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BRITISH HURL BACK GERMAN LINES U. S. WILL ISSUE \$7,000,000,000 IN BONDS AND NOTES

GENERAL HAIG CONTINUES TO PUSH FORWARD ON BIG FRONT

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TROOPS ARE ELATED BY THEIR VICTORY

Confident of Their Superior Strength, They Pour Forward Despite Freezing, Blustery Weather—British Artillery Forces Germans to Retreat—Canadians Hold Vimy Ridge In Spite of Tremendous Effort to Dislodge Them.

BY WM. PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMY AFIELD, April 11.—(United Press)—General Haig's forces penetrated the German line to a depth of five miles east of Arras.

With the sweep forward the strength of the British offensive increased with each battering of the enemy line. The push continued today along fifty miles of battlefront.

Elated by their victories, confident of their superior strength, secure in the perfect co-ordination of all arms of the service, the British poured forward in waves, despite the freezing, blustery weather and bursts of blinding storms.

The British artillery turned German positions into muck and the Germans were forced to retreat.

German prisoners declared the British fire was so cyclonic that many officers fled for their lives.

Vimy Ridge, the Canadians' prize, is still more firmly held. A tremendous effort of the German commanders to dislodge the British from the heights failed. The British were able to advance north and south of Vimy Ridge despite the most violent German defense.

The depth of penetration of the German line hints at actual breaking.

AMERICAN ON BOARD LINER WHICH SANK

Washington, April 11.—(United Press)—Consul Frost, of Queenstown, reported the sinking of the Wilson liner Salmo on April 7th. An American, Michael Piorun, was aboard.

Crack! Out Go The Safe Hits Today

New York, April 11.—(United Press)—Sixteen teams of the American and National leagues open their season today. Weather was excellent. Extraordinary attendance during all the season is expected because baseball offers a diversion from war.

GERMANS ARE MOBILIZING IN CHILE, REPORT

Reservists Are Reported Assembling for Service in Mexico, It Is Reported

Santiago, Chile, April 11.—(United Press)—Mobilization of German reservists here for service "in Mexico" is reported.

Allied ministers will notify their respective governments.

NO SOLDIER TO HAVE DEPENDENTS

New York, April 11.—(United Press)—Orders were received from military headquarters to discharge all guardsmen with dependents "whether they wish discharge or not."

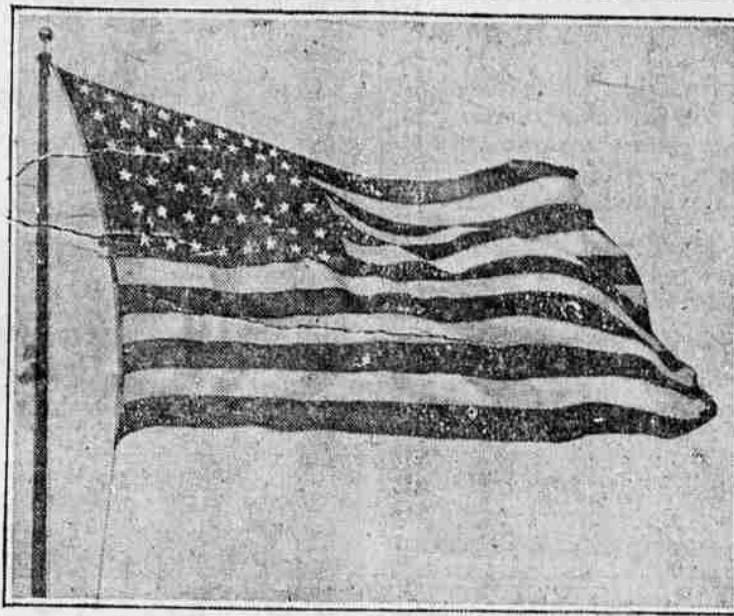
ARGENTINE WILL CONTINUE NEUTRAL

Buenos Aires, April 11.—(United Press)—Argentina formally "recognized the justice" of America's war declaration but announced strict continuance as neutral.

BALFOUR IS TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

Foreign Secretary of Great Britain Will Go On a Special Mission To U. S. A.

London, April 11.—(United Press)—Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour leaves soon for Washington on a "special mission," it is officially announced. During his absence Lord Cecil will be acting foreign secretary.



THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

"I pledge allegiance to my flag, and to the Republic for which it stands—one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

COUNTY IS TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS

Meeting Will Be Held Monday Night At the City Hall To Discuss Plans

Union county will have a Red Cross organization that will be a successful one, because of the manner in which it will be organized.

For some time several organizations have been talking about the organization of a chapter in La Grande, but it remained for the Neighborhood club to suggest the only sensible way. At their regular meeting yesterday, it was suggested that a general call be issued inviting all organizations interested in the movement, to meet next Monday night at the City hall, at which time the possibility of an organization will be discussed.

