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WAR ON AUSTRIA WILL DATE FROM TODAY NOON

RESOLUTION DECLARING STATE
OF WAR EXISTS IS
PREPARED

PASSAGE BY CONGRESS
IS NOW CERTAIN

House Will Pass Resolution Tomorrow—
Declaration Will Not Change
War Plans—Italy May Be Aided by
Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee introduced the administration resolution declaring a state of war exists between the United States and Austria from noon December 5.

The resolution empowers the president to use the entire naval and military forces of the United States, and all the government resources to fight the Austrians.

The foreign affairs committee formally approved the resolution this afternoon. The House is expected to pass the resolution tomorrow.

The Senate will receive the resolution when it convenes tomorrow. Its passage is certain.

Military men declared the declaration of war against Austria will not materially change the American war plans.

The American navy may aid the Italians in the Adriatic and the Mediterranean.

SALVATION ARMY READY TO MAKE ANY SACRIFICE

"There is no sacrifice to America's cause the Salvation Army is not prepared to make," today declared Ensign Florence Fogue in charge of the Salvation Army work in La Grande. "All that the Salvation Army has in men, women and property is at the disposal of our country. Our huts are springing up in France and adjacent to the cantonments in the United States. Our ambulances, manned by trained Salvationists, are working in the nation's service and our third contingent of men and women is on its way to the American front in France."

The Salvation Army already has expended more than \$1,000,000 in its various war activities and now is planning to raise an additional million in the west to aid in extending its work abroad and at home.

"Hotels and industrial homes operated throughout the United States by the Salvation Army," said the local officer, have been preferred to the government for war hospital service.

"At the front the Salvation Army now has 175 huts for social and religious gatherings, each in charge of an officer and his wife, in addition to 200 rest rooms equipped with newspapers, magazines and books. Seventy-seven hotels with sleeping accommodations for 4,000 soldiers have been established convenient to railway stations and ports. One of these, by courtesy of the city authorities of London, is in Trafalgar Square.

"Forty-eight motor ambulances, manned by Salvationists, have already handled 50,000 wounded men. Twelve ambulances have been placed in the hands of the United States for shipment to France and 15 more will be ready when required by the American forces.

"Many of the largest buildings of the Salvation Army in Europe and Canada are now being used for hospitals, convalescent homes, and as hotels for women whose homes have been destroyed. All of Canada's orthopaedic cases are being housed in the William Booth Memorial Training College a building preferred the government for that purpose. If there ever was a human repair shop, this hospital in North Toronto is one, with about 200 patients being fitted with artificial limbs and patched up in various ways.

"Thirty thousand Salvation Army members are fighting today with the British armies in addition to other thousands in the troops of other countries. Four have received the Victoria Cross, seven have received the distinguished service medal and one has been given the medal of the King of Serbia. Thirty-eight Salvationists have been appointed army chaplains, one holding the rank of major and the Victoria Cross for bravery in rescuing wounded soldiers.

In the war field are 820 Salvation Army officers, devoting their entire time to religious and social work among the soldiers. They have distributed 41,000 packages of food and clothing among the soldiers.

Rooms Needed For Convention Visitors

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE
OLDER BOYS COMING.

Accommodations Are Required for
One Hundred and Sixty
Immediately.

La Grande's statewide reputation as a convention city is in dire distress.

Commencing Friday, and continuing until Sunday night, La Grande is to entertain 225 older boys of Eastern Oregon.

About one-fifth of the necessary rooms and table accommodations are provided.

Between now and tomorrow night the other four-fifths accommodations must be provided or La Grande's well-earned reputation will go glimmering, for there will be no facilities available for entertaining the boys when they come to our fair city Friday morning.

Commercial Club Acts.

Every other feature in connection with the entertainment of the delegates to this, the seventh annual conference of Eastern Oregon Older Boys, is well in hand. Room and board only are now lacking. The La Grande Commercial club has stepped in to lend a hand in the matter knowing that the public, if aroused properly to the needs, will, in this, like the Liberty Loan and Y. M. C. A. drives, arise to the occasion splendidly.

Without any reticency, let it be said that La Grande doors must be thrown open for the occasion and right now. Public pride as an entertaining community demands it.

