

# 'COMBAT WITHOUT MERCY,' DECLARED

French Premier Pledges Life of Nation to Liberation of All Europe.

## FALLEN HEROES SALUTED

Meeting of Current Expenses of Conflict Without Recourse to Loan Pointed to as Evidence of Strength of Country.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Premier Viviani aroused the Chamber of Deputies to a high pitch of patriotic enthusiasm today in an address in which he declared that France in the present war would not sheathe its arms until after taking vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored heroic Belgium to the fullness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed, to the end that it be possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, a Europe regenerated.

The Chamber of Deputies, long before the hour set for the meeting, was a scene of animation. The extraordinary war session had aroused a great degree of interest, rivaling that which was manifested in the session of August 4, held immediately after the declaration of war.

Places in Chamber Vacant. Several places in the chamber were vacant when the historic war session opened. Some of these were because of deaths on the battlefield and others because the soldier deputies have refused to leave their posts in the ranks at the battle front.

None of the members were in uniform. Generaloffre has issued instructions permitting the wearing of civilian attire under certain circumstances, and to appear in the Chamber of Deputies in civilian clothes was regarded as more in accord with republican ideas. Nearly 200 deputies have joined the colors.

Some deputies are serving as mere privates, others have high rank, while still others are doing duty in different military departments.

Combat Without Mercy Intended. The full text of the declaration of the government as read by Premier Viviani is as follows:

"Gentlemen—There is at this time but one single policy: combat without mercy until such time as we accomplish the definite liberation of Europe, won by a victory insuring peace. This is the cry which was wrung from all lips when, during the session of the Chamber of Deputies of August 4, there became evident, as has been so well described by the President of the Republic, that sacred unity which in the pages of future history will be the glory of France.

"This is the cry that is being repeated by all Frenchmen, but only after they have put an end to the discord which too often takes the place of our minds and which a blind enemy mistook for differences that could not be composed. It is the cry that is being repeated by all Frenchmen, but only after they have put an end to the discord which too often takes the place of our minds and which a blind enemy mistook for differences that could not be composed. It is the cry that is being repeated by all Frenchmen, but only after they have put an end to the discord which too often takes the place of our minds and which a blind enemy mistook for differences that could not be composed.

"On the first day of the conflict Germany denied the right she had recognized to force; she disdained history, and to violate the neutrality of Belgium and invade France. She has thus broken the law of self-interest.

"Since this time the German government has realized that it was necessary for it to consider the opinion of the world, and recently attempted a rehabilitation of its attitude by endeavoring to throw back on the allies the responsibility of the war. It is in spite of this the truth has appeared. It has shown itself rising above the falsehoods that amiable credulity no longer accomplished. All the documents published by the nations interested, and even yesterday at Rome the sensational speech of the German ambassador, representative of noble lies, evidence of determination on the part of our enemies, but frustrated for a long time, to endeavor to bring about an unexpected act of aggression.

Opportunity for Peace Once Given. If circumstances required it, a single one of these documents would suffice to enlighten the world on this subject. When, at the suggestion of the British government, all the nations concerned were requested to suspend their military preparations and to take part in a series of negotiations with London on July 31, 1914, France and Russia adhered to this proposal. Peace could have been maintained even at this critical hour if Germany had been willing to accept this idea. But Germany disrupted the situation. On August 1 she declared war on Russia and made recourse to arms unavoidable. If it is a fact that Germany diplomatically crushed the possibility of peace in its inception, the reason is that for more than 40 years she has been indefatigably pursuing her object, which was the crushing of France in order to effect the enslavement of the world.

"All these revelations are made before the court of history, where there is no place for corruption, and as much as France and her allies, in spite of their love of peace, have been constrained to submit to war, they will make war to the end.

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"This plan of war and this plan of peace do not come to us, gentlemen, inspired by any presumptuous hope. The certainty of success is ours. We owe this certainty to our entire army; to our navy, which, acting jointly with the British navy, has procured for us the mastery of the sea; to our French troops who in Morocco successfully repulsed aggressive action. We owe it also to the soldiers who are defending our distant flag in those French colonies which, from the first day, turned toward France as a daughter would turn to a mother in distress.

