

## SPEED-UP ORDERS GIVEN ALL U. S. BRANCHES TODAY

### BUILDING OF 1000 VESSELS PLAN IN COMPLETED

#### Utilization of Thousands of Idle Acres Completed—Farm Labor May Not Be Conscription—House Adjourns Until Next Friday, Despite the Heat of Hate in House Very Important Matters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Speed-up orders were given to all departments of the government today.

The president and the shipping board have completed plans for the construction of 1000 vessels to carry supplies to the entente allies.

The defense council has plans laid for the utilization of thousands of acres of idle lands in this country to increase the food supply.

The president discussed today with members of congress the mobilization of farm labor and a proposal was introduced in the house exempting farm labor from conscription.

President Wilson spent an hour this morning urging on Democratic leader Kitchen and Speaker Clark the necessity to hasten action on the war measures, but the house of representatives adjourned until Friday without taking any action.

The navy department opened bids this morning for 38 submarines.

The house naval committee reported favorably on a bill authorizing the president to commandeer all ships in time of war.

At a secret session of railroad officials and the Council of Defense today, arrangements for the rapid transportation of food, munitions and troops were completed.

Naval Forces Mobilized

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—It was announced here today that the mobilization of the naval forces, including the naval militia, for this district has been completed.

## Conservation Applied to City of Klamath Falls

(An address by O. I. Gregg, of the Klamath County High School, before the Woman's Library Club.)

As I understand it, the subject for discussion is Conservation, and I have taken the liberty to construe it as meaning the keeping and preserving the beauties of our city for future generations. We have the natural setting for a very beautiful city, but this must be enhanced with careful and thoughtful planting of shrubbery and ornamentals in order to make this city beautiful.

It was the lack of trees and shrubbery that I first noticed on coming here. Probably this was more evident to me than to most people because I had been in charge of the landscape work at Grants Pass for two years previously.

The power of beauty is contagious as soon as a few individuals of a city show a determination to surround themselves with attractive home their ideas expand and they begin to contrive that various improvements shall spread not only through their own immediate neighborhood but to other parts of the city as well.

A great start in the right direction has already accomplished much good here. The prizes offered last year for the greatest improvement of the home accomplished more good than we can imagine. This is shown by the beautiful and well kept lawns and parking strips on a few of our streets. Concerted action on the part of a large number in all parts of the city is all that is needed to make a

## ARMOR PLANT TO BE LOCATED AT CHARLESTOWN

### SENATE PASSES BIG ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

#### Bills Were Reported on Favorably, Giving Congressmen the Right to Appoint Additional Men to Annapolis and Raising the Age Limit on Naval Reserves in the Country to Fifty Years.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—The navy department announced today that a new government armor plant will be located at Charlestown, West Virginia.

The senate passed the army appropriation bill carrying \$278,000,000 for the maintenance of the regular army.

Bills were reported on favorably in the senate giving congressmen additional appointments to Annapolis and raising the age limit of officers in the naval reserve to 50 years.

A resolution authorizing the president to call for 1,000,000 volunteers was introduced in the senate.

## EVIDENCE FOUND ON BIG EXPLOSION

TRENTON, N. J., April 11.—Mrs. Annie Keating today gave the Federal authorities information which is expected to lead to the unravelling of the Eddystone explosion mystery of yesterday.

On March 14 she saw a man drop a letter in the Broad street railroad station and picked it up. The letter said: "All ready to blow up Eddystone. Send help."

Maps of the League Island navy yard were with the letter. It was addressed to N. K. Immediate arrests are expected.

## Two Victims of the Aztec Sinking, Their Wives, and Naval Gunners Who Survived



Upper Photograph—I. J. Anderson and widow; lower—Chas. Erickson and widow. Naval gunners, reading across and down—Samuel E. Israel, William F. Rominger, James A. Blevins, Joseph A. Rucker, Clarence W. Whitney, Thomas E. Dillon, William H. Douglas, Adolph Hendrickson, John I. Eopolucci, Jacob J. Hillficker, Clarence H. Kelly and Joseph Kiewinsky. When a German submarine sank the armed American freighter Astec, on her way from New York to Havre, among those Americans who lost their lives were Ingolf J. Anderson of Brooklyn, first mate. The photograph here shows him and his widow. The engineer, Charles Erickson, also of Brooklyn, was among those lost, and this picture shows him and his widow. Every one of the twelve American gunners, who did not have a chance to try their skill against the submarine because she attacked in the dark escaped without injury.

