



## THREE FLAGS GREET BALFOUR AND PARTY

### American, British and French Colors Fly.

## CROWDS AT CAPITAL CHEER

### America Expected to Put Forth Great Effort for Allies.

## CALM IMPRESSES PARTY

### Mr. Balfour Thinks Kaiser Would Not Have Forced War Had He Realized Extent of Assistance to Be Given.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The American capital today extended a simple but heartfelt welcome to the British Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arthur J. Balfour, and the other members of the British mission which has come to Washington, as Mr. Balfour himself expressed it, "to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving—with all their power—to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it—namely, a successful war."

### Few British Flags Fly.

Everywhere bunting flew in the light breeze, mainly the American National colors. The British Union Jack and the French Tri-Color were in evidence in many places, but the local flagmakers had been unable to meet demands for them.

There were no other decorations, and even at the union station the only touch of color was lent by the three large flags, the American, British and French, which were hoisted on the three great masts adjoining the plaza. Nor was there any music to greet the visitors, the original plan, including the presence of the marine band, having been amended to conform to the views expressed by Secretary Lansing that this was a grave and serious event in American history and not to be regarded as a festive affair.

### Troops Hold Thousands Back.

On the plaza and overlapping the great building at each wing were gathered some 5000 persons, restrained at a proper distance by hundreds of blue-coated policemen and by two troops of the Second Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Fenton.

Within the station all of the police captains of the district had been ranged in a double line as a guard of honor and to keep back intruders. Detectives swarmed everywhere through the crowds and at various angles where any danger might lurk. Altogether the precautions taken to insure the safety of the Nation's visitors exceeded anything ever known in the history of the district.

## Lansing Welcomes Party.

Exactly at 3 o'clock the train bearing the British commissioners drew into the station. Aside from the guards only a few persons had been permitted to enter the train shed. These included Secretary Lansing, Frank L. Polk, counselor for the State Department; William Phillips, Assistant Secretary of State, and Hugh Gibson, secretary of the American Legation at Brussels, who distinguished himself by his extraordinary efforts to save the life of Edith Cavell.

### Official Photograph Taken.

As the special train stopped two of the military officers of the British party stepped to the floor of the shed preceding immediately Mr. Balfour. The Minister for Foreign Affairs descended, hat in hand, and was immediately presented by the British Ambassador to Secretary Lansing.

The two Secretaries exchanged a hearty handshake and chatted for a few moments, while the remainder of the party emerged from the train and ranged themselves to permit of a photograph being taken by an official photographer, the only one which is to be permitted, according to the present plan.

### Crowds Along Route Cheer.

When this was done the visitors moved along the trainshed to the station. The Foreign Minister walked uncovered, with head erect, smiling his greetings to the handclappings and cheering of the people within the concourse.

The party passed into the President's room, at the entrance of which a number of automobiles had been brought up in line for their reception.

When the signal was given for the start the cavalry moved closed around and enveloped the party. This was the same guard which President Wilson had chosen as his personal escort on the occasion of the last inauguration and the troops were disposed in the same way as on that occasion, so as to afford the extreme measure of protection to the visitors.

As the party started on its way up (Concluded on Page 2, Column 4.)

## CALAIS BOMBARDED BY GERMAN RAIDERS

### ATTACK BELIEVED ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP LLOYD GEORGE.

### Base for Armies on Arras-Lens Front Is Target for 100 Shells and Civilians Are Killed.

CALAIS, France, April 21, via Paris, April 22.—German torpedo-boat destroyers today fired 100 shells in the region of Calais. Some civilians were killed. Twelve persons were slightly wounded.

Calais is the western terminal of the main railroad that supplies the British armies on the Lens-Arras battlefield in Northwestern France. The town lies directly opposite the British Channel port of Dover, near which place two German destroyers were sunk in an attempted raid on British shipping Friday night.

It has been suggested that the object of the Tooton's naval raid was to interrupt the return of Premier Lloyd George from a conference with the French and Italian Prime Ministers.

The German destroyers which escaped from the Dover battle may have been the vessels which bombarded Calais on their return to the naval bases at Zeebrugge or Antwerp.

## RUSSIA CALLED WEAK LINK

### Ex-President Taft Says Revolution Has Weakened Nation.

BOSTON, April 22.—Russia was called the weak link in the entente allied chain in an address by ex-President Taft Saturday night.

