



PEACE FRAMEUP CLOSED INCIDENT

American Answer on Way to Vienna.

FOE'S NEXT MOVE AWAITED

Teutons Expected to Continue Their Offensive.

WILSON'S COURSE PRAISED

Unanimous Indorsement Expressed in Legislative and Diplomatic Circles of Abrupt Rejection of Austria's Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Austria's peace offensive is a closed incident so far as the American Government is concerned.

Secretary Lansing sent to the Swedish Minister today the note addressed last night by President Wilson flatly rejecting in two short sentences the proposal of the Austro-Hungarian government for secret and non-binding peace discussions.

It was started on the cables at once for transmission to Vienna by the Foreign Office at Stockholm.

Unanimous Approval Voted. The President's action, including the precedent-setting brevity of the reply and the promptness with which it was delivered, drew expressions of approval during the day everywhere in Washington, at the Capitol, among officials and throughout the allied diplomatic corps.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republican floor leader and the ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, voiced the feelings of Congress on the subject in a prepared speech heartily approving the President's course as both wise and right.

The United States, the Senator said, can talk peace only to a Germany beaten and deprived of power further to harm a wronged world.

Prompt action is regarded as the surest means of combating underlying purpose of the central powers to shake the allies and develop fatal weakness by the encouragement of the expression of individual aims and views of the separate states.

5000-TON WOOD SHIP WINS

Steamer Plans Approved by Lloyd's and American Shipping Bureau.

Plans for a 5000-ton wooden steamer, as drawn at the headquarters of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, were approved yesterday by Lloyd's and the American Bureau of Shipping.

MAN CALLED SLACKER SUES

W. E. Thompson Would Recover \$5000 From Alexander Kemmas.

"You are a — slacker." This is the charge made publicly against Alexander G. Kemmas by W. E. Thompson, according to the charges contained in a complaint filed yesterday in the Circuit Court by which Kemmas seeks to recover \$5000 damages from Thompson for alleged slander.

NEW DIVISION READY SOON

Officers Trained in France of Late Prove Ability at Camp Lewis.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Sept. 17.—With the division organized only a few weeks the result of having officers who have had service in France detailed to act as instructors is already apparent.

HIGHWAY WORK IN 3 STATES DESCRIBED

JULIUS MEIER GIVES NATIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION.

Plans Discussed for Greater Use of Roads and Truck Service for Small Communities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—As the representative of a National highways regional district composed of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, Julius Meier, of Portland, is here attending a conference of the Council of National Defense for the purpose of devising plans for greater use of the highways during the war emergency.

CORN AND RICE CONSERVED

New Anti-Beer Proclamation Signed by President.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Use of any foodstuffs except barley, malt and hops in the brewing of beer and near-beers after next October 1 is prohibited by a proclamation signed tonight by President Wilson.

UPSIDE DOWN FLIGHT MADE

Flyer Rides Keel of Capsized Airplane to Safety.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—A British airman, while flying at a height of 1600 feet, had the tail of his machine shot off by a direct hit from a shell.

Warm Weather Returns.

Further south the British at the same time pushed northeastward of Ploegsteert and established posts 200 yards in advance of the old line which they had occupied before the German drive began in March.

This was the third consecutive day of fine, warm weather and the battlefields are rapidly drying out.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—British air squadrons have again bombed the airplains (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

NEW GROUND WON BY BRITISH TROOPS

Fighting Nets 1301 German Prisoners.

TEUTONS SEEM NERVOUS

Assault Forces Lacking to Repel Expected Drive.

U. S. VICTORY DISHEARTENS

Alarming Rumors Concerning Extent of American Gains at St. Mihiel Preval Among Enemy Troops Before English.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The British gained ground today in the neighborhood of Holnon village, northwest of St. Quentin, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via Montreal, Sept. 17.—(Reuter's)—British troops in the last 24 hours have captured 1301 Germans.

Prisoners recently captured say that every effort has been made to suppress all news of the American success at St. Mihiel, concerning which alarming rumors prevail.