With one large vital working organization in the county much good can be accomplished. An organization in the county can send representatives. The meeting will be an open one. The purpose of the Neighborhood club as outlined by the president, Mrs. Ray Logan, this morning was to issue the call and try and interest all the organizations, such as the W. C. T. U., the Eastern Star, the City, the Y. M. C. A., the lodges, the Commercial club, the Tuesday Business Men's Luncheon club, out of town organizations, and all the churches in the city and the county and other organized groups.

An effort will be made to secure detailed information regarding the formation of the chapter and it is hoped by the club that a Red Cross Representative can be secured for the meeting.

The tentative organization started by the Y. M. C. A. has been discontinued and merged with this much greater movement, the secretary of the association urges all members interested in the Red Cross work to become members and subscribe to the Red Cross magazine when the opportunity is given.

PRESIDENT ASKS ACTION

Washington, April 11.—(United Press)—The President conferred with Congressional leaders today.

He demanded immediate action on the war bill and other war legislation.

MONEY AND BRAINS ARE HELD TOO HIGH

Dr. Fulkerson Delivers Stirring Address On Evils of Modern American Civilization

Dr. Fulkerson, twenty years a missionary in Japan, delivered a stirring address at the Methodist church last evening to a fair sized audience on the dangers of Christian nations depending upon intellectual forces to redeem humanity, giving as his opinion that the church itself has lost its moorings, its power and influence because it has placed money and brains before Christ as the Saviour of the world.

He portrayed vividly the failure of Modern Civilization as a preventive of crime in our own country and showed that more restrictive laws were passed during 1916 than in any previous years of our nation's history; that during the past year the United States of America leaped to second place in the world in number of divorces, Japan taking the lead. And made a stirring appeal to make Christ enthroned in the heart. He closed by describing a revival in Kiukiang, China, where a millionaire, a coolie woman and a Harvard graduate all knelt together at the altar seeking Christ.

DEATH ROLL IN BIG EXPLOSION IS NOW 140

Many of the Injured Died During the Night Accurate Count Is Impossible

Philadelphia, April 11.—(United Press)—The most reliable estimates of dead at the Eddystone munitions explosion place the death roll at one hundred and forty. Many of the injured died during the night. Over one hundred and fifty were injured. An accurate count was impossible. It is feared many more bodies are in the ruins. A minute search was made today.

GOVERNMENT WILL BORROW SEVEN BILLIONS FOR THE WAR

American Flag May Fly on French Front

Paris, April 11.—(United Press)—The United States uniform and American flag may soon be in action on the French front. Since the war was decided the Lafayette Air Squadron, composed almost exclusively of American aviators, has been formed and may wear the American army uniform and the American flags may be painted on aeroplanes.

U. S. WILL WORK WITH THE ALLIES

Conferences of Secretaries of War Will Be Held To Protect Shipments of Food Etc.

Washington, April 11.—(United Press)—Secretaries of War conferences will be held both here and abroad concerning the initial cooperation between England, France and the United States toward safeguarding all shipments of food stuffs and other supplies.

As the war progresses the conferences will take larger scope providing means of cooperation on a large scale.

Conferences between the United States and the Allied officials have been progressing for some time, it is learned.

Mrs. Harlin Stewart of Union and son Milo are in the city today.

BRAZIL CUTS OFF RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

General Public Rejoicing Greeted Announcement—Newspapers Demand War

Rio de Janeiro, April 11.—(United Press)—General public rejoicing greeted Brazil's announcement that a formal severance of German diplomatic relations had taken place. Resignation of Foreign Minister Muller was demanded because of his German descent. The newspapers demand war.

Majority Leader Kitchin Introduces Administration Bill, Authorizing \$5,000,000,000 In Bonds and \$2,000,000,000 In Treasury Certificates To Be Issued.

ALLIES' LOAN WILL BE THREE BILLIONS

Bonds Will Bear Three and a Half Per Cent Interest—Allies' Bonds Bearing the Same Rate of Interest Will Be Purchased—An Issue of \$63,000,000 Will Be Used To Redeem Three Per Cent Loan of 1908 Maturing in 1918.

Washington, April 11.—(United Press)—Majority Leader Kitchin introduced the administration bill authorizing issuance of five billion dollars worth of government bonds and two billion dollars worth of treasury certificates.

The ways and means committee reported favorably. The bill is expected to pass the House Friday.

The bonds bear three and half per cent interest and are offered at par for public subscription. Three billion dollars will be used to buy three and half per cent bonds of the Allies.

The bill also authorizes a sixty-three million dollar issue, to redeem the three per cent loan of nineteen eight maturing in nineteen eighteen.

THE WEATHER

Portland, April 11.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Showers, southerly winds."

U. S. MAY TAKE OVER RAILROAD OWNED BOATS

Seventy-Five Vessels Which Now Ply In Coast-Wise Trade Are Affected

Washington April 11.—(United Press)—Government operation of all railroad-owned and waterline boats was discussed at a meeting of railroad officials before the National Defense Council.

The action would add seventy-five vessels immediately to the government fleet. The boats affected ply in coastwise service.