Virtues of Race Stand Out. "We owe this conviction to our army whose heroism was guided by incomparable leaders to the victory of Marne and to the victory in Flanders, and we owe it to the nation which knew how to meet this heroism with union, with silence and with serenity in the hours of crisis. Thus there have been brought

out by this impious war all the virtues of our race. We have shown initiative, spirit, bravery and tenacity, and we have been enduring, patient and stoical. "Gentlemen, let us salute these heroes. Glory to those who have fallen on the threshold of victory and also to those who, by this same victory, tomorrow will avenge the fallen. A nation that incites such enthusiasm can never perish.

"By the organ of the Ministry of Finance, which has conveyed to you a masterful explanation of the financial situation, there has been revealed to you the resources which have accrued from the emissions of treasury bonds and the advance made by the Bank of France. These have made it possible for us to meet the expense brought about by the war, and we have not found it necessary to have recourse to a loan. The Bank of France is in condition, thanks to its excellent standing, to furnish the treasury with resources and to aid in the re-establishment of the economic life of the country.

Vitality of Nation Proved. "All this is evidence of the vitality of France, of the surety of her credit and of the confidence which she inspires everywhere. In spite of a war which is shaking and impoverishing the world, the French bank has accepted at a premium; the discounting of commercial paper grows daily and the totals obtained from indirect taxation increase. All this is a manifestation of the economic strength of a country which has adapted itself with facility to the difficulties arising from a deep-seated trouble, and which declares before the entire world that the condition of its finances will permit it to continue the war until the day when the necessary compensations shall be obtained.

"Gentlemen, the day of final victory has not yet come, and until it does our task will be one of great difficulty. True, we may be long, and for this let us prepare our spirits and be ever courageous. We have inherited the greatest burden of glory that any people can carry. Already the country has agreed to make every sacrifice that this duty entails.

Fate of World In Balance. "If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history it is not because the people are hurling themselves into warfare to conquer territory to win enlargement of material life and economic and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world.

"Nothing greater has ever appeared before the vision of man. "Against barbarism and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany has put in place; against the system of murder and pillage; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which loomed before the eyes of the world; against France the avenger, at the side of her allies, arose and advanced to the fray.

"That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us continue, then, to have but one united soul, and tomorrow in the peace of victory, we shall recall with pride these days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valiant and better men."

## WIDOWS' LAW WIDENS

PENSIONS FOR ALL DESERVING RELIEFS IS DECISION.

Supreme Court Holds Liability Is on County and Judge Must Entertain Applications and Act as Tribunal.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—That the law passed at the 1913 session of the Legislature providing for widows' pensions makes it mandatory upon counties to grant them to deserving widows is the gist of the opinion of the Supreme Court today in the case of Maud E. Zachary against the County Court of Polk County. The opinion, written by Justice Eakin, says:

The County Judge seems to have treated the matter as solely in his discretion to allow a pension. He did not seem to question the facts as set forth in the application. This is not an attempt to control the judgment of the County Court, or to direct what he shall do, but he has arbitrarily refused to render any judgment from which an appeal could be taken. The statute creates the liability against the county. It is not the duty of the County Court, as a resident of the county, or that her children were earning money sufficient for her support, as specified in section 2 of the act, that mandamus would not lie; but when the County Court refuses to entertain the application, and does not act as a court in the matter, mandamus is the remedy to acquire conformity with the statute.

Judgment of the Circuit Court compelling granting of the pension was affirmed. Other opinions today were: L. M. Francis versus W. C. Thies, appellant; appealed from Lane County; appeal dismissed. All the documents published by the nations interested, and even yesterday at Rome the sensational speech of the German ambassador, representative of noble lies, evidence of determination on the part of our enemies, but frustrated for a long time, to endeavor to bring about an unexpected act of aggression.

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Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

## RELIEF SENT FREE

O. W. R. & N. Extends Time for Supplies Offered Belgium.

## STEAMER CHANGE IS MADE

Cranley, Chartered by Rockefeller Foundation, to Take Oregon Cargo Instead of Washington.

Funds and Foodstuffs Pile.

