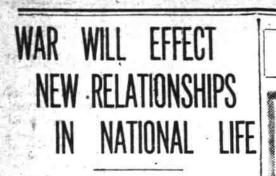
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Emergency Paves Way for Changes That Are Ordinarily Termed Radical.

OUTLOOK IS PROMISING

The Age-Old Fear of "Government Interference With Business" Weakened Beyond Recovery.

Washington, April 28 .- (WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)-Control of food prices by the government; control of the distribution of the products, and fixing of minimum prices to be paid to the grower are questions now calmly discussed in congress.

Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture has suggested these things as part of the war program. He has made only a ripple, and it seems likely that the power to do these things will be conferred. A few years ago scarcely any of the senators who now debate the best means of applying such a law could have hinted at such a thing without facing political annihilation.

This should what the war view is doing to long cherished ideas in American life. To say that America will never be the same as the result of the world war is to repeat a trite truth. It may be doubted whether any who try to indicate the changes can give any clear view of what is to follow. New Domestic Outlook.

Usually the emphasis is placed upon the new and closer relationship which this country, it is assumed, will bear toward the nations of the old world. Vast as the new outlook on world affairs promises to be, it is still more difficult to estimate oncoming events in the purely domestic sphere,

Already the query is being asked, what if such radical notions as price fixing become grounded in the national policy? If the thing works well in war time, prevents extortion, insures fair distribution and confers benefit to the common welfare, will not a demand arise for it in time of peace to follow? "Interference" Doctrine Punctured.

In such an event the old fear of government "interference with business" is likely to be weakened and a

new era based on war experience arise in its place. No one can tell how far that tendency will swing. Government operation of ships, coal mines, manufacturing plants, railroads and stitution can be amended only by a like activities would in a short time convention, and conventions must be produce profound changes in thought at least seven years apart. Fourteen and policy.

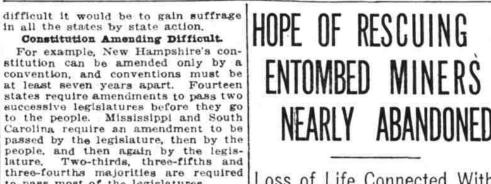
successive legislatures before they go Along with it might easily come a close examination of the whole prob- to the people. Mississippi and South lem of governmental taxation. The Carolina require an amendment to be passed by the legislature, then by the taxing power is reaching in all directions to pay the cost of the war. The people, and then again by the legis-taxes are to be heavy in war time, and lature. Two-thirds, three-fifths and will be heavy after the war is over. three-fourths majorities are required Bo far the tax program is largely one to rass most of the legislatures.

New Mexico surpasses all the rest in of securing revenue from production energies, particularly incomes and the precautions taken to protect its profits. Ultimately it may lead to constitution from reckless amendment. consideration of other means of di-A three-fourths vote of the legislature rect taxation, including land. is the first step, then a three fourths vote of the people to ratify, and a old Tashioned Ideas Pass. two-thirds majority in each county. When the nation is straining every Thirty-four per cent of the voters in any one of the counties is enough to



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Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister; Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States. and Hugh Gibson of the state department.



Loss of Life Connected With Mine Fire at Hastings Be-

the mining district since the holocaust occurred. Company officials, however refuse to confirm these reports, and are backed up in their refusal by state mining officials, who declare that no definite information will be available until the fire is extinguished and investigators can be sent down into the Italian Contract Is Denied.

One report that the Victor company. perators of the mine, has been furnishing coal under contract to the Italian government, was flatly denied

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dicates that the fire is the after-effect of an explosion which in turn precipi-