"You cannot have a grave political change like the Russian revolution without demoralization," he said. "Should there be a movement for peace in Russia or should there be a successful German drive into Russia, then, if I may use a colloquialism, we would be up against it."

"We ought to make our preparations now with respect to that possibility. We ought to raise an Army of 1,000,000 men, perhaps 2,000,000, and we ought to have the law prescribing how it shall be raised on the statute books today."

## THREE GUARDS FIRED ON

### Soldiers Wound Two of Prowlers at Des Moines Plants.

DES MOINES, April 22.—National Guardsmen in three different parts of the city were fired upon late last night. One soldier was shot through the hat. He returned the fire and wounded the man.

Another man fired on a soldier who was guarding a manhole in a water-main and is believed to have escaped by a boat on the Raccoon River. A third Guardsman was fired upon at a local starch factory by two men, one of whom he wounded. The man was brought to police headquarters early this morning, but was too weak to give an account of himself.

## SNOW OUT OF HIGHWAYS

### Hood River Fields Still Under Unusually Heavy Blanket.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—I have never seen the snow in the mountains around here deeper at this season of the year than at the present time," says Homer A. Rogers, proprietor of the Mount Hood Lodge. "Although the most of the snow is now gone from the highways, it is a foot deep in the fields, and in the forests the depth is two feet."

Mr. Rogers says that it will take several weeks of warm weather to clear the late heavy snowfalls from the foothills.

## SHRINERS CANCEL GAIETY

### All Social Features for Minneapolis Session Dropped.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—Cancellation of all social features at the 1917 session of the Imperial council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, to be held in Minneapolis June 25, 27 and 28, were determined upon today by Henry F. Niedringhaus, of St. Louis, imperial potentate, who met delegates from other cities in a conference here.

The decision was made because of the war.

## U. S. PAPER \$1 DECLINES

### Havana Quotations Show Currency 3 Per Cent Below Par.

HAVANA, April 22.—The exportation from Cuba of gold and silver money of Cuban or American coinage is prohibited by a Presidential decree issued yesterday. A large quantity of these coins has been exported, especially to Spain, since the declaration by the United States of a state of war with Germany.

Friday the American paper dollar was quoted here at a discount of 3 per cent.

## BUTTE HAS EARTHQUAKE

### Center of Disturbance Seems to Be Three Miles East of City.

BUTTE, Mont., April 22.—An earthquake shock was felt here tonight, the area of greatest disturbance being in the southern part of the city.

Toward the continental divide of the Rocky Mountains, three miles east of Butte, the shock was strong.

## BRITAIN READY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

### America Can Name Its Own Terms for Help.

## DESTROYERS WANTED FIRST

### Steel Cargo Boats Are to Be Asked For at Conference.

## DREADNOUGHTS MAY WAIT

### Question of Protection to Be Expected From England After War in Case of Trouble With Japan Is to Come Up.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN. WASHINGTON, April 22.—(Special.)—Formal recognition of distinctively American policies will flow from the allied conferences which will be held here this week.

The Administration confidently expects that by the time the conferences close the allies, in return for the early financial, economic and naval and military support this Nation will give them, will agree:

1. To announce their entire sympathy with and purpose to fight for the extension of democracy.
2. To respect the doctrine of national unity.
3. To aid in the movement to establish a league of world peace.
4. To declare their acceptance of and respect for the Monroe Doctrine.

### Full American Support Wanted.

There will be other understandings, if not agreements, reached by this Government and the British commission which arrived here today. Before leaving London, Mr. Balfour and the men accompanying him had their knowledge of England's policies supplemented by the views of Lloyd George and other associates.

They are here to obtain American support to the very limit, and they are prepared to give any guarantees the President may consider necessary.

In short, the United States is in a position to dictate the future control and even conduct of the war and the kind of peace which shall end it.

### Security to Be Only Object.

Mr. Wilson and his Cabinet advisers, however, do not propose to take advantage of the allies' need. Only those conditions will be exacted which are in the interest of American security and not one of these conditions is in the slightest way harmful to the allied cause. On the other hand, they are certain to popularize American co-operation and thereby make that co-operation more effective.

