

BALFOUR PARTY ARRIVES IN U. S.

British on Way to World's Greatest War Council.

WHEREABOUTS KEPT SECRET

Special Train, Held 5 Days, Is Traveling Over Closely-Guarded Route.

PLANS BEGUN INFORMALLY

American State and Military Notables Escorting Visitors to Washington.

WITH THE BALFOUR PARTY, April 21.—Great Britain's high commissioners to the International War Council, to begin in Washington next week, set foot on American soil today and now are on their way to the Capital.

Arthur James Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Empire, ex-Premier, and often called the dean of the world's elder statesmen, was the central figure of a party that included some of Great Britain's most prominent men.

American Aid Appreciated.

With a genial smile playing over his features, he consented to a brief interview, warmly expressing his appreciation of all the United States has done as a neutral in charitable and relief work in Belgium and in German prison camps, his gratification that England and the United States now were allied for a common purpose, and his conviction that this country in its war efforts would astound the world, particularly Germany.

The object of the commission, Mr. Balfour said, was "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."

Submarines Are Evaded.

"Your President, in a most apt and vivid phrase," Mr. Balfour added, "has proclaimed that the world must be made safe for democracy. That self-governing communities are not to be treated as negligible simply because they are small; that the ruthless domination of one unscrupulous power imperils the future of civilization and the liberties of mankind are truths of political ethics which the bitter experience of war is burning into the souls of all freedom-loving peoples."

England's leading statesmen, having safely evaded the German submarines and mines which sent Lord Kitchener to his death, were received with the highest honors as guests of the American people when they ar-

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TURKISH RELATIONS WITH U. S. BROKEN

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IS TOO ILL TO LEAVE YET.

Example of Austria-Hungary as Ally Is Followed by Ottoman Government in Action.

LONDON, April 21.—The Turkish government on Friday evening officially informed the American Embassy that diplomatic relations with the United States had been broken off, according to a Berlin dispatch forwarded by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam.

American Ambassador Elkus, who is suffering from typhoid fever, the report adds, will have to remain some time in Constantinople. The Ambassador's condition has shown some improvement.

MARINER DIES AT WHEEL

Captain John Johnson Coquille Bar Pilot for 33 Years.

BANDON, Or., April 21.—(Special)—Captain John Johnson, 56, dropped dead at the wheel of the bar tug Killyham just as his craft crossed out through the last line of breakers this morning. Acting Mate Lind seized the wheel, preventing disaster.

Captain Johnson had piloted vessels over the Coquille bar for 33 years. He died while going out to bring in two steamers. A wife and two grown children survive him.

BOMB FOUND IN GRAIN CAR

Plot to Destroy Elevators Suspected by Authorities.

DENVER, April 21.—Federal authorities are investigating what is believed to be a plot to destroy grain elevators by means of bombs, it was announced today. Investigation was begun following the discovery yesterday of what is believed to be a nitroglycerin bomb in a carload of oats received by a large local grain company from a grain company at Omaha.

The bomb was dropped into the Platte River by a police officer.

STRIKE IS LAID TO SPIES

Illinois Mine Workers' President Asks Federal Investigation.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 21.—Believing that agents of Germany are trying to foment strikes among the miners to harass the United States Government in the war, Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois District of the United Mine Workers of America, has asked the Federal Government to investigate the strike at Kincaid, Nokomis and Witt, near Springfield.

PORTLAND SECOND IN UNION

New York Leads With \$35 Navy Enlistments to This City's 323.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 21.—Portland is contributing more men to the Navy than any other city save New York, according to figures given out by Secretary Daniels for the week ending April 12.

WHEAT REACHES \$3 MARK

New Record Is Made in Prices at Fort Worth, Texas.

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 21.—A new record for wheat was set here yesterday. A carload of Texas No. 2 hard wheat sold for \$3 a bushel to a Texas mill.

OREGON ORGANIZES TO USE RESOURCES

W. J. Kerr Will Direct Food Production.

EFFICIENCY IN WAR IS AIM

Governor Presides at Notable and Earnest Meeting.

