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WHAT UNCLE SAM HAS DONE SO FAR

Six Weeks Since War Was Declared.

HUGE SUMS APPROPRIATED

Congress, the Council of National Defense, the Navy Department, the Shipping Board, the Treasury and Department of Agriculture Have Been Busy Since April 2.

About six weeks have passed since congress resolved that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany. During this time the country has been at war, but not in it.

When President Wilson read to congress his historic war message on April 2 he outlined in very broad terms the lines governmental activity must take in the prosecution of war as follows:

The utmost practical co-operation with the entente allies.

The most liberal financial credits to the government of the United States and, to the other governments fighting Germany.

The organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.

Immediate and full equipment of the navy.

Conscription for the great new armies which must be raised.

Appropriations of money, sustained as far as possible by taxation.

What follows is a summary of things done and steps taken by the United States government in its participation in the great war, classified according to the sources of initiative:

By Congress.

United States treasury authorized to sell \$5,000,000,000 3 1/2 per cent war loan bonds and \$2,000,000,000 war loan notes, making a total of \$7,000,000,000, of which \$3,000,000,000 shall be loaned to the allies as required.

Principle of military conscription accepted. Selective draft bill passed by both houses.

War tax bill in hand. Draconic censorship bill.

By Council of National Defense.

Munitions board created. Economy board created. Industrial resources of the country surveyed and classified.

Herbert C. Hoover retained as special adviser in the field of sustenance.

Transportation system co-ordinated for war service and plans perfected for placing it on a war basis.

By the War Department.

The general staff's big army bill presented to congress. Steps taken to recruit the regular army meanwhile to full strength.

Steps taken to recruit the national guard to full strength, which would mean 329,954 men and 9,847 officers.

Country divided into six military departments instead of four. General Wood sent from New York to Charleston.

Lewis machine guns to cost \$13,000,000 ordered. Six hospitals ordered to Europe. Fourteen camps designated for training officers.

By the Navy Department.

Contracts awarded for fifteen destroyers and a considerable fleet of submarine chasers. Steps taken to mobilize private craft.

English naval vessels relieved from patrol duty off the North American coast.

Steps taken to recruit all branches of service to full strength. Plans adopted for a fleet base at Hampton Roads to cost \$3,000,000.

By the Shipping Board.

Scheme for wholesale building of wooden ships adopted. Some contracts let. Goethals put in charge of the work. Feasibility of scheme as originally cast now in question. First plan in abeyance.

All interned German ships seized. Now going rapidly into service.

Bill prepared to give government control of all American ships and ship-building facilities.

By the Treasury.

Under terms of the war loan bill \$300,000,000 treasury certificates have been sold and the proceeds loaned to the allies—to England \$200,000,000 and to Italy \$100,000,000. Further advances either have been or will be immediately made to France and Russia and probably to Belgium and Serbia.

Public offering of \$2,000,000,000 United States 3 1/2 per cent war bonds as a popular "liberty loan."

By Department of Agriculture.

Plans developed for mobilizing the country's agricultural resources. Campaign of education in food conservation.

Agriculturists exhorted to increase production.

Food committees and councils organized in nearly all the states at the instance of Secretary Houston.

Plans developed for co-operation between the department of agriculture and the department of labor, to the end of increasing the supply of farm labor.

Bills prepared and sent to congress giving the government almost unlimited economic power to control the production and distribution of food, to fix prices and even to prohibit the use of grain in brewing.

U BOAT MENACE IS GREAT WAR CRISIS

Experts Are Hopeful That Remedy Will Be Found.

PERIL NOT YET OVERCOME

Announcement to the Contrary Has Proved Premature—Germany May Yet Send Submarines to Our Shores and Endanger All Export and Import Trade.