A list of subjects to be discussed by the British commission with the President and subordinate officials has been obtained by The Oregonian correspondent. Here it is:

1. Shipping.

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## LABOR BACKS WAR AFTER HOT DEBATE

### SEATTLE MEETING PLEDGES PATRIOTIC SUPPORT.

### Conscription and Overseas Expedition Opposed—Some Don't Care if Remarks Are Treasonable.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—A convention of the Washington State Federation of Labor, which met here today, adopted resolutions setting forth the belief in the democratic purpose and cause of the entry of the United States into the world conflict, and pledged the support and patriotism of labor. About 250 delegates were present.

In the resolutions adopted the convention emphasized the belief that labor must sacrifice none of its rights during the war, and must insist upon conduct of the war in accordance with those rights.

In setting forth labor's views on the war, the delegates protested against sending an expeditionary force to Europe, declared against conscription, and recommended that the Government take over the means of transportation and communication. They also called upon the Government to guarantee to the enlisted man a wage equivalent to that paid Government employes in the civil service, and declared themselves in favor of paying the expenses of the war by graduated income tax.

Hulet M. Wells, an electrical worker, led an unsuccessful attempt to write into the resolutions an expression of disapproval of the war. After hot discussion and the utterances of several speakers of remarks which they declared "might be treasonable for all they cared," the amendment was voted down, 50 to 31, each organization represented being allowed a vote.

E. P. Marsh, president of the State Federation, presided.

## EXPLOSION WRECKS PLANT

### New Jersey Factory Damaged by Blast—Ambulances Called.

KEARNEY, N. J., April 22.—The plant of the Bi-Products Company, on the outskirts of this town, was badly damaged by an explosion followed by fire at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Fire fighting apparatus and ambulances were summoned from Jersey City and other nearby places.

## SARAH BERNHARDT DYING

### Physician Says Case Is Hopeless, Following Relapse.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Sarah Bernhardt, after rallying from the effects of the operation she underwent last week, apparently has suffered a relapse and is again in a critical condition.

One of her physicians said tonight: "The case is hopeless."

## ANTHEM IGNORED; 3 JAILED

### Men Refusing to Stand for "Star-Spangled Banner" Arrested.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Three men who refused to stand when "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played at a concert of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Saturday night were arrested.

## VACANT LOTS WILL BE MADE TO YIELD

### Sunday Finds Activity in City Gardens.

## WOMEN PUT ON OVERALLS

### Portland Answers President's Call for Preparedness.

## ALL SECTIONS IN MOVEMENT

### Irrington Man Puts Potatoes Between Rose Bushes—Conservation League Lists Many Lots Available for Planting.

### WHAT A SPRING DAY REVEALED IN PORTLAND.

Women out with plows, hoes, rakes and spades in every part of the city.

Men and women planting potatoes between their prize rose bushes.

Thousands of people digging in their home gardens, evidently in answer to the high cost of living and the President's call for economic preparedness.

Vacant lots being plowed in every part of the city, from the fashionable districts to the settlements.

Plowshares and pruning hooks literally were turned into economic swords and spears yesterday in Portland. A vast army of men and women, heeding the President's call for economic preparedness, and beckoned as well by the high cost of living, took advantage of the first genuine Spring day and invaded the back yard and vacant lots. The result was that in Portland alone on conservative estimate several thousand men and women were at work with plow, spade, hoe, rake and harrow.

Potato planting followed in the wake of the usual Sunday morning devotion. No section of the city was immune from the household gardener. On Portland and Willamette Heights, in Alberta and Albina districts, Mount Tabor and Mount Scott, Sellwood and South Portland, the work was under way from early until late.

### All Districts at Work.

The picture in almost any part of the city toward sunset last night was a modified, modernized "The Angelus," or "The Man With the Hoe," and the spirit of the times—that of military and economic preparedness—was manifest in a hundred different ways.

The work was calculative and purposeful. In one part of Irvington, near Wasco and Nineteenth streets, a thrifty husbandman sowed potatoes between the promising rose bushes.

On Washington street, near Twentieth, lay a small but intensely cultivated garden.