PRICE CONTROL DEMANDED

Co-operation Pledged by Individuals and Organizations and Record of Achievement at Conference Declared Unexcelled.

W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, was authorized to take complete charge of Oregon's food production and conservation campaign at a meeting of representatives of most of the state's industrial, commercial, civic and social interests at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

The meeting also went on record, unanimously, in favor of strict Federal supervision of food distribution and Federal regulation of food prices.

Every speaker who demanded legislation that will curb the unparliamentary manipulations of unscrupulous food speculators was applauded with vigor and enthusiasm.

Price Regulation Urged.

The meeting authorized the dispatch of telegrams to the Oregon delegation in Congress demanding action that will prevent the further unnecessary increase in food prices.

Governor Withycombe presided. More than a score of earnest, determined speakers, including J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N. Company; L. C. Gilman, president of the North Bank road; various state officials and heads of several enterprising civic organizations were heard.

Councilman to Be Named.

The Governor explained that he had been authorized by President Wilson to appoint a committee of seven members on the State Council of National Defense to co-operate with the National Council, now in session at Washington, and that he would appoint a delegate to represent Oregon on the National Council at Washington during the continuation of war.

The proposed state council, which will be named by the Governor early next week, will co-operate with the work that President Kerr and the faculty of the Agricultural College were authorized to carry on. They will work in complete harmony, too, with the Oregon Patriotic Service League, to the end that no important effort in this direction will be duplicated or misdirected.

Patriotic League to Assist.

H. H. Ward, president of the league, attended yesterday's meeting and declared that the whole force of the organization would be at the disposal of the Agricultural College in this work.

Secretary Houston Telegraphs. Even while the meeting was in progress, President Kerr received the following telegram from Secretary D. F. Houston, of the Department of Agriculture:

"Glad to hear of plans for efficient (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)"

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Foreign. Minkoff says Russia looks to United States for victory. Section 1, page 7.

National. Will H. Barry, of Seattle, and member of Federal Trade Commission, dead. Section 1, page 5. Two hundred million dollar war loan over-subscribed in three days. Section 1, page 1. American food supply will last only until Fall, says agent of Agricultural Department. Section 1, page 7. West to furnish 2500 men for officers' training camp. Section 1, page 8.

Domestic. War sits lightly on New Yorkers. Section 1, page 1. American envoy hided; German cheered in Mexico House of Deputies. Section 1, page 5.

Sport. Rain delays angling season somewhat. Section 2, page 2. Ray Barkhurst to lead Baseball Boosters' parade on Eastern Oregon fair Tuesday. Section 2, page 3. Yacht Club season will open soon. Section 2, page 4. Big golf tourney won't be postponed. Section 2, page 4. Pacific Coast League results: Portland 7, Oakland 4; Salt Lake 5, San Francisco 2; Los Angeles 4, Vernon 2. Section 2, page 5. Four new faces will be in ring Tuesday night. Section 2, page 3. Northwestern League season starts on Tuesday. Section 2, page 2. Corvallis relay team furnishes many thrills. Section 2, page 2.

Pacific Northwest. Expense of I. W. W. trial at Seattle protested. Section 1, page 9. Military training at State University put first of all. Section 1, page 8. Food train party welcomed at last stop in Baker. Section 1, page 10. Western Governors plan to attend National Defense conference. Section 1, page 11. Oregon Public Service Commission orders parade on Eastern Oregon fair Tuesday. Section 1, page 7. Emergency Board to probe Pacific Livestock Commission case. Section 1, page 8. Coos County rallies to road bond issue. Section 1, page 5.