Offers Taken on Telephone.

Tomorrow morning between 9:00 and noon, the Commercial club hopes to complete the arrangements left undone until the last moment. A. W. Nelson, chairman of the Commercial Club committee, and A. C. Hampton, representing the local boys' committee, will receive telephone offers for room and board or either alone, between 9:00 and noon tomorrow at the latter's office, Main 704.

Several have already been seen and others have volunteered their homes, but the public at large, hitherto ignorant of the crying needs of the situation. It is felt that the only thing necessary to have scores of homes opened for these young men is to let it be known that the need is pressing.

Those who can should volunteer both room and board, notifying the committee of the name and house number; if not both then either.

GAME WARDEN VISITS WALLOWA ELK RESERVE

District Game Warden John Walden now has charge of both Union and Wallowa counties. The warden has just returned from a trip through Wallowa county, during which he appointed a caretaker for the elk game preserve. The preserve now contains 81 elk, all in prime condition. Many of the sheepmen are desirous of having the elk shipped out of the county and sheep allowed to pasture in the 2000-acre preserve. This herd of elk is worth fully \$40,000, and the preserve is particularly adapted to their requirement. It is very doubtful if it would be a paying proposition to make the change.

The warden found the Union county game preserve to be full of China pheasants, all very tame and in the best of condition. Game of all sorts was found to be plentiful in all sections, and very few infractions of the game laws have been noticed this season. It has been necessary to make very few arrests so far. One man was notified by the district warden to appear before the justice of the peace at Enterprise next week for having in his possession deer hides which were not tagged according to law.

500 DOLLS FOR SALE AT
RED CROSS BAZAAR.

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—Five hundred dolls of every kind, color and nationality—except German—are on sale at the allied Red Cross bazaar which opened here today. School girls dressed the dolls.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—The Germans air-raided Nancy, wounding three persons, it is officially reported. The statement detailed only raiding and artillery along the French front.

Terms of Peace Announced By Austrian Premier

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Information received from a Zurich dispatch declaring that Premier Czernin, of Austria, announced Austria's peace terms would be based on recognition of national integrity, economic liberty, and complete independence of all countries and guarantee to nations of free development.

WAR COSTS WILL REACH VAST SUM BY JUNE 1919

SECRETARY OF TREASURY SAYS
SUM TOTAL WILL BE MORE
THAN \$23,000,000

MR MC ADOO GIVES
FIGURES IN ANNUAL REPORT

Help in Some Way May Be Given to
Railroads in the Form of Credits.
Resources of Nation Must Be Organized and Intelligently Used.

(United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—War costs to the end of June, 1918, exclusive of loans to foreign governments, will reach the enormous total of more than \$23,000,000,000, according to estimates sent congress today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Ordinary expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, will amount to \$12,316,255,223, of which \$11,527,709,023 will be fed directly into the war machine.

Estimated expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, amount upward to \$12,701,838,339, out of which \$11,025,889,500 will be for prosecution of the war.

These staggering figures go side by side with a warning to the nation that it must awaken to the vast responsibility of the war.

The secretary counseled congress against imposition of additional tax burdens at the present session of congress, unless sale of bonds does not come up to expectations.

He hinted at some form of regulation of new capital expenditures and, apparently referring to railroads, added:

"It may also become necessary to concert some constructive measure through which essential credits may be provided for those industries and enterprises essential to the efficient and successful conduct of the war."

"The courage and resources of the nation," McAdoo continued, "are so abundant that America's success in the war is beyond question if they are properly organized and intelligently used. The economic and financial condition of the country was never so strong and America's spirit was never more aroused to the importance and necessity of going forward, resolutely and regardless of sacrifices, to the accomplishment of the great task to which God has called us."

"Loans actually made to foreign governments up to November 1, 1917, total \$2,717,200,000, with a total credit agreed upon of \$3,321,400,000. America's gold monetary stock on hand November 1 stood at \$3,041,500,000, an increase of \$175,500,000 in the past ten months."

"The grand total of estimated receipts for the fiscal year of 1918 is \$12,580,732,800."

"Expenditures for the civil establishment total \$1,593,569,900."

