

WORLD LEADS ARE IN GRIP OF DEATH

Triumph Either of Autocracy or Democracy Inevitable, Says Lloyd George.

NO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE

There is No Time for Ease, Delay or Debate, Says Prime Minister. Call is Imperative and Choice is Clear.

LONDON, April 28.—In a special preface to a volume containing extracts from the Prime Minister's war speeches, Mr. Lloyd George says: "I never believed that the war would be a short war or that in some mysterious way, by negotiation or compromise, we could free Europe from the malignant military autocracy which has endeavored to stamp it into submission and moral death."

"I always believed that the machine which has established its despotic control over the minds and bodies of its victims and has then organized and driven them to slaughter, in order to extend that control to the rest of the world, would only be destroyed if free peoples proved themselves strong and steadfast enough to defeat its attempt in arms."

"The events of the last few weeks must have made it plain to every thinking man that there is no longer room for compromise between the ideals for which we and our enemies stand. Democracy and autocracy have come to the death grip; one or the other will fasten its hold upon mankind."

"I have no doubt that freedom will triumph. But whether it will be soon or late, after a final supreme effort is the next few months, or after long-drawn agony, depends on the vigor and self-sacrifice with which the children of liberty, especially those behind the lines, dedicate themselves to the struggle."

"There is no time for ease, delay or debate. The call is imperative; the choice is clear. It is for each free citizen to do his part."

ALLEGED WASTE DENIED

FOOD ADMINISTRATION REPORTS ON INVESTIGATION.

Statements Charging Coast Army Camps with Dumping Food Are Found Groundless.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 28.—Complaints filed alleging food waste at Army camps on the Pacific Coast have resulted in several official investigations, each of which has shown the charges to be without substantial foundation.

Recently the Food Administration gave publicity to the facts developed by an investigation of charges preferred by a woman living at Port Townsend, Wash., who declared there was great waste at three Army posts on the Pacific Coast. The statement of the Food Administration, following the investigation, says:

"She said she had visited a post at the entrance to Puget Sound, where she had seen a great flock of seagulls hovering about a garbage wagon, and that large slices of bread were deliberately destroyed by the simple expedient of dumping them into the water."

"Three entire pig heads were thrown out," she said she had learned. Sufficient cooked rice was gathered by one man to raise several pigs, while probably all the camp kitchens throw out each day sufficient quantities to constitute one of the chief foods for a substantial flock of pigs or chickens."

"The War Department's investigation disclosed absolutely no foundation for these statements, on the contrary showing that the establishments referred to had a garbage wastage far below that attained by the average American city, in proportion to population."

CALL IS OUT FOR BRITONS

LOCAL RECRUITING MISSION TO REOPEN TODAY.

Sergeant W. A. Dunlap in Charge; Captain E. L. Good Here From San Francisco.

After being closed for several weeks the British recruiting mission will reopen today, with Sergeant W. A. Dunlap, of the Royal Engineers, in charge. Captain E. L. Good, who is in charge of recruiting on the Pacific Coast, with headquarters in San Francisco, was in Portland yesterday. He left England eight months ago, and during the last six months 5000 men from the Pacific Coast have been recruited into the British and Canadian armies, according to Captain Good. "This is the last call for voluntary enlistment and it is up to all Britishers to respond to their country's call," he said.

"The soldiers in France are optimistic, and the nearer the front you get the more optimism you find. In England there are no men of military age on the streets. As a result, the women are doing everything. During the daylight hours they keep right on with whatever they are doing, and they have learned to fear nothing."

Sergeant Dunlap is recruiting for skilled mechanics for the Department of Inland Waterways and Docks, and urges all Britishers who have not enlisted to see him at the recruiting mission, Third and Oak streets.

ARMY CAPTAIN IS OUSTED

Man Who Photographed Hun Army Is Convicted of Embezzlement.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Albert E. Dawson, who went to Germany in 1915, to make official moving pictures of the German armies for exhibition in the United States and who, when this country declared war on Germany, was commissioned a Captain in the Signal Reserve Corps and assigned to the aviation section, has been dismissed from the Army, according to an announcement at Governors Island today.

The charge was the embezzlement of Army photographic supplies valued at \$60.

GERMAN ECONOMIC ENDURANCE ANALYZED BY CAREFUL STUDENT

Piled-Up Paper War Debt of Twenty-five Billions of Dollars Is Nearly One-Third of Nation's Estimated Wealth.