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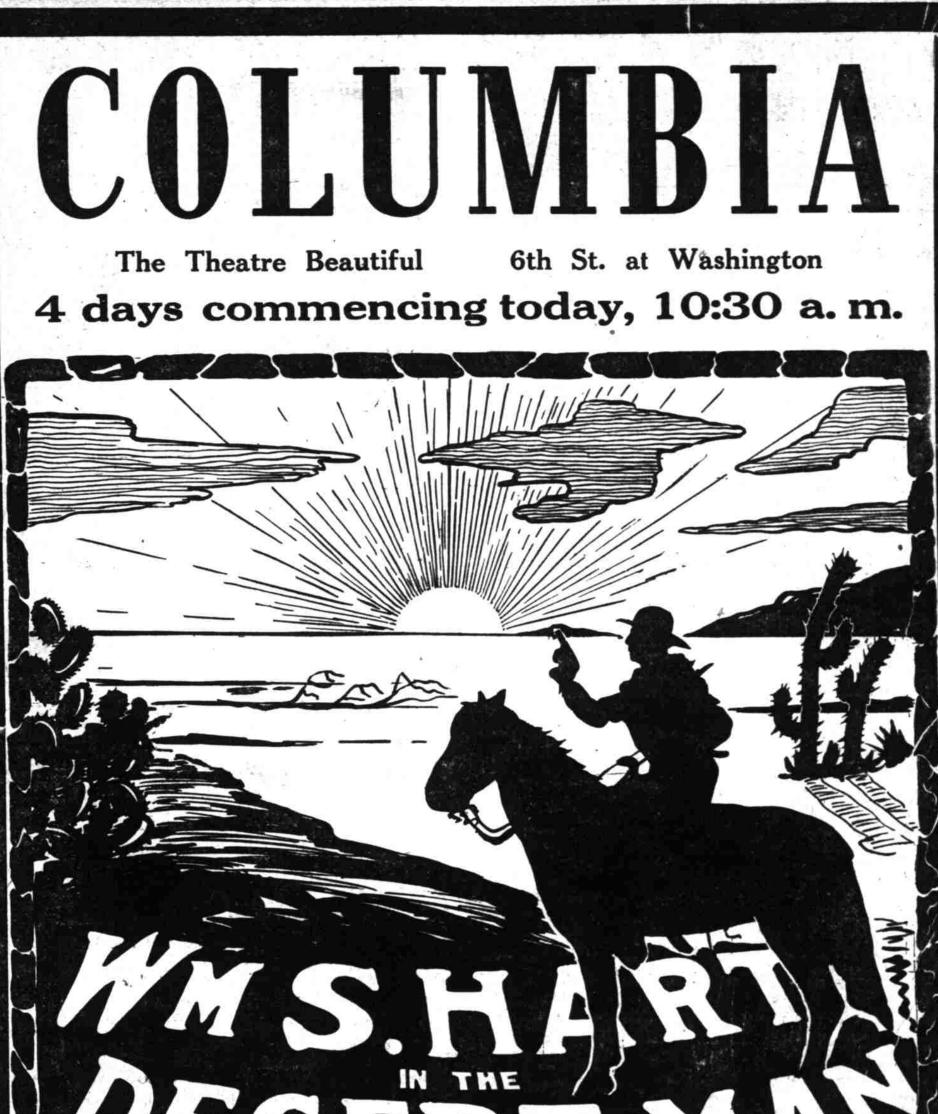
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by company officials. The fire continues to rage, nearly a under the



nerve toward increasing production, and officials from president down are urging the use of land, there is likely

to be less and less patience with those who tie up the productive en-ergies of the country in large land holdings, with speculative values at-There can hardly be a systached. tematic spirit toward the land speculator in such surroundings.

So President Wilson's echoing call to democracy the world over is likely to have full play for reflex action at home. Old fashioned ideas are going to smash in congress day by day, with few protesting voices to pay them

"War Measures" Preferred.

Only war measures are to be considered at the extra session of congress. But "war measures" is an elastic term, since the business, commerce and agriculture of the country are so closely related to the conduct of the War.

Apparently the program of the session will include all bills which the president and his advisers believe will stimulate the production of the country and make it most effective on the world stage. Such matters as amendment of the federal reserve law, intended to strengthen the nation's financial ability; improvements to rivers and harbors that will assist in mobilizing the country's resources, and measures to bring increased acreage for the production of crops are clearly within the list.

Matters of local importance must wait for the regular session, at least. Congress will not take up general legislation. Matters which can bring themselves within the definition of aiding the country in the war will be not be.

Woman Suffrage Gains.

Woman suffrage, by the "state method" is marching steadily ahead. Six states, by the action of their legislatures this year, have given women the right to vote for president and vice president, and all but one of these at the same time granted municipal suffrage.

This makes a total of 18 states where women will hereafter have the right to vote for president, and in Arkansas they have been given the right to participate in party primaries. Within the last 10 days or two weeks Rhode Island, Michigan and Nebraska have been added to the presidential suffrage list.