"War risk insurance costs are estimated at \$455,000,000, while the shipping board requires \$201,129,000, and

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Did You See The Airship Last Night?

MANY LA GRANDE PEOPLE DID
SEE AERIAL VISITOR.

Craft Hovers Over City About 1,000
Feet in the Air and Carries
a Searchlight.

Did you see the airship last night? Many La Grande people did, and there were so many and the aerial visitor aroused so much excitement that there is no doubt that an airship or airships passed over the city.

One of the first men to see it was an old gentleman who came rumbling down town about six o'clock and called attention of many to the sight.

Others saw it south of town about 7:15 to 7:30 o'clock. Nearly every one in old town saw it because those who did phoned to their friends.

It carried a searchlight and was about 1,000 feet up in the air. Several parties also said they heard the whirr of the engines.

UNCLE SAM NAILS A LIE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Counteracting German propaganda, the state department formally notified Switzerland, the United States would not violate Swiss neutrality. Germany recently intimated, when America's full force reached the western front, United States planned to overrun Switzerland.

BLIND STUDENT IS STUDYING ZOOLOGY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—A blind student specializing in a scientific subject and working his way through college is the hero of the University of Pennsylvania this year. Earl Miller, 19 years old of Williamsport, Pa., is studying zoology by the sense of touch. Not content with attempting to accomplish this feat of identifying bugs, fish and other animal life by means of his super-sensitive fingers, Miller intends to take a complete course in physical education. In his classes Miller takes notes by puncturing holes in strips of paper which he later reads by touch.

CAMP LEWIS TO HAVE LARGE BARBER SHOPS

Two Shops With Fifty Chairs Each
to be Built in Amusement Zone.

CAMP LEWIS, WACOMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—Two barber shops, each with 50 chairs and manicure and boot-blacks in proportion, to be established at the amusement zone here, will be the largest shops of their kind in the world, officers of the Camp Lewis Amusement company said here today.

The Weather.
PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—The U. S. weather forecast: "Rain."

RAILROADS MAY BE TAKEN OVER BY GOV'T

BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS
AUTHORIZING SUCH
ACTION

SAID TO BE SOLUTION
OF FREIGHT CONGESTION

Coal Mines Are Included in Bill—Senator
Newlands Proposes to Lead the
Railroads Billions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Representative Sabath of Illinois introduced a resolution authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to take over all and operate all railroads and coal mines during the war.

The Interstate Commerce Commission made a special report recommending the government operate the railroads during the war, declaring such a step the only solution of the freight congestion.

Senator Newlands, chairman of the joint congressional committee investigating the railway conditions, has a comprehensive program of railway legislation, which includes loaning the railroads several billion dollars of government funds for railroad equipment.

Senator Newlands is seeking the President's approval of his plans.

U. OF O. STUDENTS WIN APPLE SHOW PRIZES

Two of Five Awards Taken in Essay
Contest; Receive Apples.

EUGENE, Dec. 5.—Winning from competitors in all parts of the United States, two University of Oregon students captured two of the five first prizes offered by the National Apple show for the best 250 word essay on assigned subjects of interest to apple growers and consumers. They are Mrs. Margaret Dallas, of Napa, Cal., and Harriet Ellsworth, of Cascade Locks, Ore. The prize in each case was five boxes of apples.

WAR IS A YOUNG MAN'S GAME, SAYS CAPTAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Try this on your piano. When you sing "Over There, Over There" the first four words of the chorus of that war song, it represents \$444 to George M. Cohan.

Kipling, Colonel Roosevelt and other "space writers" were distanced by Cohen with "Over There." According to Broadway Cohen sold the song for \$25,000, or at a rate of \$41 a word.

Tillamook—Southern Pacific Co. has just finished filling in trestles between Schiefeld and Strassel costing \$21,750.

Theater Parties For The Red Cross

FRIDAY AFTERNOON THEATRES
DONATE PROCEEDS.

Attractive Programs Arranged—Entire
Proceeds Given—Society
Women Plan "Dutch
Treat" Parties.

Friday afternoon, the national theatre drive for the Red Cross, will be a big event in La Grande.

The Arcade, Sherrys and the Star management have donated their theatres free.