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STOCKHOLM, March 21.—(Special.)—It is the fashion among German economists today to explain the fact that Germany is still able to hold out in defiance of all peace-time prophecies that no modern nation could last more than three months by making the profit and loss account appear less one-sidedly unfavorable than it looks on paper.

Theoretical analysis, without a margin of practical truth, helps to explain Germany's continued economic endurance. Through the piled-up paper war debt of 25,000,000,000 marks, or nearly one-third the estimated national wealth, it is a fallacious measure of the actual net destruction of wealth incident to the world war.

Inflation and the era of high prices, the fancy prices paid for labor and finished war products has more than doubled the normal cost of war. In order to compare war cost with national wealth, the war bill must be cut in half, and even this half does not represent the net economic loss.

The enforced frugality of the German people partly balances the waste of war. The labor and raw material today being wasted in non-productive war material was an equal economic waste in peacetime, going into luxuries and necessities which today the German people are able to do without because they must.

Human Loss Irreplaceable. The real economic loss is seen in the loss of irreplaceable human material, the dead and the maimed; also in the very general depreciation of plant. These alone represent economic values actually destroyed. And even here economists offer some grounds for consolation, for the places of the once productive dead and maimed are partly taken by prisoners, increased labor and child labor, while to offset general economic attrition and pathetic depreciation of plant there is a grand mobilization of new inventions, new processes, discovered industries, such as the manufacture of paper textiles; new sources of national wealth developed under economic pressure of war.

So that even after war debt and deficit exceed the nominal national wealth, the business of fighting will go on as going on as usual, as far as the new economics are concerned. In any event the net annual destruction of national wealth is still not a factor of real decisiveness.

Efficiency Greatly Decreased. Since the war began, efficiency, as measured by labor productivity, has been decreased between one-fourth and one-third since from 25 to 35 per cent more labor is required under the food scarcity regime to equal the production under normal food conditions.

Food scarcities tend to accelerate the depreciation of human material in other ways. Through the net result of food shortage on national health is not unfavorable, merely tending to kill off the unfitest—the weak, sick and aged—while the bulk of the people show a higher standard of health under enforced dieting, though their efficiency is lowered. Still there is not only the decreasing birth rate, but the increasing death rate.

Nor is food shortage negligible as a factor accelerating moral depreciation, being the root of much war crime—immense murders, assaults, high-way robberies, train robberies, thefts, suicides and suicides on record, all with the leitmotif of food running through them, many more not on record not seeing the light of public print.

Criminally in the era of food scarcities has blossomed out amazing, the crime wave reaching the highest mark ever known.

Hunger Promotes Peace Yearning. Food shortage, too, is an infallible barometer for gauging German morale, which, though fundamentally unshaken, nevertheless has its mercurial ups and downs. German morale varies inversely as the square of the food pressure; food scarcity the decisive reason for the intense peace yearnings of the German people; their hunger for peace being at

bottom nothing but a keen appetite for more and better food.

The one positive war aim of the overwhelming majority of the Germans today is "peace and food," regardless of annexations.

German longing for peace food is not unbearable to the point of making even radical Socialists agreeable to the loss of territory; no normal German's soul is so deadened by food privations as to advocate paying the price of peace with even a small slice of Alsace-Lorraine.

On the other hand, food scarcities is a powerful bulwark of moderation and liberalism against reaction and pan-Germanism.

German Party Lines Food Lines. Based on the rationed masses of the German people, the Reichstag majority can enforce its will for "peace without annexation" just so long as food conditions are such that imperial governments fear to take chances with a scantily fed people, willing enough to fight on indefinitely in defense of the Fatherland, but omnivorously restless if they suspect they may be driven a foot further for conquest.

The Reichstag majority derives its present measure of new power and authority almost entirely from food conditions on the masses, and one notes, too, that, as at the beginning of 1917, German enthusiasm for the no-annexation peace formula increases as the conditions improve; while brotherhood of man, peace of mutual understanding, peace of reconciliation, no-annexation and other altruistic formulas are so popular in Germany as when food conditions are at their worst.

German party lines today are food lines. War conservatives, junkies, agrarians, well-fed National-Liberals, captains of war industry, war profiteers, pan-Germans and annexationists generally are such that imperial governments fear to take chances with a scantily fed people, willing enough to fight on indefinitely in defense of the Fatherland, but omnivorously restless if they suspect they may be driven a foot further for conquest.

State Socialism at Its Limit. Another limit has seemingly been reached, the new state Socialism, subordinating everything to direct or indirect military interest and war necessity, can develop no further. Its upward evolution must be regarded as completed.