Commercial and Marine. Wheat harvest in Northern despite small stocks. Section 2, page 15. Two new ship orders and Vancouver shipyard interest marine circles. Section 2, page 16. Rules issued for vessels in defensive sea. Section 2, page 16. Shipbuilders plan to mobilize labor. Section 2, page 16. Portland and Vicinity. Food production of state put in hands of W. J. Kerr. Section 1, page 1. Irvington Club has bright outlook. Section 1, page 12. Official reports show wonderful daring of Italian troops. Section 1, page 12. Farmers favor road bonds. Section 1, page 14. H. L. Corbett outlines policy of Chamber for coming year. Section 1, page 14. Company H, 11th Regiment, plans great reunion. Section 1, page 16. Prize-winning essays in road bond contest are announced. Section 1, page 16. Newspaperman who nearly elected President, gets bride from campaign. Section 1, page 17. Plans ready for big road rally Saturday. Section 1, page 15. Funeral rites held over 2000 quarts of liquor at Courthouse. Section 1, page 13. City Attorney holds two-plateau plan does not authorize new tax levy. Section 1, page 20. Ice war ends and prices jump. Section 1, page 20. Navy makes start on campaign for 600 more men. Section 1, page 21. Honor Guard Girls will give big benefit on May 10. Section 1, page 21. Shakespeare Club presents film of "King Lear" as hospital benefit. Section 1, page 21. League to enforce peace is formed here. Section 1, page 9. Foreign-born residents fill Library Hall for patriotic meeting. Section 1, page 9. Portland couple married for 53 years. Section 1, page 13. Use of potato eyes as seed explained. Section 1, page 13. Tea dance to be given to aid blind. Section 1, page 13. Weather report, data and forecast. Section 2, page 16.

WAR SITS LIGHTLY UPON NEW YORKERS

Atmosphere Fervid and Vocal, but Blithe.

MANY TURN OUT TO MARCH

Way, However, Leads Not to Recruiting Station.

SERVICE LEFT TO FARMERS

Fear of Dry Regime Gives Gravest Concern to Gotham—Billy Sunday Rivals War and Broadway as Reigning Sensation.

NEW YORK, April 21.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—If one were to shut his eyes and open his ears and listen to the gossip of the hotel corridors, the smoking cars, the street corners, or the Congressional lobby, he might imagine himself to be in Portland. It is just the same spirit and atmosphere of fervid and vocal Americanism everywhere.

It would almost seem as if the average citizen is glad that he is in the war or rather that America is in the war. The distinction is obvious. There is no Army, and there are no satisfactory signs that there will be one until there is conscription, which there will doubtless be. But of that something will be said later.

City Boys Most Needed.

The day of the night we arrived in New York via Washington there had been a tremendous "Wake-Up-America" parade. It took seven hours to pass a given point. There may or may not be significance to the fact that it marched grandly up Fifth avenue to Central Park and not to the recruiting station. I mean no sneer at New York. It is not different in New York—at least not greatly different—than at Chicago, or San Francisco, or Portland; but it is somewhat different from the situation in Yonkers, or Silvertown, or Cathlamet. In these latter places the farmer boys are enlisting as volunteers, being fired by the appeal to duty and the spirit of sacrifice. The farmers are, however, more needed at home than the boys on the bleachers in the baseball park, or in the billiard parlor, or the picture show. The city boy does not enlist because the crowd doesn't enlist. You may supply your own reason as to why the appeal to the country boy is the more readily answered. I am not willing, however, to think or to say that the latter is more patriotic, for I believe that the fiber of the American youth, urban or rural, is of identical quality.

War Interest Evident Visually.

The physical signs, the scenic evidences, of New York's interest in the war are most pleasing. Fifth avenue and Broadway and other streets are bordered with flags and bunting. Not all are American flags, for there are occasional French and English emblems. The crowds hurry along the avenue much as usual past the great mansions of the famous and idle rich. At Forty-second street and Fifth avenue today two young fellows in khaki were addressing a somewhat languid crowd in a call for recruits. They were aided by one or two ardent women, but there seemed to be no immediate results. It is curious to note that the passers today report that a reaction has followed the mighty demonstration of Thursday and that recruiting has slumped. Last night at a theater, just before the curtain rose, the orchestra played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and

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FIRST WAR LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

\$200,000,000 OFFERING IS TAKEN IN THREE DAYS.

