin belonging to Mrs. Louis Hausmann, the wounded youth's mother. Young Hausmann was alone in the house at the time, his mother and father having gone to a nearby moving picture show. He fell asleep in a chair on the front porch and had been slumbering for several minutes when a noise upstairs woke him. The noise was made by the burglar opening an armor door. Hausmann went upstairs to investigate, first going to his room to procure a revolver. He made his way to his mother's room, where in the dim light he saw a man bending over a bureau drawer. Hardly had Hausmann stepped across the threshold when the burglar, seeing his reflection in the mirror, roared about and shot him. The young man returned the fire, jumping through a window and onto a roof, the thief escaped. Neighbors attracted by the report, entered the house, despite his wound, Hausmann ran downstairs and they met him as he was running out to the porch to chase the burglar. He was taken to the Toussaint infirmary, where the wound was pronounced not serious. Mr. and Mrs. Hausmann returned home shortly after the shooting. The older Hausmann is connected with the jewelry firm.

WORRY CAUSED SOCOLA'S DEATH

POPULAR BUSINESS MAN ENDS LIFE WITH WINCHESTER NO OTHER MOTIVE APPARENT

Long Ill Health Unbalances Mind of Mrs. John Stewart, Wife of Kenner Farmer. Within less than three hours yesterday afternoon a man and a woman committed suicide in New Orleans and another woman made an unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction. The dead are: Chris Socola, 37, 4226 Dumaine street, well known electrical engineer and contractor and member of a prominent family. Shot himself in the heart with a Winchester rifle. Mrs. John Stewart, 35, living at Kenner, La. Swallowed bichloride of mercury tablets in a room on the third floor of the Grunewald hotel. Her son, John Stewart, Jr., conducts the Stewart auto garage at 1531 Canal street. The woman who failed in her attempt is Mrs. Mary Turcott, aged 20, 1756 St. Ann street. Despondency over alleged desertion by her husband is said by the police to have caused her to swallow iodine. She is in the Charity hospital and out of danger. Overwork and business worry was the cause assigned by Mrs. Socola for her husband's act, according to the police. She told reporters and Patrolman Fieard, of the Tenth precinct station, that apparently Mr. Socola was not in his normal mental state at the time. Socola had been general manager of the Red Cross festival at the Fair Grounds last Sunday and worked hard to make it a success. Mrs. Socola said that this, in conjunction with some very important business he should have attended to, out of town, but was prevented from doing by the festival, evidently affected his mind. She knows of nothing else that would have prompted his act. According to the police, Mrs. Socola observed that her husband had been acting queerly during the past two or three days, but she did not think he was contemplating suicide. Yesterday afternoon he acted strangely at the dinner table. After eating less food than he usually did, Socola arose from the table suddenly, exclaiming: "I think I'll end it all and get through with it." Before his wife could catch hold of him, Socola ran into his room and closed the door. Mrs. Socola cried to neighbors for assistance. A minute or two later a shot rang out. Neighbors attracted by the cries and shot, ran into the house. The door was forced open and Socola was found lying on the floor, his head covered with blood that gushed out of a frightful wound. A few minutes later when a Charity hospital ambulance came, the doctors pronounced him dead. "Within the past two years Socola's two brothers, San Benito and Guisno and his mother died. Some of his friends are inclined to think that this had something to do with his act. The dead man is survived by his wife and a brother. Chris Socola is thought to have enjoyed the best of health and not long ago inherited \$50,000 from his father, who operated the Socola rice mill in Toussaint street.

BIG REGISTRATION FROM OVER U. S. IS RECEIVED

Police Report In New Orleans Shows 34,432 Reported to Polls—Further Time Granted Laggards

By International News Service. Washington, June 6.—The registration figures from Tuesday are still incomplete, but dispatches from all corners of the nation show an extraordinary heavy registration but not as at first indicated, in excess of the census figures. It was announced this afternoon that the penalty for not registering will be suspended for a short time in order to give the laggards another chance to comply with the law. Many arrests have already been made for wilful evasion of the duty of registering. Registration in New Orleans Tuesday reached 34,132, according to unofficial figures reported to police headquarters yesterday. At many precincts the work of enrolling men liable to military service continued until after midnight. The complete report of the police department with the registration by wards follows: "Police Headquarters, June 6th, 1917. "Hon. James W. Reynolds, Superintendent of Police. "Sir: I beg to submit the following report, in tabulated form, of the persons registered, showing the total registration in all wards, throughout the city of New Orleans: Total Registration 34,132. Wards: 1st. 1510, 2nd. 2011, 3rd. 4116, 4th. 1632, 5th. 2727. "Claiming that she ran away with a girl who lured her with false promises, 16-year-old Augustine Moloy, 2348 St. Claude street, who disappeared from home Monday and for whom the police had been asked to look, was brought back to New Orleans last night. Her mother is ill as a result of her behavior. Augustine Moloy was anxious to become a moving picture actress. Thrilling pictures in which the heroine did all sorts of wonderful things, fascinated her. She confided her ambitions to her friend. The other girl is said to have encouraged Augustine and induced her to run away by playing on her imaginations. But when she arrived at Batou Rouge, it is charged, Augustine's friend deserted her and she was more than glad to return to New Orleans. She was sent back by the police chief there, who placed her in care of the conductor of the train on which she returned. A policeman met the train at the depot and Augustine was turned over to a relative and taken home. O. A. Leannont, reporting on a visit of the journeymen bakers to the General Baking company's plant on the invitation of Manager Voies, stated that they had witnessed the scaling of bread. He declared that the visit of the committee confirmed them in their statement that each barrel of flour made 4,167 ounces of dough, although the master bakers had claimed that a barrel makes only 3,800 ounces. Charles E. Wermuth, the auditor who prepared for the master bakers the figures by which they seek to (Continued on Page Two).

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