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and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the outlying suburbs of Paris late Thursday night. Not one of the enemy was able to penetrate the defenses of the city proper.

An armistice has been concluded between the Ukrainians and Germans and the Russians on the Kursk front and the Russian legation is making an effort to arrange an armistice on the remaining fronts.

Aerial mail service in the United States became an accomplished fact Wednesday. Piloted by army aviators, airplanes carried consignments of mail from New York and Philadelphia to Washington and from Philadelphia to New York.

The Austrian and German emperors at their meeting at German great headquarters, German newspapers say, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen to London, selected monarchs for Lithuania, Courland, Esthonia and Poland.

Plans had been made in 1914 for a revolution of Germans in the United States in case this country should be drawn into the European war, according to testimony given in New York at the state attorney general's investigation of reports of hidden munitions.

M. Duval, who was director of the suppressed Germanophile newspaper, Bonnet Rouge, in Paris, was condemned to death Friday by courtmartial for treason. The six other defendants were sentenced to imprisonment for terms ranging from two to ten years.

General Dallalio, minister of munitions, and Signor Bianchi, minister of transport have resigned from the Italian cabinet. Senator Giovanni Villa has been appointed minister of transport, while the minister of war will take charge temporarily of the ministry of munitions.

The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, announces that war had to be proclaimed at Ekaterinoslav, Odessa and Poltava as a strong counter current to the order of things was observable. There are several groups of great Russian forces in the Don region, the newspaper said.

After buffeting strong head winds in the ocean off the Golden Gate, the concrete steamer Faith returned from a successful trial trip late Friday afternoon. The vessel, which made a successful trial trip in San Francisco Bay on Sunday, May 5, was given an ocean test to determine further her worth.

The British admiralty restrictions on navigation in the northern part of the North Sea in consequence of the laying of a great mine field for the purpose of foiling submarines, became operative Thursday, and hereafter all shipping in that area must comply with stringent regulations or ignore them at their own peril.

American railroads in the first three months this year earned only \$71,705,000, as compared with \$179,431,000 in the same period last year, making a loss to the government under the system of common operation of about \$109,000,000. This report by the Interstate Commerce commission covers all but five of the 196 railroads in the country.

Lieutenant Benjamin V. Maurice, of New York, died at Ellington Field, Houston, Tuesday, of injuries received when his airplane fell on April 16.

John Verburg, of Chicago, was shot and killed by his crippled son, John, Jr., because he had struck the youth's mother when she objected to his demands that a 15-year-old daughter get employment.

EXPLOSION KILLS 56

Nearly Hundred Employes in Hospital
and 31 Still Missing—Country
Miles About Devastated.

Pittsburg—Fifty-six men are known to be dead, 94 injured and in hospitals and 31 employes of the Aetna Chemical company are missing as a result of nine explosions Saturday that wrecked this company's explosive manufacturing plant at Oakdale, 16 miles from this city.

Throughout the night and all day men were extinguishing fires in the debris and bringing out remnants of human bodies. In most cases there was nothing to indicate the identity of the victim. All day a blue-brown smoke hung over the ruins, impeding the work of the searchers. Its deadly fumes are feared by the residents.

Thousands of persons streamed into the temporary morgue all day to view the gruesome finds. The country is desolate for several miles around the plant. The meadows and fields have been seared and fruit and shade trees blasted.

LIBERTY LOAN \$4,170,019,650

Oversubscription of 39 Per Cent Announced—17,000,000 Subscribers.

Washington, D. C.—The total of the third liberty loan is \$4,170,019,650, an oversubscription of 39 per cent above the three billion minimum sought. The number of subscribers was about 17,000,000. Every Federal reserve district oversubscribed, the Minneapolis district going to 172 per cent, the highest, and the New York district to 124 per cent, the lowest.

In announcing these figures the treasury explained that the total may be changed slightly by later reports from Federal Reserve banks.

"This is the most successful loan the United States has offered, both in number of subscribers and in the amount realized," said Secretary McAdoo in a statement. "I congratulate the country on this wonderful result, which is irrefutable evidence of the strength, patriotism and determination of the American people.

