

## WAR COUNCIL HAS KEY TO 1918 RIDDLE

Versailles Body to Determine Time and Place of Major Offensives to Be Conducted by Allied Armies

## MUCH-MOOTED GERMAN DRIVE BELIEVED OFF

Silent Arrangements Completed to Pool Efforts This Year

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The key to the 1918 riddle of the western battle front is in the hands of the supreme war council at Versailles. Decision as to the time and place of major offensives by the allies rests with that body. It directly controls, officials here believe, a new weapon forged during the winter with which to make effective its plans of grand strategy. That weapon is believed to lie in a pooling of the army reserves of all the allies' armies, permitting overwhelming concentrations at selected points of attack.

## HOLLAND GIVEN ONE DAY LONGER TO MAKE REPLY

Unequivocal Acceptance of Original Agreement Demanded by U. S.

## CABLE TROUBLE FEARED

Firm Stand Is Taken to Refuse Conditions Wanted by Germany

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Plans for taking over Dutch shipping in American waters at noon today were changed at the last moment. In the absence of a reply from Holland to the British-American demand for transfer of the ships, according to the agreement which Germany blocked, it was decided to wait at least another day to avoid seeming discourtesy to the little kingdom which has had one of the most difficult roles among the neutrals in the world war.

## RUSS POLICY DENOUNCED BY SOCIALIST

Confidence in German Methods Shaken by Peace Forced Upon Nation; Dr. David Heard in Reichstag

## SMOLDERING FURNACE IN EAST IS FEARED

Main Object Broken Is Contentment; Hertling Shifts Blame to Allies

COPENHAGEN, March 18.—Chancellor von Hertling, on the first night in the reichstag of the peace treaty with Russia today, declared that he did not wish to discuss the opinions of Germany's enemies regarding the treaty.

## STEPS TO SAVE FLOUR PLANNED BY FOOD RULERS

Division of Supplies Between Baking Shops to Be Put Into Effect

## EXPORTS FALLING DOWN

Program Provides Schedule to Feed Allies and Country Until Harvest

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The food administration tonight announced the first of a series of steps planned to stretch flour supplies sufficiently to feed the country and maintain shipments to the allies until next harvest.

## WAR CHEST IS UP FOR DISCUSSION

More Equitable Method of Contributing to Red Cross and Other War Causes Urged by Petition

## COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HEAR ARGUMENT

Advocates Believe Interest Can Be Maintained to Greater Degree

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## U. S. GERMANS DENY CHARGES OF DISLOYALTY

Alliance Claims Patriotism But Once Justified Belgian Invasion

## MEMBERS ARE GRILLED

'We're Pure American.' Although Propaganda Before War Not Denied

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## GERMAN LINE PENETRATED BY FRENCH

Trench Works Destroyed and 160 Prisoners Captured in Raids in Verdun and Cheppy Wood Regions

## NERVOUSNESS SHOWN BY GALLWITZ' ARMY

Large Reserves Hurried Up Too Late to Check Successful Advance

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## Many Merchants Seem to Think That Misrepresentation of Values in Advertising is Permissible

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## Oakland Woman Acquitted of Charge of Murdering

VISALIA, Cal., March 19.—Orlean Howe of Oakland was acquitted by a jury tonight of the murder of Will H. Brooks, an orange grower, whom she shot and killed in a Porterville hotel November 19. Mrs. Howe immediately addressed the jury, the foreman of which was W. J. G. Lambert, saying: "I want to thank you in the name of a woman who was fighting for her honor, not for her life."

## Deadly Spinning Dive Claims Two Victims

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 19.—The deadly spinning nose dive claimed two more victims near Fort Worth this afternoon. Lieutenant R. J. Burley, 87 Cyclist mechanic, Toronto, Ont., and W. Miles, mechanic, London, England, were killed when the plane piloted by the lieutenant was thrown into the spinning nose dive 300 feet up.

## Anthem for Third Liberty Loan Announced

NEW YORK, March 19.—The "liberty loan anthem" dedicated to the success of the third appeal to the nation for funds to carry on the war, was formally approved today by the loan committee of the New York federal reserve district. It is designed for use throughout the country.

## Spanish Cabinet Has Resigned Is Report

LONDON, March 19.—The Spanish cabinet has resigned, according to a Reuter's Limited dispatch from Bilbao.

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