

SPREADING OF GOSPEL OF WORLD FREEDOM REACHES ITS CLIMAX

Balfour Predicts Quick, Decisive U-Boat Defeat; Confer With J. P. Morgan.

RECEPTION IS BIG AFFAIR

British Red Cross Benefit Seats Sell From \$500 to \$1000; Other Commissioners Busy.

Balfour Praises America. New York, May 12.—(U. P.)—This is surely a most glorious termination of the most glorious episode in the history of international relations, said British Foreign Minister Balfour, addressing a cheering throng which thronged the hall tonight. The former premier spoke from his box, in response to insistent calls of "Balfour."

New York, May 12.—(U. P.)—The French and British war commissioners' task of spreading the gospel of world freedom through the war on Prussianism reached its climax in the east today.

Quick decisive defeat of the submarine menace through cooperation between America and her new European allies was predicted by British Foreign Secretary Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British mission, in New York.

Balfour also conferred on financial affairs with J. P. Morgan. Tonight he attended the British Red Cross benefit in Carnegie hall. Rene Viviani, French minister of justice and head of the French war commission, arrived in Ottawa to address the Canadian parliament on the new allied alignment, since America is in.

Jeffre Goes into New England. Marshal Jeffre carried the allied banner into New England and planted there amid the cheers of hundreds of thousands. Tomorrow he will go on to Montreal to tell the Canadians that America is in to the limit, also possible to confer with military authorities on concrete questions of war methods.

The Italian commission assembled its data preparatory to going to Washington early next week for conferences with the American government on that country's war needs. Meantime representatives of France, England, Cuba, Italy and the United States concurred in organizing their problems and speeding with crystallized information the organization of America's war machine.

Seats Cost \$500 to \$1000. Balfour dined tonight with Joseph H. Choate, who, despite his 85 years, is enthusiastically working to get America started on the right foot in its war against Germany.

U-Boats Will Be Crushed. Major Charles Gordon (Ralph Connor) exhibited for the first time motion pictures of the British tanks in action at the battle of the Ancre and gave a descriptive lecture with the showing of the film.

Final Conference Planned. Balfour also pleaded for union of English-speaking peoples and predicted that America and England will have a large share in the settlement of many great problems after the war and that they will be settled well and amicably.

General G. T. M. Bridges of the British commission, who is in Washington for the day and Rear Admiral Dudley De Chair was a guest at the Brooklyn navy yard.

It is probable that the entire membership of both the French and British war commissions will assemble with the American government in Washington early next week, along with the Italian and Cuban, to conduct their conferences before returning to their home governments.

COST ESTIMATE IS GIVEN OUT BY DOCK BOARD

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To California points, which will continue to be made in sacks.

Portions of this shed may also be used for general cargo and trans-shipment movements to other docks of the port are congested.

The estimated cost of this shed, based on a total length of 1000 feet and width of 150 feet, is approximately \$476,000, which includes the sub-structure.

Facilities Must Be Supplied. The destruction of three large grain docks by fire a few years ago has caused an abnormal shortage of grain handling facilities in this port and it is imperative that additional facilities be provided at once to handle our grain exports when shipping conditions return to normal.

A dredged slip, with open pier alongside, a type of construction which will also make available a considerable

area which will be used for open storage and handling of heavy bulk freight, such as lumber, rails, structural steel, pig iron and other special commodities.

"Such facilities are not now available here, and their lack has operated as a serious handicap to the port's shipping competitors, not to mention the great advantage of this kind of their great advantage.

"The approximate estimate of the construction cost of all of the open dock facilities in the tentative plan is about \$2,400,000. This open dock construction could be utilized later for additional shed space at a small expense.

"The estimated cost for dredging the slip and using the excavated material to raise the open dock areas to an elevation above highest river stage is approximately \$73,000.

"The estimated cost of railway connections and the extensive truckage required will be approximately \$63,000.

Options on Sites Obtained. For special mechanical equipment, such as sheers, locomotive and gantry cranes, to handle heavy bulk material, it is estimated that approximately \$40,000.

"The location and extent of the site for the proposed port improvements have not yet been determined, but the commission has options on several pieces of suitable water frontage.

It is not the intention and the commission will not propose to construct or to dispose of any of the authorized \$2,000,000 bonds until it is clear that the purpose of the construction will be limited to that extent.

"The commission's aim will be to provide facilities only sufficiently in advance of requirements to enable the port to meet actual needs of shipping and insure its retention after it has once been established, but the commission feels that it should at this time be placed in a position to care for the heavy demands, which, no doubt, will develop in the near future when shipping returns to normal.

"The commission will also provide for special authorization to supply needed facilities, when the demand for them may be both immediate and urgent and delay in supplying them would seriously handicap the port.

Surplus Will Be Conserved. Any surplus which may be available from the bond issue would simply be held in reserve, unused, for completion of the tentative plan, providing new facilities not now contemplated or for special facilities which may be demanded by shipping which cannot be anticipated now.

"The port plan outlined has been adopted by all large and successful ports as effecting the best results in attracting and retaining shipping.

"The port plan is not a trade for handling the waterfront situation in this port, our competitors will have a distinct advantage over us of more than 1000 feet of waterfront, as this length of time that we are to be in possession of it.

"Failure to authorize this bond issue at the coming election would seem fatal to the future of this port, for it there ever was a time when the people of Portland to act upon the principle of preparedness, that time is surely here now.

"The commission of public docks, fully recognizing these undoubted facts, is endeavoring to protect and assure the future of the business of this port in asking the people to approve the \$2,000,000 bond issue at the election June 4.

Estimates Are Made. The estimated approximate cost of more immediate construction is:

Grain elevator, first unit..... \$1,100,000

Shed or warehouse..... 575,000

Port of open cargo docks..... 75,000

Bulkheads for 400,000 bushels..... 72,000

Dredging slip and fill..... 72,000

Trackage..... 30,000

Trackage machinery..... 24,000

Bulk freight machinery..... 24,000

Completion of tentative plan involves..... \$1,887,000

Grain elevator, second unit..... 1,000,000

1,000,000 bushels..... \$330,000

Open cargo docks..... 148,000

Additional trackage..... 24,000

Landing machinery..... 16,000

Total, exclusive of site..... \$2,405,000

Bonds for site and additional facilities..... 595,000

CHARLES B. MOORES, Chairman.

BEN SELLING.

JOHN H. BURGARD.

A. H. AYER.

F. C. KNAPP, the fifth member of the commission, is in the east."

WAR WILL MEAN BIG SACRIFICES, SAYS PRESIDENT

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thought about the fact that this building should be dedicated to the memory of the women both of the north and of the south. It is a sort of landmark to the unity of the people have been brought, so far as any question which touches our hearts in days gone by is concerned; and, I pray God that every other element of difference amongst us will be obliterated.

"The spirit of this people is already united with effort and suffering and sacrifice have completed the union, men will no longer speak of any lines either of race or of association cut-ting through the great body of this nation.

Women's Sacrifice Praised. "So that I feel that we are beginning to feel the processes which will some day require another beautiful memorial erected to those whose hearts, uniting, united America."

William Howard Taft, who presided, spoke of the sacrifices and in-terpretation of the women in time of war.

"We cannot measure the offering of women in war by their work of relief, great as it is," he said. "They also serve who stand and wait in the anxious watches of the night. Our women, in agony of spirit over loss of their nearest and dearest, they too make great sacrifices."

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