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PRICE FIVE CENTS

WEATHER Rain; moderate southerly gales.

SENATE FOR \$2.50 AS NEW WHEAT PRICE

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Passed, Ready to Go to Conference Before Action in House

NECESSITY SEEN FOR BIGGER PRODUCTION

Oregon Senators, Chamberlain and McNary Cast Votes for Measure

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The agricultural appropriation bill, with the Gore amendment increasing the 1918 government guarantee wheat price to \$2.50, was passed today by the senate. It now goes to the conference, where another fight over the wheat price is expected.

SENATE TALKS OF TROUBLE IN LUMBER CAMPS

Chamberlain Says Troops May Have to Protect Workers in Forests

BLAME PUT ON I. W. W.

Bill for Commandeering Timber This Summer Undergoes Discussion

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Warnings that the people of the Pacific northwest, tired of I. W. W. activities, might take the law into their own hands to suppress traitorous conduct, charges that the government itself had "coddled" the leaders, and predictions that sabotage and other activities to embarrass the government's air craft program are likely to break out in the spring and summer, featured the senate debate today on the administration bill to empower the government to "commandeer timber and conduct logging operations."

PEACE OFFER BY GERMANY IS REPORTED

Officials See Possibility Guns Are Roaring Thunderous Prelude for Effect on French and British People

U. S. OFFICERS SEEK OUT ENEMY'S MOTIVE

"Stone Wall" Lines of Allies Prepared for Greatest of Struggles

LONDON, March 21.—Semi-official negotiations of four weeks ago, Germany and the entente in which Germany is displaying a strong inclination for peace, the Catholic newspaper Nieuwsblad Herteuden says it has learned, the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam reports.

GERMANS FLEE WHEN YANKS GO INTO TRENCHES

American Patrol Gets Valuable Information in Raid With French

BATTLE IS SPECTACLE

Fire from Barrage and Guns of Germans Makes Continuous Flash

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 21.—The raid into the German positions east of Luneville last night by American and French troops was carried out under cover of darkness and as a haze began to roll in over the hills facing the American lines on that particular portion of the sector.

M'NARY GETS WHEAT PRICE UP TO \$2.20

Favorable Order From Food Administration Comes After Conference in Senator's Office at Washington

PORTLAND ON SAME BASIS AS CHICAGO

Julius Barnes of Grain Corporation Is Led to Change His Mind

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The farmers of Oregon and the entire northwest will get a better price for their wheat this year than they have ever known before. For this price they are much indebted to Senator Charles L. McNary and his untiring efforts with the food administration and with the shipping board.

HOLLAND GETS WAR-LIKE NEWS FROM GERMANY

Attitude Toward Dutch Has Been Changed by Shipping Situation

U-BOAT WARFARE NEXT

U. S. Officials Believe Reprisals Will Be Commenced on Neutral

LONDON, March 22.—Dispatches from The Hague report that a local news agency says that Germany considers her relations with Holland altered by the attitude of the Dutch government toward the entente and the United States and publishes a report that the abandonment by the Dutch government of the remaining restrictive clauses in its shipping loan terms would be regarded by Germany as cause for war.

VAST HUN OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED

German Armies Strike at British and French Lines Over Front of 50 Miles; Greatest Battle of Entire War May Be Commenced

FIGHTING IS TERRIFIC; BRITISH POSTS YIELD

Bombardment Begun Before Early Dawn Breaks; Infantry Storms Out; German Losses Declared Heavy

"GOD WILLING, WE'LL WIN," SAYS HINDENBURG

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German Troops Flee. The raiding party came back mud-stained and some were smeared with blood. They reported they had secured no prisoners because the Germans had fled as the Americans and French dropped into their trenches. Some of the Germans were shot while they were trying to get away and others were killed by the American shells. One German who had placed himself between the first and second lines with an automatic rifle was discovered by an American soldier who challenged him. The German turned to draw a revolver. The American promptly killed him and went on further into the enemy lines. The patrol got much information of value and except for the lack of prisoners the raid was pronounced a success from every point of view. Most of the infantrymen who participated in the raid were from New Jersey. Some of the engineers who accompanied the party as pioneers are from California.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS Cadet Killed Instantly. FORT WORTH, Texas, March 21.—A royal flying corps cadet was instantly killed at Tallaferro field near here today when his plane fell several hundred feet. Details of the crash and the name of the victim were not obtainable at R. F. C. headquarters.