There is little today left in Germany to confiscate, to discipline or control; little that is material to warfare. All the human and material resources of Germany are approximately known and can be made available as needed. The state today possesses all the necessary machinery for effectively controlling every department of life.

No striking novelties in war laws or ordinances are to be looked for in future, certainly no vital innovations. Minor improvements may be made here and there, but the broad lines of food strategy, of economic strategy, of financial strategy, of conservation strategy are determined and worked out with fullness of detail.

Economic Vitality Remarkable. The German people, body, soul and possessions, are explicable to the limit of patriotism or human nature by this all-embracing war monopoly, state Socialism. The German passion and meticulous genius for organization, too, has reached its apparent limit. German people and possessions, human and economic war resources are today, if anything, over-organized. Organization and state control could seemingly go no farther.

Of Germany's remaining assets all are still incalculable; no limits in sight to the telescopic eye. Germany's economic vitality, helping greatly to balance that ominous long list of shortages, shows its continued liveness by struggling to escape from the strait-jacket of state control.

Individualism is still struggling to regain its lost liberty, if not for the balance of the war, at least for the time after the war.

Business, finance, labor are already preparing for the death grapple with state Socialism in the transition period. Capital and labor, too, are organizing for their postponed decisive battle after the war.

(To Be Continued.)

OVERMAN BILL DUE TO PASS THIS WEEK

Senate Plans to Consider Selective Draft Law, Which Is to Be Revised.

WHEAT PRICE MAY BE UP

Senator Gore Expected to Make Fight to Increase Minimum Guaranteed to \$2.50 a Bushel. Success Is Not Expected.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Prospects of passage by the Senate early this week of the Overman bill, giving the President authority to reorganize Government departments, promises to open the way for enactment of a miscellaneous lot of war legislation.

The House is to be asked to reconsider during the week the registration and selective draft law to youths now 21 years of age and establish draft quotas on the basis of the number of men in class 1, the selective bill, the housing bill and other measures.

House May Reconsider. The mineral control bill, apparently encountering rising opposition, is awaiting disposal in the House, but it is to give way, according to present plans, for disposal of conference reports on the draft legislation.

The House is to be asked to reconsider its amendment allowing credit on quotas for volunteers, and many predict it will recede. In disposing of the other bills, the registration of youths reaching their majority, the Senate must consider the amendment of the Representative Bill, of Iowa, which would exempt the new men at the bottom of the eligible list.

Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, chairman of the Senate agriculture committee and author of the proposal which the House rejected, for raising the Government minimum guaranteed price for wheat to \$2.50 a bushel, plans to call up his bill in the Senate this week. He will make a fight for the increase, but many Senators believe the Senate will yield to the house and not disturb the present guarantee.

Boycott Speech Scheduled. Repeal of the National German-American Alliance charter, despite voluntary dissolution, promises to be brought up this week by Senator King, of Utah, author of the repeal resolution. Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, plans another address in favor of his resolution for an international boycott of Germany and Germans if Germany refuses to adopt principles of international conduct drawn and accepted by the allies.

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VATICAN DENIES LIABILITY

Holy See Says Irish Cardinal Acts of Own Volition. ROME, April 28.—The Courier d'Italia, a semi-official vatican organ, speaking with reference to the attitude of Cardinal Logue concerning conscription in Ireland, says: "The Holy See always has left the attitude of each country free to take the internal affairs of their country. Thus, whatever Cardinal Logue may consider expedient to deal with conscription in Ireland cannot affect the impartiality and neutrality of the vatican in this war nor be considered a violation of the policy constantly followed by the holy see since the war began."

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LARGEST CANNERY TO RISE

San Jose Valley Orchardists Predict Profitable Season. SAN JOSE, Cal., April 28.—Plans for the construction in this city of the largest fruit and vegetable cannery in the world were announced here today. Thirteen acres of land have been purchased and a plant to cost \$250,000 will be erected immediately. Contracts for distribution of the products of the plant have been made, it is said. It will be a co-operative cannery of Santa Clara Valley orchardists and farmers and will pack 1,000,000 cases of fruits and vegetables in the 1918 season.

The largest annual pack of a single cannery is now 500,000 cases, according to officers of the new company.