The admission fees will be 15 cents for adults and 5 cents for children. Every cent goes to the Red Cross; nothing is deducted for rents, films, music, heat, etc. The programs follow:

Arcade—Eld Bennett in "Little Brother," and Patti Arbuckle. Sherrys—Dustin Farnum. Star—"Mountain Dew," a Triangle play, and a Triangle comedy.

The society women of La Grande have taken hold of the matinee benefits with great spirit. Sixty or more theatre parties have already been planned. The parties have been organized on the "Dutch treat" plan; the hostess organizes the parties but each member brings her own admission fee and does her bit. Those who are entertaining on that day will also suggest to their guests that they take in one of the matinees as a part of their Hooverizing.

HOME GUARDS IN PORTLAND CALLED TO ARMS

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—Three companies of the recently organized home guard, composed of Spanish-American war veterans, were mobilized by the governor, presumably to patrol the Portland waterfront and restore order at Oregon City, where the paper mill employees are striking.

BISHOP CONSECRATED IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Right Rev. John J. Cantwell, chancellor of the archdiocese of San Francisco, was consecrated today as bishop of the Catholic diocese of Los Angeles and Monterey. The ceremony took place at St. Mary's Cathedral at a solemn service over which Archbishop Edward J. Hanna presided.

This is the first consecration that has been held in San Francisco since 1902. Many of the most prominent Catholic prelates in the west were present, including Archbishop Glendon, of St. Louis; Christie, of Portland, Ore.; and Philal, of New Mexico, and Bishops Tihen, of Denver; Grace, of Sacramento; O'Dea of Seattle, and Glass of Salt Lake.

Bishop Cantwell will assume his new duties at Los Angeles in a few days.

NO PERMITS ISSUED FOR BEAVER TRAPPING

A number of inquiries have been sent to the office of the State Game Warden concerning permits to trap beaver. District Warden Walden is emphatic in his notice to all persons concerned that all persons caught trapping beaver will be prosecuted. No permits can be issued to trap beaver, unless the animals are destroying valuable property. If a permit is desired, an application must be made to the State Game Warden, proof of destruction made, and if a permit is issued, the hides of all beaver must be turned over to the State Game Warden. Trappers cannot retain a single hide, they belong to the state, and the money resulting from their sale is turned into the funds of the commission.

Number Are Killed When Chemical Plant Blows Up

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5.—A number were killed and two score injured this afternoon when the Aetna Chemical company's plant at Heidelberg near here blew up. Some wreckage landed two blocks from the scene of the explosion.

First reports said, more than ten were killed.

AMERICANS ARE TAKEN BY THE GERMANS

SEVERAL ENGINEERS TAKEN
PRISONERS IN THE CAM-
BRAI SECTOR

REPORT COMES FROM
THE BRITISH FRONT

General Haig Reports Only Artillery-
ing at the Cambrai Sector—General
Maurice Admits Capture of British
Guns.

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Dec. 5.—Germans in the Cambrai sector captured a few Americans, probably engineers, according to unofficial word from the British front.

American headquarters have not confirmed the report.

BRITISH LINE MAY CHANGE

Adjustments May Be Necessary;
Sides Capture Guns

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Director of Operations Maurice announced some adjustment of the British line at the Cambrai sector might be necessary as a result of the German attacks. He said for the first time since May, 1915, the Germans captured British guns during recent attacks.

The British took 138 German guns in the Cambrai attack alone.

GERMANS ARE WIPED OUT.

Smashed by British Guns While
Massed for Attack.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 5.—British guns smashed great groups of Germans massed for an attack near Villers Plouich before the Germans could launch the assault. Elsewhere the fighting was comparatively quiet today.

RUSSIANS HELP THE BRITISH.
Some Are Willing to Fight in Mesopotamia.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—General Maurice declared the Russian troops co-operated with the British in the Mesopotamian attacks, showing some willingness to fight.

He declared Quartermaster General Ludendorff undoubtedly planned the German Cambrai attack.

The Germans attacked simultaneously on both flanks and in the center. Both the center and the Boulton attacks failed completely. To the south the Germans succeeded because of the surprise nature of the attack, in breaking the original British line to a depth of six thousand yards, taking British guns. Maurice declared he is still confident the Italian crisis is past.