"This great result was achieved notwithstanding the fact that the country has been called upon to pay since the second liberty loan, and to include the month of June, income and excess profits taxes to the amount of approximately \$6,000,000,000, which will make a total amount turned into the treasury of the United States from such taxes and the third liberty loan of about \$7,000,000,000."

DUTCH WARSHIPS TO CONVOY

Holland to Send Merchant Vessels to
Colonies in East Indies.

Washington, D. C.—Announcement from Amsterdam of the determination of the Dutch government to dispatch three of its merchant vessels to the East Indies under convoy of Dutch warships has aroused keen interest in naval and diplomatic circles here.

It is believed this decision is likely to bring about a situation that would plunge Holland into the war. International law, officials pointed out, fully warrants the dispatch of an armed convoy by a neutral state on the high seas to its own colonies, and this was done by nearly all maritime powers during the Napoleonic wars.

So far as the entente powers and America are concerned, it is said that the Dutch convoys would be treated with all the consideration demanded by international law. But it is not probable that German submarine commanders would act with any such consideration, as is indicated by their past treatment of Dutch and other neutral vessels.

If a German naval commander attempted to search, sink or make prize of any convoyed vessels, the Dutch commander would be obliged to defend them forcibly, and the first shot fired would amount to a declaration of war, in the opinion of officials here.

Wolves Destroy Sheep.

Plains, Mont.—Thompson River ranchers report that wolves, from whom there has been little trouble in that district for years, are on the rampage again and have destroyed numerous sheep. Mountain lions had been blamed for losses, but when a determined effort was made to corral the robbers they were found to be wolves.

WILSON SENDS BOON NOTE TO FRENCHMEN

President Reassures Nation of
Determined Purpose.

FRENCH HEARTENED

Germans Gather Nearly Two Million
Men to Begin New Offensive—
Allies Confident of Ability.

Paris—On the eve of the great German offensive, says an official note issued here Monday, President Wilson, anxious to address a message to the French people, has asked one of his personal friends, James Kerney, director of the Franco-American committee on public information, to convey the following to them:

"The people of the United States are happy to find themselves in the brotherhood of arms with the people of France in a war in which every man who loves right ought to be proud to take part.

"For over one hundred years the American people have desired this opportunity, which befalls it today, of giving the French people proof of its gratitude and friendship.

"There is added now in its soul deep and ardent admiration for the heroism and self-denial whereof the French people have given proof in this terrible and last conflict between liberty and brutal ferocity.

"American hearts are with the armies midst the blood-stained battlefields of valiant France. Americans are your brothers in the great, holy, common cause."

The beginning by the Germans of a formidable offensive, by which they expect to achieve final success, now depends only on weather conditions. The commander-in-chief of the French troops and their allies are waiting for the shock with the greatest confidence.

The Petit Parisien says the enemy has massed nearly all his best troops on the attacking front. Between the Belgian coast and the Oise, it states, 140 divisions (about 1,900,000 men) have been distributed—82 on the front line or for direct support and the remainder behind the lines, to be used for augmenting the push at the principal point of attack.

This newspaper says the German plan is to threaten Amiens, cut the railroad between that point and Clermont and break up the allied forces, whatever the cost may be.

"SEEING" ECLIPSE BIG TASK

Scientists Getting Ready at Baker, Or.,
for Sun and Moon Fracas.

Baker, Or.—Getting ready for an eclipse is a big task. The uninformed who think an astronomer's job consists merely in peering through a big telescope while the eclipse is passing and then announcing whether it has been a success or a flivver, should visit the Baker county fair grounds and see what members of the government party are doing in preparation for their study when the moon gets between the earth and sun on the afternoon of June 8.

While the time for actual study is only 1 minute and 52 seconds, five weeks of preparation are required, and the observers are putting in long hours at the station, where, after about 10 days, order is beginning to come out of chaos. The carload of scientific instruments is being distributed and set up about the grounds, which are daily growing to look less like the familiar abiding place of the prize Baker county stock and more like an observatory. With the antennae of the wire less station rising from each end, the grandstand from a distance looks like a man-of-war, and the paddock between the stables, with numerous instruments covered with white tarpaulins at night, has the appearance of a spooks' play ground.

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