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WASHINGTON FULLY EXPECTS WAR

PRESIDENT WILSON TO MAKE FIRM STAND FOR AMERICAN RIGHTS

WASHINGTON FULL OF WAR TALK, EXPECTS U. S. TO ENTER CONFLICT

PRESIDENT AND CABINET EXPECTED TO PLAN FINAL DETAILS TODAY.

PRESIDENT WILL SEND STRONG WAR MESSAGE

Sturdy Defense of American Rights Will Be Urged—President Is Turning Towards Universal Training—Military Men Expect War May Be Bitterest in the History of the United States.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER.
Washington, Mar. 30.—(United Press)—Only war talk here. President and cabinet are expected to meet late this afternoon to shape the last details of entry of the United States into conflict.

The President is expected to make forceful demand upon Congress for America to play full part in the struggle.

The cabinet and President are expected to complete the "war message" this afternoon. The main thought is already determined and is to be a strong defense of American rights.

It is believed the President is turning more strongly toward universal training. No announcement has been made.

Military men knowing something of the policy ahead declare the war may be the bitterest the United States has ever seen; hence they argue universal law ought to be applied.

The pacifist element in Congress will be stamped beneath the patriotic wave, unofficial canvasses indicate.

Congress is expected to uphold the President.

Congress is expected to authorize at least three hundred thousand men in case of war.

Doubtless the heads of war departments will demand supplies and ordinance reserves.

Recruiting grows. Next week officials believe the world will be astonished at the response to the call to colors.

President Considers Army

Washington, D. C., Mar. 30.—(Special)—Plans to forward further preparedness measures for the army began today to assume definite form. The president discussed with Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the senate military committee, how to secure an increased army force promptly for the present emergency, as well as universal training. Chamberlain told the president he believed he now had power without further congressional action to call out an army of 700,000 by increasing the regular army to war strength and calling out all national guards at war strength. There is intimation that the president is considering such a step immediately.

Hollweg Expects War.

Washington, Mar. 30.—(Special)—If America at the coming session of Congress should declare war against Germany, the country will have to bear and overcome it. This statement by the German chancellor in the Reichstag yesterday seems Germany's final declaration that she does not intend to give up the submarine campaign.

Hollweg declared Germany never intended to attack America and did not now, and if America considered the submarine campaign a war cause, Germany was not responsible.

War Has Been On For Some Time

Washington, Mar. 30.—(United Press)—Several members of the cabinet expressed their belief unqualifiedly that war existed between the United States and Germany for "some time."

Contracts Are Let For Anti-Submarine Nets

Washington, Mar. 30.—(United Press)—A contract for one hundred steel cable anti-submarine nets was awarded today. Nets have twelve foot mesh, and are sixteen hundred feet long and thirty-four feet deep. Delivery is to commence in three weeks.

The nets are similar to those guarding the mouth of the Thames and other rivers.

STATE OF WAR NOW EXISTS

Washington, March 30.—(United Press)—The President definitely determined that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, and must be formally recognized, said his intimate advisers.

TRADE COMMISSION WARNS COAL DEALERS

Washington, March 30.—(United Press)—There have been whispers that coal dealers in the United States won't make their annual reductions of from fifty cents to a dollar a ton in coal on dates from April 1 to May 15. So the Federal Trade Commission today went on record as warning the dealers that there is plenty of coal in the country and plenty of facilities to distribute it; and that if they fail to make their regular deductions they will be answerable to the commission. New York dealers announced they wouldn't make their annual 50 cent reduction beginning Monday. That was before the commission spoke, however.

NO GOODS CONTAINING ENEMY ALIEN LABOR CAN BE IMPORTED

London, March 30.—After today no goods of neutral manufacture, in the production of which materials and labor of enemy origin amounting to more than 5 per cent of the cost have been used, will be admitted into the United Kingdom except under license.

Government Accepts Big Publicity Plan

Tremendous Advertising Resources of Country Given Government to Speed Up Enlistments.

Washington, March 30.—(United Press)—The vast advertising resources of the United States—the most modern in the world—are at the disposal of the government for the purpose of recruiting a huge army and navy "or for any other purpose the government may decide necessary."

A committee of five men, representing every channel of advertising in America, came to Washington yesterday to tender the services of their profession to the government and they were promptly accepted by Secretaries Daniels and Baker.

Plans are on foot for a tremendous advertising campaign such as Great Britain conducted and through which Kitchener recruited his millions. The campaign contemplates the use of newspaper columns, billboards, street-car spaces, art posters and every advertising channel in existence.

Girls Who Will Sell Flags.

Girls will sell flags today meeting all trains and selling at all business houses and public places. Following are given the names of the girls who will participate: Misses Gladys Curry, Frederika Schilke, Florence Lynch, and Lorraine Staley.