Negotiates for Peace

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The war office officially announced Roumania is negotiating peace.

Artillery Is Busy

LONDON, Dec. 5.—General Haig reported only mutual artillerying.

RUSSIAN-GERMAN TRUCE IS ON.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5.—The official telegraph bureau announced the German-Russian armistice had begun. The announcement evidently refers to the Pripet-Lipa front where the existence of the truce had already been reported.

Bandits Hold UP Bank.

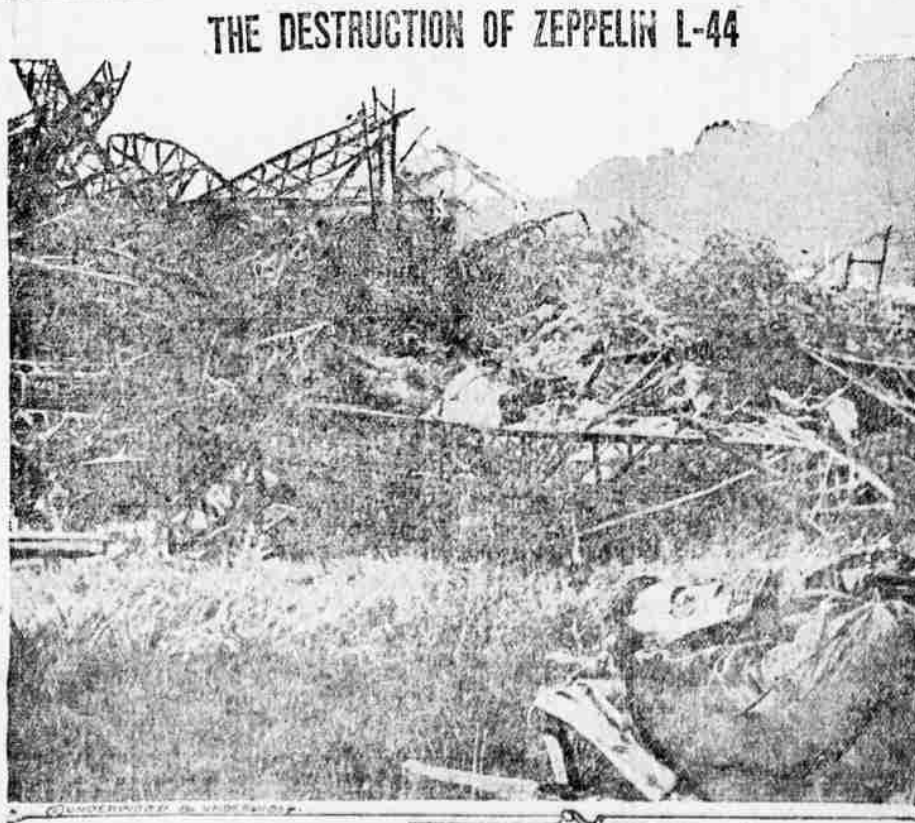
CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Four bandits held up the Stockmen's Trust and Savings Bank, and secured \$10,000. They escaped in automobiles this morning.

AS "TEDDY" WOULD SAY, "BULLY STORY ON BRYAN"

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 5.—Except that it was another man and a wild steer, instead of W. J. Bryan and an Irish bull, who played the leading parts, the story recently published about an animal attacking the former secretary of state while hunting in Arizona, was substantially correct, Bryan told his friends while on a recent visit to his home here.

Bryan said a member of the hunting party was attacked by an angry steer and forced by the animal to climb a tree. But the animal had been shot before Bryan arrived on the scene.

A newspaperman, Bryan said, decided that the value of the story would be increased for purposes of sale by the substitution of Mr. Bryan's name for that of his hunting companion, so the substitution was made.



This photograph shows vividly what French anti-aircraft gunners did to the Zeppelin L-44 when the big German dirigible tried a raid. It was brought to earth—a flaming streak—at Greenvic, near Lunenburg. The photograph shows the wreckage. In the foreground is the body of the Zeppelin's commander, who was killed in the fall, lying a stretcher.