Samuel Hill, chairman of the Oregon Relief Committee, was advised yesterday by President Farrell, of the O. W. R. & N. Company, that the proposed order to collect freight charges on shipments of relief supplies from outside points to Portland will not be put into effect until the relief steamer is loaded. A protest against the suspension of free transportation for relief supplies had the desired effect.

At a conference yesterday between Theodore B. Wilcox, chairman of the advisory board of the Oregon Relief Committee, and Judge Thomas Burke, chairman of the Washington Relief Committee, held at Seattle, it was decided to send the steamer Cranley to Portland for loading the Oregon contributions for Belgium, while the Washington, the steamer originally selected to carry foodstuffs provided by the two Northwest states, will take Washington's contributions only.

Rockefeller Ship Comes. It was reported that the Cranley has been chartered by the Rockefeller Foundation, which has undertaken the financing of the Belgian relief movement in this country. The date of arrival of the Cranley is not yet definite, but it is expected to be approximately the middle of January. Her destination will be Rotterdam.

The committee was advised yesterday by Charles S. Moore, of Kansas Falls, that residents of that city are gathering a carload of flour for shipment here to add to the relief steamer's cargo. Both cash and foodstuffs were received yesterday by the committee.

Cash Total \$7475.00

The cash contributions are: Previously acknowledged \$6755.31 North Bend, Or., 23.00 Lew Walker 2.50 Frank W. Smith 1.00 Miss Eaton 1.50 Mary Louise Wright 1.75 R. T. Johnson 25.00 Alma D. Katz 25.00 Dr. J. J. Hanton 200.00 Labbe Brothers 10.00 A. Friend 10.00 L. R. Van Winkle 25.00 Clark Wood 2.50 A. McKee 2.50 Earl Dudley 2.50 J. M. Banister 2.50 P. T. Harbour 1.00 H. E. Price 2.50 L. J. O'Hara 2.50 W. E. Woods 1.00 George M. Hyland 2.50 Joe Key 1.00 H. Goodwin 1.00 Watts & Rogers 2.00

Henry Mason 25.00 Alexander Sun School, Wren, Or., 2.00 F. R. Brumby 1.00 A. Friend 1.00 M. E. Price 2.50 J. N. Fleischer 2.50 J. E. Forester 5.00 J. J. Friedman 2.50 The Campbell-Sanford-Henley Co., 25.00 J. K. Hannon 2.50 H. A. Cushing 5.00 John H. Hall 10.00

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Total to date \$7475.00

Foodstuffs Are \$14,800.

Donations of foodstuffs reported yesterday follow:

Approximate value: Previously acknowledged \$12,037.15 Canned soups; William C. Bristol, quantity of flour; A. L. Fuller, Rainier, Or., 1 barrel flour and other supplies; E. D. Cusick, Albany, Or., two cases condensed milk; Portland Seed Company, Portland, Or., 100 top-cooking peas; Town of McMinnville, Or., 2 cases of condensed milk and other supplies 2,762.85

Total to date \$14,800.00

SCHOOLS TO HELP BELGIANS

Clackamas Attempts to Raise \$1000 for Relief Ship to War Zone.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Every school district in Clackamas County will be asked to co-operate to raise \$1000 for the shipment of goods which will be sent from Oregon and Washington to Belgium.

In the Hawley Pulp and Paper Mill here the employees have contributed \$350 and it is expected that within the next two days this sum will be increased to more than \$400.

A permanent organization was formed last night in the Commercial Club rooms. The officers are: Chairman, T. W. Sullivan, president of the Oregon City Commercial Club; vice-chairman, W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company; secretary, E. Kenneth Stanton, mill secretary of the Crown Williamette Paper Company, and treasurer, Joseph E. Hedges, attorney.

## SAFETY TREATY STANDS

Administration Fails, on Technicality, to Obtain Reconsideration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An attempt, led by Administration Senators, to rescind the ratification of the London Safety at Sea Convention because of the reservations which it was contended nullify the treaty, was defeated today on a parliamentary technicality.

When the Senate ratified the convention last week it reserved the right of the United States to fix higher standards on all ships in American waters than those provided in the treaty. State Department officials viewed the modification as virtually nullifying the convention.