YOUNG WOMEN ARE FORMING HONOR GUARD

GROUP OF FORTY-FIVE MEET AT Y. M. C. A. AND HEAR DR. HOLT'S LECTURE.

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" OPENS THE SESSION

Dr. Holt Explains That Many and Useful Duties May Be Performed by Young Women in Time of War and Peace—Other Lectures Will Follow—Young Women of the City Invited to Join the Honor Guard

A group of 45 young women of La Grande, consisting of the older high school girls, high school graduates, college girls, and young women engaged in various positions, met at the Y. M. C. A. last evening to hear the correspondence received from the Oregon State Manager Miss Lucille Danforth of the National Girls' Honor guard. This meeting was the third that has been held and a 50 per cent gain has been noted at each meeting, the indications are that the next meeting which will be announced through the Observer will reach a large number.

The correspondence was read by Miss Naomi Kirtley and was received with considerable interest.

Miss Danforth wrote of the duties that may fall upon the shoulders of the honor guard and as Dr. Holt expressed it, "they are many and useful." With regular attendance and serious consideration to all the lectures, the girls can win a coveted diploma and be of real service to their country in time of war or peace. It will be necessary for the girls to understand bandaging and the making of the same, care for the wounded and sick, making of beds, the right kind of food, and scores of other details.

The meeting opened last evening with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, with all the girls standing. The point of interest was the lecture by Dr. R. E. L. Holt and the thorough interest was displayed by the large number of the girls taking notes from the doctor's talk.

Dr. Holt wasted no time with preliminaries, he launched into his favorite subject "bacteriology" and for nearly one hour the "germ" found that he surely had one enemy in Dr. Holt; the lecture was so practical that it was understood by all. Dr. Holt dealt with infections, the cause of so many deaths with the soldiers in the Civil and Spanish American wars, the sterilization of instruments, bandages, clothes and many other essentials. He spoke of the duties that might fall upon the girls in La Grande in case of war. The lecture was indeed a good start.

At the next meeting which will be announced later, the young ladies of the city are cordially invited to attend and join the Honor Guard.

Haynes Service Man Here.

C. W. Hull, Haynes service man, was in the city yesterday on the first of several service trips which he will make to this territory this automobile season. The Haynes company has inaugurated these visits to protect Haynes owners here.

O. W. R. & N. SECTION HAND WAS BURIED TODAY

Baker, March 30.—(Special)—The funeral of Joseph Francis, the section hand who was fatally injured Tuesday morning while working on the O. W. R. & N. railway a few miles east of the city was held from the Welch chapel at 10 o'clock today. Rev. A. R. Willett conducted the services.

Mr. Francis is survived by his wife and eight children: Mrs. Tony Silvers and Henry, Bessie, Lilly, June, Beulah, Robert and Pearl Francis. They reside at Thirteenth and Auburn streets.

R. Restina, who was injured shortly before Mr. Francis, is reported to be on the road to recovery today.

GERMANS HAVE NOW REACHED THEIR NEW LINE

BERLIN ADMITS RETIREMENT BEFORE SUPERIOR FORCES OF BRITISH.

FRENCH REPORTS TELL OF SCATTERED FIGHTING

British Are Making Preparations for Attack at Various Points Designed to Keep the Germans Busy and to Hide the Real Point of Determined Attack—Russians Tell of Heavy Fighting.

BY PERRY ARNOLD

New York, March 30.—(United Press)—An official statement from the front gave fresh proof that the German retreat had reached the Hindenburg line.

The French reported scattered fighting. General Haid didn't report.

Berlin admitted the retirement before superior British forces. Attacks and preparation for attack at various points are probably feints designed to keep Germans busy and hide the real point of determined attack.

Petrograd officially reports heavy fighting, featured by gas attacks.

Third Oregon Is In Camp at Vancouver

Portland, Mar. 30.—(United Press)—The Third Oregon regiment is mobilized at the Vancouver barracks.

The Portland units of the militia paraded the down-town streets before thousands at noon, and then left for Vancouver.

The upstate companies arrived at Vancouver during the day.

Two hundred and fifty men were recruited in thirty-two hours.

The regiment is still four hundred and fifty short of war strength. The army and navy recruiting here is increasing daily.

The Woodburn company was recruited to one hundred, Salem to one hundred and fourteen, Dallas to one hundred and twelve.

Schulderman Will Not Be Receiver

Salem, Or., Mar. 30.—H. G. Schulderman, state corporation commissioner, announced today that, because of his duties as a public official, he will be unable to assume the receivership of the Provident Trust company, to which he was recently appointed.

I. O. O. F. Grand Chaplain Visits.

Wallowa, Ore., March 30.—(Special)—Monday evening Wallowa lodge, No. 154, I. O. O. F., was officially visited by Grand Chaplain F. L. Hubbard. After the business session of the lodge the doors were thrown open to Rebekahs and invited guests. The program consisted of selections by the high school orchestra, songs, readings and an address on Oddfellowship by Mr. Hubbard. Games were played and refreshments served.