Governor to Be Asked to Pardon Thomas J. Mooney. SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—A petition for the pardon of Thomas J. Mooney will be filed with Governor William D. Stephens as soon as the supreme court issues the remittitur on its decision affirming Mooney's conviction and sentence to death on a charge of murder in connection with the preparedness day bomb explosion in July, 1916.

BROTHER BILL ARRIVES TO GREET PATRONS OF GREAT COUNTRY FAIR. Have you seen Brother Bill? Whether you have or not you want to see him and take advantage of the opportunity to help boost him along on his merry way in the cause of liberty, justice and humanity. Brother Bill is the big Red Cross man who has been the means of raising a total of \$5000, all of which goes to the benefit of the Red Cross chapters who receive him as a guest and pass him along to the next chapter. Brother Bill came up from Portland last night and will be on exhibition at the Country Fair and Auction Sale at the armory today and tomorrow, so that everybody will have a chance to bid upon him and thus help out in replenishing the funds of Willamette chapter, Red Cross. He will be one of the many big features and attractions and will be pleased to meet and greet all of his friends of Salem and surrounding country. Open This Morning. Everybody is on hand with your pocketbooks (latch strings out) when the gates of the big Red Cross Country Fair are thrown open to the public at the armory this morning. Not only that, but be prepared to hang around until the "last dog is hung" on Saturday night, which will be along in the wee sma' hours of Sunday morning, if you do not want to miss anything. For there is going to be something doing every minute and one cannot afford to pass up any of the big surprises that are in store for the people. And it is impossible to pull everything off within an hour, or even eight hours, so you will have to be on hand early and constantly in order to get the full benefit.

Exactly twenty-five months after the Germans began the historic battle of Verdun, the thunder of their guns deepened into a tempest of fire along the British front in northern France and they began what may be the greatest battle of the war, a struggle which may lead to results which will shape the destinies of people over coming centuries. The attack was made on a scale hitherto unknown during this war of major offensives. It was over a front of fifty miles. The bombardment began at 5 o'clock Thursday morning just before the early spring dawn was breaking over eastern France. Shells of large and small calibers were rained upon the lines held by the British about five hours. Then German infantry stormed out to make the first great assault. The Germans, favored by the wind, moved forward under cover of a pall of smoke which hid the assaulting columns from the eyes of the British holding the front lines. Describing the battle, Andrew Bonar Law informed the house of commons that lightly held portions of the British line had been withdrawn, but said that there was no need for alarm on the part of the country. The Associated Press correspondent at the British front reports that an attack there had been expected and that great preparations had been made to meet it. The Berlin official report says that the Germans have penetrated into some British positions. French Front Attacked. Not were the German efforts concentrated on the front held by the British. Early Thursday morning the Germans assaulted the French lines near the village of Ornes, to the northeast of Verdun, and claim to have penetrated to a considerable distance. Near Rheims, too, the French were subjected to an assault, but here the artillery bore the burden of the fighting. Nothing has been reported as to an attack on the lines held by the Americans. That such an attack may yet be launched, and with only slight artillery preparation, is within the possibilities. The activity in the American sectors during the past three weeks would indicate that the Germans have been concerned with the disposition of General Pershing's legions, their probable strength and the location of the batteries supporting the infantry holding the lines. Austrians on West Front. The Germans have called upon the Austrian army for assistance in their effort to carry the battle to the entente allies, for the official reports from Berlin say that Austro-Hungarian artillery is engaged along the western front. The French official reports state that the Germans have been sanguine