Another small but important bulge of the Ypres salient into Germany's territory was forced by the British troops yesterday, when they attacked on a front of 200 yards along the Menin road and drove back the Germans for a distance of 500 yards.

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25 SOLDIERS DIE AS TRAINS COLLIDE

WRECK OCCURS IN NIGHT NEAR MARSHFIELD, MO.

Names of Killed and Injured Not Available, as Strict Censorship Is Placed on Information.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 17.—Twenty-five soldiers were killed and between 50 and 60 more were injured tonight when a freight train and a troop train crashed together in a head-on collision one mile east of Marshfield, Mo.

There was little confusion at the scene of the wreck. Within a few minutes after it occurred a guard of soldiers had been thrown out around the tracks and the soldiers were at work removing bodies and giving first aid to their wounded comrades.

The injured were placed aboard a relief train from Springfield and rushed to hospitals here.

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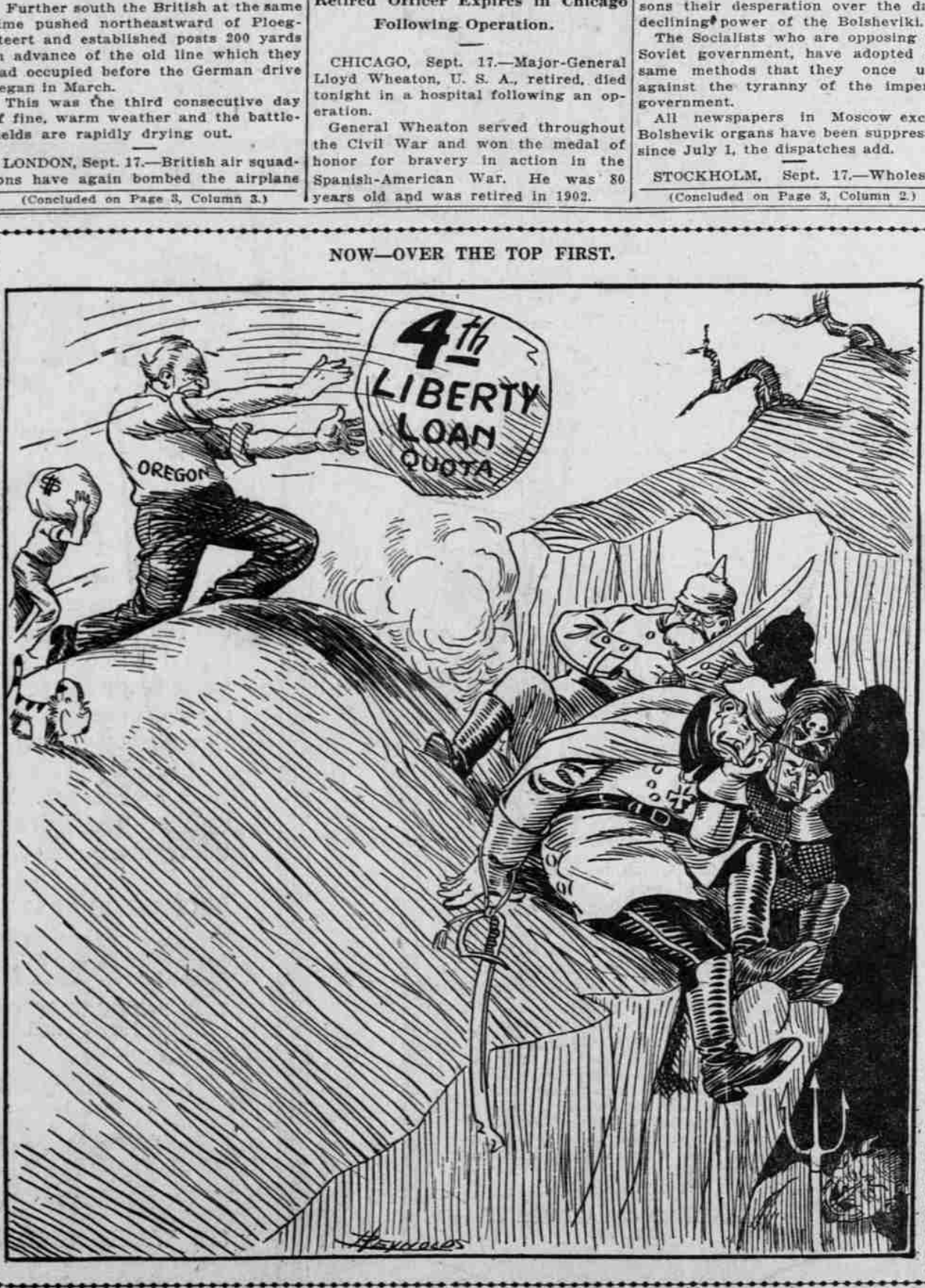
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SCAPPOOSE, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Czech-Slovak Club of Scapoose started the drive Monday evening with a big parade. They sang "America" and the Czech (Bohemian) National song, and then subscribed for Liberty bonds.

