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WAR PREPARATIONS ARE HURRIED, SENATE WORKING ON BOND BILL

With Little Discussion Senate Finance Committee Reports Favorably the Seven Billion Loan Measure—It Will Be Rushed Through Senate Tomorrow or Wednesday.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL IS PASSED

This Measure Makes Available Immediately One Hundred Million Dollars for the National Defense—It Was Sent Immediately To the House For Consideration.

Washington, April 16.—(United Press)—War preparations are being hurried.

With little discussion and no opposition the Senate finance committee reported favorably the seven billion dollar bond bill.

The measure will be rushed through the Senate tomorrow or Wednesday. Senator Simmons said three minor amendments would be added.

The Senate adopted unanimously the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill, making available immediately one hundred million dollars for National defense.

It was immediately sent to the House.

House Passes Bill.

Washington, April 16.—(United Press)—The House this afternoon passed the general deficiency bill, providing for a hundred million dollar war chest.

RADIO LICENSES ARE SUSPENDED

Washington, April 16.—(United Press)—Secretary Daniels announced suspension of all licenses for short radio stations.

BERNHARDT SERIOUSLY ILL IN N. Y.

On Account Of Her Advanced Age Alarm Is Felt—Condition Is Better Today

New York, April 16.—(United Press)—Sarah Bernhardt is seriously ill here. She is suffering from an infection of the kidneys. Owing to her advanced age, concern is felt. Her condition is somewhat improved over yesterday.

Ernest DeLong Elected.

At the meeting of the Grande Ronde National Farm Loan association last Saturday afternoon Ernest DeLong was elected as director in place of Turner Oliver, who was compelled to resign because of his connections with the Loan bank of Spokane.

It is reported that the number of applicants has been very large; the funds supplying these are expected in a month.

Red Cross Meeting Tonight, City Hall

This evening the city hall will be the scene of a mass meeting of clubs and organizations of Union county for the purpose of organizing the Union County Red Cross society. W. W. Hush, Pacific coast representative, will be present and will take charge of the meeting. All are invited and are urged to be present at 8:30 at which time the meeting will begin.

BRYAN TELLS PRESIDENT HE WILL HELP

At Half An Hour's Conference He Says He Will Serve On the U. S. Firing Line

Washington, April 16.—(United Press)—William Jennings Bryan personally told the President he's for anything the government wants in pushing the war to a quick and successful end. "During the conference with the President lasting over half hour he told the President he was willing to serve on the firing line, or anywhere else the President wants him."

Union County Boys And Girls To Help

Garden Corn and Pig Clubs Will Be Organized—Girls Will Sew and Can.

Mr. L. P. Harrington, industrial field worker from the state superintendent's office is in Union county this week at the request of County Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe to assist in promoting agricultural and industrial work among the school children of the county. "We may increase the food production and at the same time give our young people some very valuable lessons in the common and practical things of life, lessons that all should have," says Mr. Harrington.

"The work for the state is so planned that every county can have some special projects or kinds of work that can be done well by and in which the young people will be interested. They have a chance to select from the following: Corn growing, potato raising, gardening, poultry keeping, (four divisions), dairy herd record keeping, baking, sewing, canning (fruits and vegetables) farm and home handicraft and rural home beautification and others. The work is organized, advisers appointed and the lessons are sent from the Oregon Agricultural College. All literature is franked to and from the club members. Young people between the ages of nine (9) and nineteen (19) may join these clubs. High school boys and girls may do more advanced work along similar lines. These young people compete for excellent prizes offered. The capital prize in each project being a free trip to Corvallis and two weeks membership in the College Summer School. The expense of all these prizes is paid by donation from interested business men and firms who believe in the work. It we would have our sons and daughters, not only become more efficient but at the same time help when the call has gone out for greater food production, we should give our support to this state-wide movement. County Superintendent, Mrs. Ivanhoe, has been giving support to this kind of work but feels more than ordinary

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The Super-Dreadnought Nevada