## Argentine Says U. S. Just, But Proclaims Neutrality

BUENOS AYRES, April 11.—The Argentine government has officially announced that she "recognizes the justice" of America's war on Germany, but proclaims that the country is neutral. Argentine has been threatened with a coal embargo from the United States unless she raises her wheat embargo on the allies.

## Espee Offers Its Entire System

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—The western department of the United States army has announced that the Southern Pacific has placed its entire system and all its employees at the government's service for transportation purposes.

## Spanish Steamer Subbed Without Warning; All Safe

PARIS, April 11.—Members of the crew of the Spanish steamer San Fulgencia, reaching here today, say that their ship was submarined without warning on the high seas. All on board took to the lifeboats and were safely landed.

## Three Men Make Attack on Guard

FORT MADISON, Ia., April 11.—Three men attacked a militiaman guarding a bridge here and knocked him unconscious last night. Attempts to stab him failed. The attackers escaped.

## Officials Deny Smuggler Caught by Torpedo Boat

SAN DIEGO, April 11.—Officials of the navy and secret service denied today a report that a munitions smuggler has been captured off the Pacific coast by United States torpedo boats. Nevertheless it is known that all the government's departments are on the alert for any such boats which might be carrying munitions to Mexican ports against the United States orders.

## WOMEN CALL FOR PATRIOTS

A special call is issued to all patriotic women who wish to unite with the Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, to meet with the president, Mrs. E. C. Kimball, and a committee composed of Mrs. Paul Bogardus, Mrs. Carey Ramsby and Mrs. Edward Martin, Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Hall, between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m. The Corps will send various tokens of appreciation to our boys who have left for war and will work with the Red Cross when it is organized. Come out and let us do what we can for our boys at the front and take a patriotic stand at home.

## THIRTEEN MEN LEFT HERE TODAY

### NINE GO TO NAVY AND FOUR TO ARMY, ACCOMPANIED BY POSTMASTER DELZELL, WHO WILL HANDLE WORK ON RETURN

Thirteen more recruits left Klamath Falls this morning for the army and navy, four going to the army and nine to the navy.

The men leaving were: Navy—Roy R. Lewis, Chester Rouse, Harley Johnson, Will McMillan, Thomas Judy, Otis L. Jacoby, Walter E. Boydston, Ted R. Montgomery and Cyril W. Benson; army—W. O. Miller, Carl C. Crouse, E. F. Selby and Elmer Lawrence.

This makes a total of 38 altogether from this city in the past week or ten days.

Postmaster Delzell left this morning for Portland with the recruits on instructions and is expected to receive orders and instruction to take care of the recruiting work here after his return.

Many navy and army recruiting officers are being called back to their stations to go to sea, all ships at Bremerton to leave next week.

## Uruguay Neutral; Endorses Wilson's Universal Stand

MONTEVIDEO, April 11.—Uruguay has proclaimed her neutrality in the state of war existing between the United States and Germany, but her officials endorse the principles laid down in President Wilson's war message which apply to the world and state the only conditions on which international peace can rest.

## Suspicious Article Found

A suspicious looking instrument with a fuse attached was found one day this week by school children attending the Shippington school on their way to school on the railroad tracks near Shippington. Mrs. Fred Peterson, principal of the school, said today that it had a fuse attached. She sent it home for the pupil's parent to examine it.

## Certain Railroads May Be Used for Mobilizing Troops

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—It was strongly intimated officially late yesterday afternoon that the government is planning to take over certain railroads in this country for mobilization purposes.