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Now—over the top first.

4th LIBERTY LOAN QUOTA



RUSSIA LAND OF DAILY SLAUGHTER

Bolsheviki Ruthless in Taking Lives.

VICTIMS RECEIVE NO TRIALS

Allied Citizens Trapped and in Great Danger.

MANY HELD AS HOSTAGES

All Moscow Newspapers Suppressed. Executions in Petrograd Reach Total of 812 for Single Week.

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EMBARGO PUT ON SEATTLE EXPORTS

GOVERNMENT ORDERS CLEAN-UP OF PILED-UP MERCHANDISE.

Since Beginning of Year Freight Accumulation in Puget Sound Metropolis Is Greater.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Government Railroad Administration has ordered embargoes placed on all exports reaching Seattle until an accumulation of 2573 carloads has been cleaned up.

Cars of export merchandise began accumulating to the point of congesting the port with the beginning of the year. Operating railway officials organized the committee on car service for the purpose of devising plans for reducing the accumulation.

The names of the killed and injured were not available late tonight, a strict censorship being placed on all information as to the wreck by the Army officers on board the train.

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'KICK OFF' MEETING MOST ENTHUSIASTIC

3000 Loan Workers Get Final Instructions.

STATE CHALLENGES CITY

Outside Counties Have Two Days' Start Over Multnomah.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Leaders Confident Whole State Will Respond Promptly to Call and Raise Entire \$40,000,000 Before First Day.

WAR HEROES TO BE HEARD AT AUDITORIUM TOMORROW NIGHT.

Portland is invited to attend the mass meeting to be held tomorrow night at the Auditorium, when two officers of the allied armies, both veterans of overseas service, will speak under the auspices of the speakers committee of the fourth liberty loan.

Lieutenant Vincent de Wenzelski, of the French high mission, and Captain T. E. Y. Seddon, of the New Zealand contingent, are the speakers. They will tell of the titanic strife that is being waged against Prussian autocracy with vivid descriptions of the price men pay that the world may be free.

SOLDIER THIEF SENTENCED

Forrest Leek Gets Ten Years for Stealing From Company Member.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 17.—For "borrowing" \$50 a few days without the owner's permission, Private Forrest Leek, of the 46th Company, 156th Depot Brigade, will spend the next 10 years on Alcatraz Island.

Leek, according to the testimony brought out at the general court-martial which tried him, took 11 travelers' checks totaling \$180, which belonged to another member of his company. He cashed five to the value of \$80, and after he was arrested, returned the money.

The trial brought out that he had served 13 years in the National Guard of California.

CHURCH ASKS \$35,000,000

Methodists Ask Sum for Mission Work for Five Years.

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 17.—The centenary of missions conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the purpose of which is to raise \$35,000,000 during the next five years for mission work, was formally opened here tonight.

An interpretative address on the missionary centenary was given by Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville, N. C.

MASONRY HITS KAISERISM

Sovereign Grand Commander Smith Arraigns Prussianism.

BOSTON, Sept. 17.—Prussianism was bitterly arraigned by Barton Smith, of Toledo, Ohio, sovereign grand commander of the Supreme Council Ancient Order of Scottish Freemasonry of the northern jurisdiction in his allocution at the 16th annual meeting of the order here today.

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