This advance has been encouraging to those who are working for national suffrage. Every state added brings more votes in congress into line, and adds weight to the arguments for the national amendment. In the hearing recently given by the senate committee Miss Rankin, the congresswoman from Montana, made an analysis of the state constitutions to show how





save Responsible Plantation Ownhope. er Vouches for Statement Rendezvous Is Maintained workers

Rio de Janeiro, April 28 .- (U. P.)-After numberless rumors and unconfirmed reports regarding naval bases said to have been established by German raiders and submarines on the coast of Brazil, what appears to be a reliable story of such a base has reached this city. The story is vouched for by Colonel Jose Maria da Silva, proprietor of a large plantation on the Ilha de Maraca, which is said to have been the rendezvous of several German ships at various times since the beginning of the war.

The Ilha de Macara is separated from the northern coast of Brazil by the Carrapaparis channel. Three German warships anchored in this channel for several days during the first year considered, and other things will of the war, and have used the hiding place several times since, the last time being during February this year.

Fresh Meat Secured.

He declared that fresh meat was furnished the ships by several cattle raisers, that the ships took water and made repairs. Tropical jungle climbs precipitous slopes of land, so that ships' masts or funnels are completely obscured when the ship lies close in to shore.

Colonel Silva reported that officers rom the first German ships to use the hiding place embarked in gasoline launches and made careful soundings of the channel and the entire neighborhood of the island, and that they made detailed maps from their obser vations.

With the publishing of Colonel Silva's statements the Brazilian cruiser "Tymbra" was dispatched to the scene to verify the story and protect Brazilian neutrality. a Raiders Still Active.

Reports indicating that the raiders are still active in the South Atlantic continue to arrive, the latest being a telegram from Belem, a city near the nouth of the Amazon, saying that a naval battle had been fought within sight of the city. The report stated that it was believed that the engagement was fought between the French cruiser "Greydon" and the German

raider. Tobacco Checks Contagion.

Berlin, April 28.-A German army urgeon of high rank reports in s medical journal that tobacco protects the soldiers in the field against conaglous diseases.

Girls Are Steel Chemists. London, April 28 .- Fifty girls have een trained at the Sheffield university during the past three months as steel mists to replace fit young men.

lieved to Be 120

Hastings, Col., April 28.-(U, P.)- tated a series of explosions. The writ-Hastings mourns the death of a ten report of James H. Davis, fire hundred and twenty fathers, husbands

and brothers tonight. before the disaster occurred-the mine Hope of rescuing any of the 120 was absolutely free of gas, lends cr men who went down into the black dence to the plot theory. Experts say maw of the Victor-American mine that it would have been impossible for yesterday morning, little suspecting sufficient gas to accumulate in the in-tnat death lurked there, has been terval to cause such an explosion as irtually abandoned. occurred.

Fifteen gruesome, charred, unrecog-Dynamite May Be Cause.

lizable shapes-which yesterday were G. F. Bartlett, president of the Vicmen-brought out by the helmet squads, have convinced the 300 griet tor company, stated it is possible that dynamite caused the explosion, alcrazed women and children, who have though he asserted none of the miners. been dumbly watching the ugly gash except one man who did nothing else, in the snow covered hillside, hoping was permitted to handle explosives. "Coal, as everybody knows, is one of the basic necessities of warfare. I anagainst hope that a miracle might "their men," that there is no ticipate, because this is true, a great Rescue Workers Are Handicapped. deal of trouble about coal mines of the Tonight seven squads of rescue country, and it is possible-perhaps orkers were working with undi- probable-that this disaster is the minished energy, attempting to reach first of a series of oper the fire which handicaps their work expect," said Bartlett. first of a series of operations logical us

and must be extinguished before the It is pointed out, on the other hand. imprisoned men-whether they are by those inclined to doubt the plot theony, that the mine was known as a dead or alive-can be reached. State and company officials were "gas" mine-dangerous at any time, investigating the disaster, with a view despite the elaborate precautions of its o ascertaining its real cause. operators-and that such a disaster as Wild rumors of German and Aus- occurred yesterday is a possibility at trian plots have been circulating in any time in such a shaft.

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