The menace of the German submarine grows more serious daily. It has now developed into the crisis of the conflict. Unless some means are found within the next three months of combating or circumventing it the cause of the allies will become imperiled. U boats are performing on a grand scale what is equivalent in land operations to cutting an enemy's lines of communication and supply in the rear. Military history shows that, while this strategy is not necessarily fatal, it involves grave danger and requires radical realignment.

So far England, France and Italy are the sufferers, but if submarine warfare develops in the next six months as rapidly as it has in the past six months then the United States is certain to feel its effects. The range of its activities can be extended from the present limited zones around England and in the Mediterranean to the American coast. This possibility is causing concern to our own naval authorities.

Secretary Lane's warning on the gravity of the situation was not lightly uttered nor without reasons.

Many Suggestions Offered.

It is now known that the announcement of W. L. Saunders in New York that the problem had been solved is more of a hope than a reality. His statements were not supported or confirmed by government authorities in Washington.

A large number of suggestions and plans have been submitted, and more are coming in every day, but none of them has yet passed beyond the theoretical or experimental stage.

The proposals may be roughly divided into two general classifications—namely, devices for destruction of U boats and methods of circumventing or minimizing their destructiveness. In the first class are innumerable inventions for offensive weapons and armament, including deadly electrical apparatus. A sample of the second class is the plan for constructing large numbers of wooden vessels to run the blockade.

Secrecy very properly surrounds all these proposals, and the government intends to maintain strict silence about them until actual results are obtained. Germany would like nothing better than to know in advance just what the allies have up their sleeves or intend doing. Severe censorship has been imposed on any further official or semi-official utterances like that of Mr. Saunders.

Losses May Soon Be Felt Here.

Submarine destruction of merchant ships even if confined to the European barred zones will soon be felt indirectly in the United States. The loss so far has fallen only on England, France and Italy through sinking of supplies consigned to them.

Within a short time, however, commerce throughout the world will be curtailed. England will be obliged to draw in her ships now engaged in foreign trade for the greater necessity of directly supplying herself and her armies. This will reduce the tonnage now employed in carrying cargoes of certain commodities which the United States imports, such as wool from England and her possessions, hides from Argentina, tin from the Straits Settlements and rubber from the far east and South America. A very large part of this trade is carried in British bottoms.

If German submarines should dash across the ocean and raid commerce along the American coast there would be a panic in these particular commodity markets. The effect on our exports of foodstuffs, cotton and munitions would be equally disastrous.

ADVENTISTS NOT TO FIGHT.

Notify War Department Their Religion Forbids Army Service.

Seventh Day Adventists have notified the war department that their religion will not allow them to participate in the war between the United States and Germany.

The declaration adopted by the executive committee of the North American division conference sets forth that, although believing in the principles upon which this government is founded and acknowledging that it should receive the support of its citizens, the Adventists are "compelled to decline all participation in acts of war and bloodshed as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our Divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind."

Gold Lace Laid Aside.

By official order the American army has gone into service uniforms of field khaki and olive drab for the period of the war. Full dress uniforms with their wealth of gold lace will be seen only at White House ceremonies and occasions specially designated. It is the custom of armies to put aside full dress uniforms in wartime.

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Joseph News Items

Joseph, June 4.—(Special)—Joseph was favored several times on Sunday, the 3rd day of June, with several brief and extremely cold snow storms. The farmers report that very little damage was done.

Advertising for the Union Stock show which will be held at Union on June 13, 14, 15 is in evidence in and around Joseph this week.

Ralph Stickney has just finished an addition to his house in South Joseph. T. H. Morelock returned Saturday from a business trip in Western Idaho.

Andy Rysow took possession of the house which he purchased recently from William Roup. Frank Bowman who has been occupying the house has moved into the old Streeter house.

The Joseph Auto company announce that they have ordered one car of Oakland autos and two cars of Chevrolets. These cars are expected to arrive in a few days.

L. L. Bunch and family were in town Saturday after a visit with Mr. Bunch's brother in Coos county.

H. L. Fisher made a business trip to Portland on Wednesday June 6th. A bouncing baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Foster on Monday.