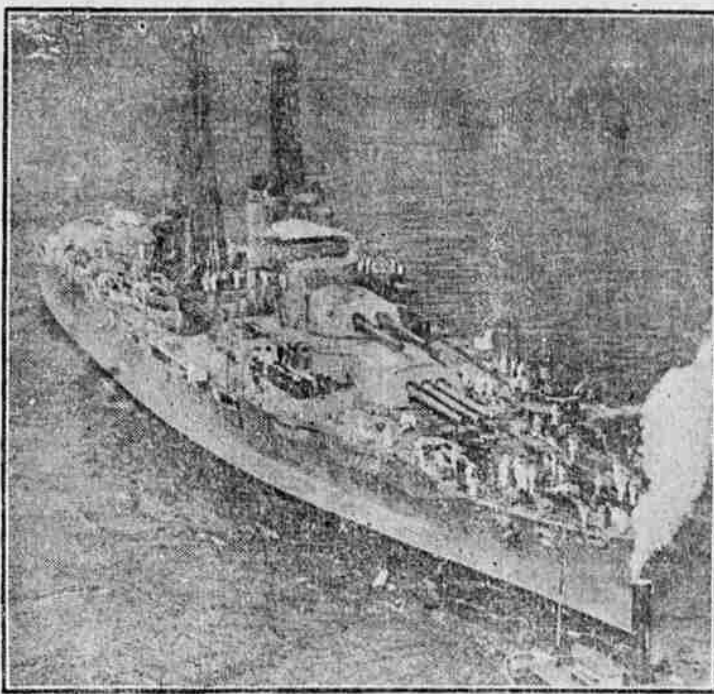


Photo by American Press Association.
The chief features of the Nevada are the great triple turrets, two of them each mounting three fourteen-inch guns, while the smaller turrets each mount two of the fourteen inch guns. Her speed is twenty-one knots. Her belt armor is thirteen and one-half inches thick. She has a displacement of 27,500 tons.

BRITISH ARE ENCIRCLING CITY OF LENS

By WM. PHILLIP SIMMS
With the British Army in France, April 16.—(United Press)—The British fought their way forward outside St. Quentin and Lens, mostly north of Lens, and captured the village of Troisauvages.

Around three sides of Lens the British are fighting the Germans fiercely and slowly encircling the city.

Strong German attacks at Monchy Le Preux failed. British artillery concentrated fire on their massed attacks.

FEUD OF OIL KINGS ENDED BY DEATH

New York, April 16.—(United Press)—The seventeen-year-old feud between John D. Rockefeller and his brother, Frank, ended today with death. The billionaire oil king announced he would attend his brother's funeral.

Business Men's Luncheon.

George Gilbert will be chairman of the Business Men's luncheon tomorrow. The Neighborhood club has accepted an invitation to be present. Reservations should be phoned to the Foley hotel.

Gun Club Makes Good Scores at Shoot

The local Gun club scored high in the regular shoot of the Oregonian contest yesterday, making 114 out of 125 possible points. The club was billed to shoot against Salem but through some misunderstanding the Salem club failed to compete.

The members of the club made the following scores: L. Rayburn 25, H. Becker 23, Geo. Young 23, F. C. Ryder 22, Claud Mackey 21, B. W. Hughes 21, L. J. Johnson 21, C. Becker 19, and F. M. Slagel 7.

FRENCH ARE STARTING BIG SPRING DRIVE

Offensive Movement Is Timed To Aid the British Activity At Many Points

Paris, April 16.—(United Press)—France's big offensive, timed to synchronize with the British "push" may be starting. Today's official statement indicated violent artillery preparation along the Champagne front near Ancreas a French drive toward St. Quentin, bitter fighting south of the Oise, and serious, terrific smashes in Alsace-Lorraine.

BALFOUR IS TO ARRIVE WEDNESDAY

Washington, April 16.—(United Press)—The British Foreign Minister, Arthur Balfour, will arrive in the United States Wednesday when the Allied commissioners of both the English and French will be received formally at the White House.

Lord Balfour is expected to arrange for conscription of British subjects in the United States or voluntary enlistment in the British armies. This is known on unquestioned authority. Unnaturalized British only are affected.

America's part in the world war will be definitely determined on at the conference.

Boston, April 16.—(United Press)—It is reported the welcome committee for the Allies commission are in Boston. Their arrival was kept secret.

GERMANY IS STARTING PEACE MOVE IN MANY COUNTRIES

Austria Believes in Chance of Peace

Amsterdam, April 16.—(United Press)—Austria regards a "basis of understanding" as capable of being reached easily in view of the identical beliefs of Austria and Russia as shown in a Russian provisional government's recent statements.