## Another Liner Is Sunk by Explosion

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Consul Frost, at Queenstown, has cabled the state department that the liner Saimo, with one American on board, was sunk April 7 by an explosion amidships. One Norwegian fireman was killed.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS FOR JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

### WILL CO-OPERATE WITH BUSINESS MEN'S ASSN.

#### Board Passes Motion to Send President Wilson a Resolution of Support at This Time—Will Encourage Increase in Food Supply for the Nation, City Beautiful Contest and Gardening.

Plans were made last night by the board of directors of the Klamath Commercial Club for a Fourth of July celebration committee which will work with a committee from the Business Men's Association, which attended the meeting, and also an outside committee to be appointed.

The chamber committee will be appointed by President Siemens of the club.

The Commercial Club will actively take up the appeal to increase the food supply of the country and will encourage the planting of potatoes this year for which a big demand is expected. It is planned for the farmers to club together to secure seed. Interested farmers are asked to leave their names at the club rooms.

A city beautiful contest will be held again this year, as last, and the club plans to co-operate with the Woman's Library Club. The club will also take up in connection with this the encouraging of the planting of many gardens in the city this spring.

The directors also passed a motion that the Commercial club draft a resolution supporting President Wilson at this time of strife which will be sent to Washington. Secretary Fleet is drafting the resolution.

German Red Cross Seized  
CHICAGO, April 11.—A dozen arrests have followed the work of secret service agents here and the books of the German Red Cross have been seized and also of the German Relief Society. Federal reports indicate that the relief funds have been used in violation of the neutrality of the United States.

## Balfour Comes to America Soon on "Special Mission"

LONDON, April 11.—It is officially announced that Foreign Secretary Balfour is going to leave soon for Washington, U. S. A., on a "special mission."

The reason for the visit is undoubtedly to discuss ways and means by which the United States may quickly render aid to the allies and to work out a plan for this purpose. It is likely that some definite arrangements will be made for extending to the allies the large credit proposed by President Wilson when Balfour arrives in America and will mark the first meeting of American and Allied officials in their co-operation in the war.

## "Old Glory" to Wave on Aeroplanes at French Front

PARIS, April 11.—The French war office announced today that the air squadron composed of American soldiers on the French front, will hereafter use the American uniform and fly the American flag from their planes.

## National Guardsmen With Dependents to Muster Out

NEW YORK, April 11.—War department orders directing the discharge of all national guardsmen having dependents, without regard to the desires of the guardsmen, have been received here at the national guard headquarters. It is planned to fill the ranks of the guard with men who do not have dependents to lessen the burden on states and counties, and which plan will provide men for industries as necessary and as guard duty.

## LEADER KITCHEN INTRODUCES BILL FOR FIVE BILLIONS

### \$2,000,000,000 TO BUY ENTENTE BONDS

#### Bonds to Bear Three and a Half Per Cent Interest—Will Be Sold by Public Subscription at Par—\$25,000,000 to Be Used to Redeem the 1908 Loan—Expected the Measure Will Pass This Week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—House Democratic Leader Kitchen introduced a war bond bill today for an issue of \$5,000,000,000 bonds and for the issue of \$2,000,000,000 treasury certificates, following the unanimous approval of the ways and means committee.

The bonds will bear 3 1/2 per cent interest and will be offered to public subscription at par. Three millions of them will be used to buy bonds of the entente countries. The bill also authorizes that a sum of \$25,000,000 to redeem the loan of 1908.

It is believed the measure will pass before the end of the week. The provisions will make the total interest-bearing debt, exclusive of loans to the allies, \$3,445,000,000.

## WILLOW VALLEY DAM BELIEVED COLLAPSED

A report received in this city that the Willow Valley dam, at the head of Langell valley, has gone out with high water is believed true at the reclamation office. It was an earthen works used to store water for 5000 acres of land.

Reported high water in Lost river is also believed to exist, probably as a result of this break. H. W. Humphries of the service leaves tomorrow for Clear lake to investigate conditions.

## Returns From California

Paul Johnson, of this city, has returned from California, where he accompanied the Business Men's Association committee on the terminal fund trip.