The cases which were to be held to try the men who were arrested in connection with the recent "hoose raids" were dismissed.

Mrs. K. Fisk, of Imnaha, is in town this week getting orders for her cannery on the river.

Wesley Duncan is having his house moved several yards north of its old location and a concrete foundation installed.

George Hartvigsen, a local contractor and builder, announces that he has obtained the contract to remodel the stock yards at the Joseph depot and also the ones at Wallowa.

James Dalton on North Powder is in Joseph for a short visit.

Election day passed quietly in Joseph with very little interest. Four precincts handled the Joseph voters. The following judges and clerks officiated at the different polling places: Prec. No. 1—A. E. Pollock and Anna Leslie, judges. Harley Hamleton, Mrs. Geo. Cole and Clara Leslie, clerks. Prec. No. 2—Stanley Legore and Walt Beith, judges. Mrs. A. H. Rudd, Mrs. Aug. White and Alice Gilispie, clerks. Prec. No. 3—Mrs. C. G. Holst and Thos. Marks, judges. Ross Leslie, Thos. Rich and Frank Stevenson, clerks. Prec. No. 4—John Blevans and S. H. Bonner, judges. Mrs. Paul Wilson, Daisy Greenwood and Mr. Paul Wilson, clerks.

M. W. Morgan will leave the last of the week to visit his mother who resides at Okeada, Washington.

Electricity is successfully used for abating the nuisance of chemical fumes from metal refineries, smoke and coal dust, and fog.

In one of the largest hotels in the world, now building, all the cooking will be done with electric ranges costing thousands of dollars.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

AMALGAMATED SUGAR COMPANY, a private corporation, Plaintiff, vs. P. H. MARLEY and JESSIE V. MARLEY, his wife, if living, if not, then their unknown heirs, MARK A. BENSON and MRS. MARK A. BENSON, his wife, ELLA BAIRD and DAVID A. BAIRD, her husband, ROSCOE E. BENSON, and MOLLIE BENSON, his wife, and THE ALLIANCE TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED, a corporation; also all other persons, if any there be, claiming any right, title or interest in or to the real estate, or any part thereof, as

described in the complaint herein, defendants.

To P. H. Marley and Jessie V. Marley, his wife, if living, if not, then their unknown heirs, Mark A. Benson and Mrs. Mark A. Benson, his wife, Ella Baird and David A. Baird, her husband, Roscoe A. Benson, and Mollie Benson, his wife, and The Alliance Trust Company, Limited, a corporation; also all other persons, if any there be, claiming any right, title or interest in or to the real estate, or any part thereof, as described in the complaint herein, defendants:—

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court on or before the 5th day of July, 1917; and if you fail to so answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, viz:—the decree of the court that plaintiff is the owner in fee of the following described land and premises in Union County, Oregon, to-wit:— W 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 27; S 1-2 Sec. 34; SE 1-4 Sec. 28; NW 1-4 SW 1-4 and E 1-2 SE 1-4 Sec. 33, all in Twp. 3 S. R. 39 E. W. M., and, that the title thereto of plaintiff be quieted as against each and all of the above-named defendants and all of the unknown heirs, if any there be of either of them, and all other persons or parties unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in said described lands or any part thereof, and that the cloud or interest in said described lands or any part thereof, and that the cloud upon the N 1-2 SE 1-4 and SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 33 in Twp. 3 S. R. 39 E. W. M. made by a certain mortgage of record to defendant The Alliance Trust Company, Limited, a corporation, recorded August 2, 1893 on page 428 of Book O of the Mortgage Records of Union County, Oregon, be removed, cancelled and satisfied of record.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles of the above entitled court, made May 21, 1917, directing publication thereof, for six consecutive weeks and in the La Grande Evening Observer.

C. H. FINN,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
5-22, 29. 6-5, 12, 19, 26. 7-3.

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