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## KAISER LAUDS SON FOR HOLDING LINE

### CROWN PRINCE IS TOLD GREAT FRENCH DRIVE IS FAILURE.

### Emperor Sends Thanks to Troops and Declares Deeds of Bravery Shall Long Be Remembered.

AMSTERDAM, via London, April 22.—An official dispatch from Berlin says Emperor William has sent the following telegram to the crown prince:

"The troops of all the German tribes under your command, with steel-hard determination and strongly led, have brought to failure the great French attempt to break through on the Aisne and in Champagne. There, also, the infantry again has to bear the brunt and thanks to the indefatigable assistance of the artillery and other arms has accomplished great things in its death-defying perseverance and irresistible attacks."

"Convey my and the Fatherland's thanks to the leaders and men. The battle on the Aisne and in Champagne is not yet over, but all who fight and bleed there shall know that the whole of Germany will remember their deeds and is as one with them to carry through the fight for existence to a victorious end. God grant it."

## STEEL SHIPS NEEDED, TOO

### Builders May Be Summoned to Confer on Increase.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Government plans to increase the output of the steel merchant ships reached the point today where it appeared probable that builders of this class of vessels will be asked to come here next week to confer with members of the Shipping Board and of the Council of National Defense.

The Administration takes the view that while it is desirable to build as many wooden ships as possible, it also is necessary to keep up the construction of steel ships to provide for the future.

## ARMY RECRUITS FALL OFF

### Illinois Holds Records, But Enlistments Decline Fast.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Illinois holds all records for regular Army recruiting, according to figures issued at the War Department showing the progress made since April 1.

The figures show a steady decline in the number of men applying for enlistment, however, despite the fact that those now enlisted are taken in for the war emergency only and are really volunteers who will serve with the regulars for that period.

### Double-Crossing Is Charged.

He wrote that he had been sincere in his intention to turn over a new leaf, and still was. He declared, however, that he had been double-crossed, in that other men as guilty as he and his brothers, had gone scot-free, several even escaping prosecution.

He said that he and his brothers had been told by the assistant Federal prosecuting attorney that they could withdraw their pleas of guilty at any time before sentence was passed and pleas of not guilty, and stand trial. This was not allowed by Federal Judge Neterer, who heard their case.

A hacksaw was found in Billingsley's cell this morning, when his escape was discovered. He had cut through an iron bar in his window and apparently had made his way from there along a telephone conduit to an overhead walk which leads from the detention station to First avenue.

### Wife Is Last Visitor.

He was last seen shortly before midnight. The guards who went on duty at 12 o'clock declared that they heard no sounds from Billingsley's cell during the night.

Billingsley's wife was the last visitor to the cell last night. She expressed surprise today when told of her husband's escape, and denied any connection with it.

Billingsley was held here to await the result of an argument which his attorney was to have presented tomorrow in Federal Court, contending that the prisoner had earned immunity by his testimony against Mayor Gill and the other defendants in the recent trial.

### Woman Reports Loss of \$2100.

Logan's two brothers, Fred and Ora, were taken to the Whatcom County Jail Saturday afternoon to serve sentences of six months and 30 days respectively. Deputy Marshal A. Rooks, who took the two brothers to Billingsham, believes that they had no inkling that Logan contemplated a break as late as the time of their departure.

Before his wife left the detention station, Billingsley indorsed a check for \$2100 on the Union Savings & Trust Company, and gave it to her. Sunday forenoon Mrs. Billingsley reported to the police that she had lost the check and other money which she carried in a handbag, belonging to Mrs. Fred Billingsley. She believed that she had left it in a jitney bus. Besides the check she reported the loss of about \$20 in cash and five shares of stock in the Union Savings & Trust Co., owned by Logan.

## POLICE NOTIFIED OF ESCAPE

### Portland Force Asked to Keep on Lookout for Fugitive.

A telegram was received yesterday afternoon from United States Marshal Boyle, of Seattle, at local police headquarters, asking that a sharp lookout be maintained for Billingsley. The telegram indicated that Billingsley had escaped from a detention station late Saturday night but no word was received here until 4:52 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A physical description was included in the telegram received by local detectives.

## Clubs Urged to Help Red Cross.

### CHICAGO, April 22.—A National movement to urge all clubs and societies to contribute 10 per cent of the receipts from their banquets during the war to the Red Cross was launched by the Forty Club here last night.



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