STRIKERS ARE RESTRAINED

Relief Given Missouri Corporation Under Federal Sabotage Act. ST. LOUIS, April 28.—An order temporarily restraining striking employees of the St. Louis Metalware Company from molesting employees or obstructing or interfering with the company's production was granted yesterday by Judge D. P. Dyer in the United States District Court.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 28.—The Postoffice Department has appointed Mrs. Flora Leekley, Julia S. Stroeder, Elizabeth I. Herd, Doris J. Lewis and Chas. F. Stape as clerks in the Portland Postoffice. The department has also appointed four additional lettercarriers at Portland, as follows: Lee E. Leighton, Armand E. Adams, George L. Spade and Frank E. Andrews.

John W. Kearns, of Eugene, has been appointed clerk in the War Department at Washington. Ed E. Taylor has been appointed lettercarrier at Albany, Or. The department has also appointed a clerk in the War Risk Insurance Bureau at Washington.

Alexander Graham Bell recently remarked that the world will probably depend upon alcohol more and more as time goes on and that a great field of usefulness is opening up for the engineer who will modify our machinery to enable alcohol to be used as the source of power.

SEAPLANE RUNS OVER FISHERMAN

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Atiles H. Dawson & Son Consulting Actuaries 141 Broadway New York April 11th, 1918.

Grand Lodge of Oregon, Ancient Order United Workmen, Portland, Oregon. I hereby certify that I have made a valuation of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Ancient Order United Workmen, as of December 31st, 1917, and that I find it to be in the following condition, to wit: Assets, actual and contingent: Present mid-year value of future net contributions \$1,193,965.76 Admitted assets 258,698.73 Liens, loans and interest thereon 133,605.09 Total \$1,586,269.58 Liabilities, actual and contingent: Present mid-year value of promised benefits \$1,447,859.00 Accrued liabilities 11,104.56 Total \$1,458,963.56 In excess of liabilities \$ 127,306.02 Ratio of assets to liabilities 108.7%

The above valuation indicates that, on the basis of the National Fraternal Congress Table of Mortality with interest at 4 per cent, the future assessments of the Society, at the net rates now being collected, together with the now invested assets, are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms, with a margin of safety of \$127,306.02 ( 8.7%) over and above statutory standards.



Fraternally submitted, Atiles H. Dawson, F.I.A., F.A.S. Consulting Actuary.

The A. O. U. W. is one of the few Beneficiary Orders that is making permanent provision for the old age of its members. It's Beneficiary Certificates provide for cash loan, paid-up and extended insurance values. NEWTON CLARK, Grand Recorder.

MILLIONS MUST BUY

Three Billion Dollar Subscription Regarded as Sure. GOAL PUT AT \$5,000,000,000

Wealthy Men Expected to Make Large Purchases of Liberty Bonds This Week—Six Days Yet Remain.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Over-subscription of the three-billion dollar minimum of the third Liberty loan now is looked for during the campaign's final week, but Treasury officials declared tonight the five billions needed will be subscribed only if millions of citizens take shares of the loan in the next six days.

It is conceded certain that the report this week will include a great number of pledges from wealthy men and corporations which heretofore have held off, hoping for the Government to arrange a system of installment payments for income and excess profits taxes. The number of subscribers in Western states is shown by the following:

ing Federal reserve district reports: Kansas City district—Nebraska 175,000, Oklahoma 165,000, Kansas 160,000, Missouri (western part) 150,000, Colorado 122,000, Wyoming 30,000 and New Mexico 15,000. Total \$22,000. San Francisco district—California 328,453, Washington 31,182, Oregon 85,042, Idaho 44,385, Utah 34,227, Arizona 19,550, and Nevada 8943. Total 652,157.

Have YOU Entered Our Thrift Stamp Contest?

If not, do so at once—today! All you have to do is to come to this bank and ask for a Thrift Card. You must do this before May 4th, as no Thrift Cards for this contest will be given out after that date.

The first 500 who surrender their Thrift Cards filled with the 16 Thrift Stamps will be rewarded. Get your Thrift Card and further information required at the War Savings Stamp Department of this bank. Enter the contest and show your patriotism. "Get into the Thrift Circle."

The United States National Bank Sixth and Stark Capital and Surplus \$2,500,000.00

Advertisement for The United States National Bank Thrift Stamp Contest, featuring a circular logo with a building and the text 'THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK'.

Advertisement for HOTEL PERKINS, Fifth and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. Rates to Suit You. Special Low Rates to Permanent Guests.

Advertisement for Washington Girls Win Debate. WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 28.—University of Washington girls today won a unanimous decision in the debate with Whitman College girls on the question: "Resolved, That the Federal Supreme Court should be denied the power of annulling legislative acts." Whitman upheld the affirmative.

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