Government Officials Believe Action Presages Great Response on \$5,000,000,000 Issue.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The first American offering of war securities in any form, \$200,000,000 in Treasury certificates, has been heavily over-subscribed. How great the over-subscription is, officials were unable to say tonight, as many of the banks had not been heard from.

The certificates were offered only to financial institutions. The response, officials believe, presages a patriotic outpouring of funds to an extent unparalleled in the history of any nation when the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue is placed before the general public. Offering of the certificates was made informally because the \$7,000,000,000 finance measure is not yet a law. As soon as it is disposed of by Congress, probably by Wednesday of next week, the formal offer will be made and proceeds of the subscription called for at once.

The informal offering of the certificates has been before the banks of the country only three days. It was presented by the 12 Federal reserve banks, which will act as the Government's agents. The certificates will bear 3 per cent interest and will mature June 30.

It is probable that as soon as the extent of the over-subscription of the present issue is ascertained, Secretary McAdoo will authorize the immediate issue of an additional amount to care for the over-subscription.

GERMAN PARTY ARRIVES

Diplomats and Consuls From China Reach San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Paul von Hiltze, ex-German Minister to China, arrived here today with 27 other members of the diplomatic and consular corps of Germany, expelled from China when China broke relations with Germany. Department of Justice agents, with customs inspectors, boarded the vessel, taking charge of the party's baggage and effects, which, it was said, would be thoroughly searched. Later the Von Hiltze party will go East, under safe conduct, to take passage for a neutral country.

FAIR WEATHER PREDICTED

Occasional Showers Along North Pacific Possible This Week.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau today are: Pacific States—Generally fair except for occasional showers along the North Pacific Coast; temperature somewhat below seasonal average.

BALL PARK FARMS ADVISED

Louis Hill Also Favors Plowing Up Golf Links.

ST. PAUL, April 21.—Use of baseball parks, golf links and all greenhouses for the growth of garden products was recommended by L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, who returned today from California. "They are not playing golf in Berlin nor spending the afternoons shouting at ball parks," he said.

FLOUR MILLS TO BE SEIZED

British Food Controller to Take Over Plants April 30.

LONDON, April 21.—Baron Devonport, the food controller, today issued an order for the taking over of all flour mills in the United Kingdom by his department. The order will become effective April 30.

ARTILLERY IS IN SMASHING DUEL

33,000 Germans Captured in Recent Drive.

FRENCH GAIN AT ALL POINTS

First Sunny Day of Present Campaign Inspires Assaults to More Daring.

ADVANCE IS METHODOICAL

Every Man of Vast Army Is in Right Place at the Proper Time; 330 Guns Taken.

PARIS, April 21.—Violent artillery fighting between the Somme and the Oise, particularly south of St. Quentin, is reported in the official communication tonight.

The number of German prisoners taken by the French and British troops since the beginning of the present operations is placed at more than 33,000 and the guns at 330.

(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE FRENCH FRONT, April 21.—Smashing artillery duels marked today's fighting all along the front from Craonne Plateau to Auberive, interspersed here and there with forward drives by the French infantry. Night and day the Germans were incessantly harried.

Positions Are Reorganized.

All the positions carried by the French have been reorganized, and in places further extensions have been made. Nowhere did the Germans succeed in retaking any point. Hurtbeise, where the French are solidly astride the Chemin-des-Dames, which gives to them the opportunity of reaching Laon Plateau, was the point where the Germans today directed their strongest effort to eject them, but in vain.

The clearing up of the reconquered ground behind the advancing front waves is extremely perilous owing to the presence of small bodies of Germans in farms, valleys and woods, who do not realize that they are entirely cut off and continue to fight in the hope of relief. Some of them were brought in today.

Weather Favors Germans.

Atmospheric conditions have again turned in favor of the Germans, the heavy mists hindering French observation. The French generals are sparing their men as much as possible; they never send them forward until the objective has been subjected to a terrific bombardment, calculated to paralyze the occupants. The ad-

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SOME NEWS EVENTS OF THE WEEK AS SEEN FROM WHERE CARTOONIST REYNOLDS SITS.