Big Festival Fund.

Portland, March 30.—(Special)—Portland is going to raise \$25,000 for the Rose Festival June 13, 14 and 15. E. E. Larrimore is president.

To Get Branch Bank.

Washington, March 30.—(Special)—The federal reserve board was said today to have decided upon the establishment of a branch of the San Francisco reserve bank. Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Los Angeles and other Pacific Coast cities are under consideration for the branch.

GERMANS SHOW SIGNS OF INABILITY TO HOLD PRISONERS

Six Coaches Upset, Passengers Are Hurt

Cincinnati, Mar. 30.—(United Press)—Six steel coaches of the Royal Palm Flyer, running from Jacksonville to Chicago, upset near here, injuring a number of passengers. A broken rail was said to be responsible for the wreck.

Weapon Is Taken Away From Convict

Salem, March 30.—(United Press)—Emory James, a penitentiary guard, took an ugly weapon made from iron and wrapped in cloth from Frank White, a convict. White was indicted by the Marion County grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to kill, after an attack on John Walton, another convict.

Listen To Screech From The Wheat Pit

Chicago, March 30.—(United Press)—The food supply of the nation is endangered, is a wheat pit cry. Thousands of acres of winter wheat were plowed up in the middle west.

War Department Adds 2000 Militia

Washington, March 30.—(United Press)—The war department added approximately two thousand militiamen to the forty-five thousand called out last week.

Federal Loan Over-Subscribed.

Washington, March 30.—(United Press)—The \$50,000,000 loan to the government from the 12 federal reserve banks was 33 1-3 per cent over-subscribed, according to an announcement late today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Subscriptions from the 12 banks totaled \$66,000,000.

Allotments to the banks were: New York, \$20,000,000; Philadelphia, \$3,500,000; Chicago, \$5,000,000; Boston, \$3,000,000; Richmond, \$2,000,000; Atlanta, \$1,500,000; St. Louis, \$2,500,000; Minneapolis, \$2,000,000; Kansas City, \$2,500,000; Dallas, \$2,000,000; San Francisco \$2,500,000.

Governor Asks All Men to Question No Man's Loyalty

Salem, Ore., March 29.—Governor Withycombe has issued the following appeal to the citizens of Oregon:

"I do most earnestly implore the people of Oregon to refrain from the discussion of the loyalty of any of our citizens. Unfounded rumors in these strenuous times may prove extremely disastrous to the best interests of any community. This is a time for sober thought and guarded words. Impugn no man's patriotism until you are positive that he is not conducting himself as a loyal American citizen.

"Every heart should be fervent in prayer to Almighty God that this impending crisis may be averted, but if it must come we must meet it as patriotic American citizens."

BRITISH BELIEVE THEIR OP-
PONENTS ARE GRADUALLY
GROWING WEAKER.

NUMEROUS FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS REPORTED

French Civilians Report Dissatisfaction Is Spreading Among the German Soldiers—The Latter Complain of Brutal Treatment—Folks at Home Are Regarded as "Cattle"—Situation Is Said To Be Akin to Russian.

BY WILLIAM PHILLIPS SIMMS.

With the British Army in France, March 30.—British officers saw new signs of Germans' uncertain ability to hold new defensive positions.

The belief is based on reports of numerous fires and a series of explosions.

French civilians reported increasing dissatisfaction spreading among the German soldiers.

The situation, according to the German soldiers, is to akin the Russian situation before revolution.

Soldiers are treated live dogs. The home folk are regarded as mere cattle.

French inhabitants declare the Germans often say "when the war is completed, those responsible must suffer."

The British troops are forging steadily ahead, much interested in the American developments.

Consular Agents Are Freed by Germans

Washington, March 30.—(United Press)—Germany has freed all but one United States consular officer detained since the break. He is expected to be released immediately.

GERMAN SUBS DESTROY HUGE NO. OF SHIPS

Amsterdam, Mar. 30.—(United Press)—Admiral Von Capalle, confidentially informed the Reichstag main committee that the total shipping submarined in February was seven hundred and eighty-one thousands tons. A Berlin dispatch stated.

PARLIAMENT CLOSES ITS BAR WITH PUBLIC ONES

London, March 30.—(United Press)—Parliament after long solemn deliberation, has decided that the bar in connection with the House shall close at the same hours that public bars close. The result is expected to be some inconvenience, causing certain members to take a drink before making a speech, instead of after as has been their custom.

W. C. Frohman, of Sawyer-Holmes Co., said today that hay was scarce but could still be had. The price stands at about \$22 at La Grande at the present time.

THE WEATHER

Portland, March 30.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: Oregon—Partly cloudy, easterly winds.