JAPAN HAS NO REPORTS OF SUBMARINES

Rumors of Divers in the Pacific Continue But Are Not Confirmed By Authorities

San Francisco, April 16.—(United Press)—Japan does not believe submarines are in the Pacific, according to a Tokio dispatch quoting the Minister of Marine.

Captain Gilmore, commanding the twelfth naval district reiterated his previous statement that divers were reported, but the reports were not confirmed.

Big Day For The Moose

Wednesday, April 18, is expected to be a red letter day in the annals of Moosehood in La Grande, as La Grande Lodge No. 850 is arranging to make a grand finish of the open charter and contest for members on that date. In connection with the big class that will be initiated that evening, which initiation will be held at the hall commencing at 7:00 o'clock and the work finished by 8:30 by the Pendleton lodge, the Moose will give their Fifth Annual ball, which will commence at 9 o'clock and last until 1 o'clock, after which a reception will be given visiting and home members and their ladies in the lodge hall.

The dance will be held in the new Eagle's hall (former Elks home) where the floor has been put in excellent condition for tripping the light fantastic. This part of the program will be public and all are invited to attend. There will be no regular band dance for that evening as the Elks band orchestra has been engaged to play for the Moose.

The different committees in charge of affairs announce that all is complete to show everyone a good time. Dancers will be charged 75 cents, ladies free. As spectators will be entitled to punch, the card tables, etc., if they desire, the charge has been placed at 25 cents for them.

Unless arrangements fail at Pendleton the lodge there expects to come over in a special train and make things lively about town, not only for those who have escaped the Moose so far, but in the way of introducing a few Pendleton "hoosts" as well.

LATER—Word has reached La Grande that the special train is assured so Pendleton will be over as expected.

Song Service is Held at the Y M C A

At the men's meeting held yesterday at the Y. M. C. A. a good social song service was enjoyed by the members and the soldiers in attendance. The men put lots of pep and vim in their singing and it was really one of the best song services ever held in the Y. There are so many good singers among the boys of Company M, especially from the Williamette university, that their presence is always desired at the meetings. Rev. H. L. Ford the speaker of the meeting gave an excellent talk on "Manhood."

She Will Ask Peace On Her Own Terms, Although Somewhat Modified—Is Also Trying To Maneuver Allies Into Asking For Peace.

OVERTURES TO U. S. HAVE BEEN MADE

Suggestion Is Reported To Have Come That President Would Do Well To Send Colonel House to the Hague—Germany Is Using Socialists to Communicate With Socialists of Belligerent Countries.

Copenhagen, April 16.—(United Press)—Germany is actively seeking peace talk in all belligerent countries. She will ask peace on her own terms, although they are somewhat modified.

Germany is trying to maneuver the Allies into asking peace. This as established by information from high sources, is an ambitious one, world-wide in scope.

Positive confirmation of overtures from Berlin to the United States is reported. It was stated that the President would do well to send Colonel House to The Hague.

The main intrigue whereby German hopes to establish peace is through the socialists. Socialistic leaders have been allowed to communicate with the Russian Socialists. Drastic rules have been suspended for the Socialists' benefit.

Germany evidently is exerting tremendous influence through the Socialists for a separate peace.

Summerville Boys Enlist.
Six Summerville boys have answered the call of their colors. They have enlisted in all branches of service. They are Burr Cantrell, "Shorty" Oswald, Burrell Anderson, Billy Needham, Ralph Likes and Herber Conrad. All are well known young men of that community.

WAR AND ANTI-WAR RIOTS IN ARGENTINE

Pacifists and Anti-Pacifists Have Battle in Buenos Aires—Germans Object of Attack

By CHAS. P. STEWART
Buenos Aires, April 16.—(United Press)—Argentine seethed with war and anti-war demonstrations today.

Buenos Aires pacifists had a pitched battle with pro-war advocates. The pacifists won. Pacifists plan a monster demonstration this afternoon. Practically all the provinces reported disturbances.

Anti-German demonstrations probably caused some deaths.

The German legation, Kaiserhof Hotel, and German Club were attacked. Many were injured.