The motion today was ruled out of order on the ground that it had not been asked for within the time provided by the Senate rules. The convention provides that ratifications must be exchanged between the signatory powers by December 31.

## WEST MAY VISIT BELGIUM

Invitation to Accompany Relief Supplies May Be Accepted.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Governor West may go to Belgium. He was invited today by the Belgium Relief Committee to accompany the relief to the war-stricken little country. His answer was as follows:

"While it is going to be rather difficult for me to adjust my affairs so as to meet this situation, I feel it my duty to respond. However, I will endeavor to give the committee a definite answer within the next few days."

The invitation which was signed by Samuel Hill, Octave J. Goffin, C. Henry Labbe and Joseph Van Homissen.

## THAW IS WATCHED

New York to Prevent Further Delay in Removal.

## PRISONER IS NOW SILENT

For First Time Since Killing of Stanford White, Slayer Turns Deaf Ear to Newspaper Men.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 22.—There was reason to believe today that the State of New York has taken precautions against any delay in obtaining possession of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, when the order for his removal to New York for trial on a charge of conspiring to escape from Matteawan prison was received. It is asserted by friends of Thaw that several detectives in the employ of New York State slipped into town during the night and that these men have since kept a close watch on the Thaw home.

In one respect Thaw has changed markedly. He refuses absolutely to talk about his case. For the first time since he killed Stanford White, in 1906, he has turned a deaf ear to newspaper men. Thaw appears in good health. He has improved physically during his stay here, having spent much time in the open. He is allowed to go and come as much as he pleases, but always in the company of the Sheriff.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—William Travers Jerome was unprepared today to say when the legal machinery for the extradition of Harry K. Thaw from New Hampshire to this county would be put in motion. He indicated he had reason to believe Thaw's attorneys would start new habeas corpus proceedings in New Haven and that he feared it might be a long time before Thaw saw the inside of the Tombs Prison, where it is planned to keep him pending his trial on the charge of conspiracy to escape from the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane.

It was pointed out to Mr. Jerome today that once removed to the Tombs, Thaw might be admitted to bail. "If he is admitted to bail," said Mr. Jerome, "the superintendent of Matteawan will immediately present a detainer, under which Thaw will be taken to Matteawan as an insane man, to await his trial."

"If he is convicted I presume he will serve out such sentence as is imposed upon him, whereupon the detainer, consisting of his original commitment to Matteawan, having been filed at his place of imprisonment, will occasion his return to Matteawan." Thaw's attorneys would say nothing about his case.

Thaw Sends \$500 to Gateman. BEACON, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Harry K. Thaw has sent from Manchester to Howard Barnum, who was the gateman at Matteawan when Thaw escaped. He says he understands Barnum is the victim of prejudice through no fault of his own and he would like to assist him. Barnum lost his position when Thaw escaped.

Two Vanderbilt Roads Unite. CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad Company with the New York Central Railway



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## CONFESSION IS REPUDIATED

Woman Charges Detroit Police Forced Murder Admission.

DETROIT, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Caroline with murdering and robbing her friend and neighbor, Miss Francis Bombolt, a spinster, more than 60 years old, denied her guilt when arraigned today and declared that the confession which she is alleged to have made to the police was false and that it was forced from her.

"I didn't do it," the old woman cried out when she faced Police Justice Christopher Stein.

The prisoner was so overcome with emotion that the arraignment was adjourned for a week.

The police say Mrs. Becker confessed that she killed Miss Bombolt so that she might secure money with which she could buy Christmas presents. The officers say she told them she obtained \$15 as a result of the crime.

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Sunny Brook, gallon..... \$2.90  
Cedar Brook, gallon..... \$3.25  
King Hill, pride of Kentucky, gallon..... \$3.45  
Prince Albert, a \$6 whisky, gallon..... \$3.85  
Sunny Brook, bottled in bond, bottle..... 79c  
Old Kentucky, bottle..... 75c  
Five different well-known whiskies, bottle..... 65c  
Cream Rye, bottle..... 79c  
Sunny Trail, "rich and mellow," bottle..... 90c  
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