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FIRST MONEY THEN FOOD NEXT SHIP

This Is Order In Which United States Will Begin Her Task

FIRST HELP READY WILL BE FIRST TO BE USED

Four Cables Report, America In Hearty Accord with Allies

By George Martin (United Press staff correspondent) Washington, April 27.—The first chapter of America's part in the world war was penned in black and white here today by British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour...

Balfour's report will be made public in London, probably within the next 48 hours, one of the commissioners said. Closed in the small office he has chosen for his historic work in the Sixteenth street mansion, the dean of diplomats wrote in effect that the British and French commissions have expressed their wishes to the American government concerning the part it shall play in the war.

The American government has assured them its complete support and cooperation in getting precisely what they ask for. Balfour will say that the American government asked how the allies want shipping handled with a preponderance of men, munitions or food; and that after threshing the question out among themselves the British commission asked an equal division between munitions and food.

Can Wait for Men The supplying of American fighting men, it was agreed between Balfour, General Bridges and Admiral De Chair, can wait.

It has been agreed, Balfour will report, that each point in the gigantic international parley shall be asked about by America and answered by the British and French jointly in this manner. The French commission is in complete accord with the shipping settlement, Balfour will report. His message while an official government report, was drafted to carry to the British, French, Russian and Italian minds the tremendous breadth the world war conference has assumed since getting under way.

I will explain that the European allies have not, as they expected, come to a purely technical exchange of views, but that it has developed into a mutual declaration of world principles on which, thus far, the conferees are in perfect accord.

Publicity Surprises Him Balfour has been amazed at the extent of publicity in the United States and will devote, it is understood, a paragraph of his report to the tremendous assistance the American press can be in helping America solve its problems of making efficient war.

"Balfour," said a high official of the commission today, "has come to feel its duty to answer carefully and promptly all questions asked by the American press, except as to naval and

ABE MARTIN



You can't make a purse out of a cow's ear, but I'll bet her makin' lots of twelve-dollar purses out of them. There's two sides to every question—Bryan's an' th' right side.

Billingsley Writes Seattle Star He Will Surrender Saturday

Seattle, Wash., April 27.—Logan Billingsley, bootlegger king, who escaped from the government detention station here Sunday rather than start serving a 13 months' sentence in the penitentiary, wrote a letter to the Seattle Star today, announcing that he would probably surrender himself Saturday at 2 p. m., at the corner of Third avenue and Stewart street.

DEPARTMENT MAY BE PLACED ON WAR BASIS SAY THE OFFICIALS

Will Undertake to Increase Production and Lower Prices

By Robert J. Bender (United Press staff correspondent) Washington, April 27.—To combat the high cost of food stuffs, the department of agriculture is to be put on a war basis. Increasing the production of wheat and lowering of the price of bread are the main objectives. Department officials say this must be done—soon—and congress will be asked to pass legislation accomplishing it.

Americans on French Front as Seen in Action by Canadian

(United Press Red Letter.) (NOTE)—F. A. McKenzie, a well known Canadian newspaperman who has been with the Canadian forces on the western front and had exceptional opportunities to see them in action, has written the United Press a series of stories on the Americans with this expeditionary force.

Although the series was written before America made her entrance into the world war and before Canadian troops achieved their latest glory in the taking of Vimy Ridge, they give a vivid picture of Americans now fighting in France and those who perished in that fighting.

With the British Army in the Field, March 30.—(By mail.)—When the Great War began, there was a new American invasion of Canada, men offering their services to fight Germany. Numerous U. S. army officers resigned their commissions and enlisted in the Canadian contingent as privates. Ranch owners and cow punchers, quiet lads from Maine and adventurers from the Texas border, engineers galore, school masters and bankers, sailors and lumber packs, flocked to Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. At one time an attempt was made to form a separate American Legion. Although the recruits came forward, it was ultimately abandoned. The Americans are scattered among the hundreds of Canadian battalions. The crack corps of Canadian regulars has 250 of them in its ranks, and wants more.

BOTH HOUSES ARE BUSY ON ARMY BILL WHICH WILL PASS

Senate Opened Two Hours Ahead of Time, 16 Senators to Speak

OBLIGATORY SERVICE MAKES CITIZENS EQUAL

Kahn, Republican, Oposed to Patriots Fighting While Cowards Slink

J. P. Yoder (United Press staff correspondent) Washington, April 27.—Under forced draft pressure the senate began today at 10 o'clock—two hours earlier than the house—its concluding drive to put through the president's selective conscription plan for raising an army. A night session is in prospect in the upper house. Sixteen senators have said they would speak.

No Reason Against It "No substantial or overpowering reason is presented," he said, "against selective conscription. It is said to be undemocratic. So is war undemocratic. We must wage it with military efficiency. Effective methods must not be disregarded because they seem contrary to our ideals of peace."

15-CENT LOAF HERE

Portland, Ore., April 27.—The 15-cent loaf of bread made its appearance on the Portland market today, one of the leading bakers having adopted this size. It is predicted here that all other bakers will be compelled to discontinue the five-cent loaf, and reduce the 10-cent size, owing to the rapidly climbing price of flour.

SOME OFFICIAL TAPPY

Amsterdam, April 27.—Germany's submarine warfare is having its most successful period of operations, the secretary to the German ministry of marine said today. Dispatches from Berlin quoted him as asserting that April successes so far equalled all previous months.

TO THE READERS CAPITAL JOURNAL

The United Press, which supplies the Capital Journal with its news from the battle fields of Europe, has received a number of requests from American soldiers fighting with the Canadian army in France for newspapers from back home.

THE DEADLY COTTON

Washington, April 27.—During the three months ending March 31, 1917, 83,672,000 pounds of bleached cotton fibre—equivalent to 167,206 bales of 500 pounds each—were used in the United States in the manufacture of gun cotton and explosives of all kinds, the census bureau today announced.

POOR STREET, ANWAY

Portland, Ore., April 27.—Patrolman Rich believes in encouraging the food preparedness movement. Indignant Woodlawn residents called the police this morning, declaring that somebody had dug up the street and was planting a garden.

MUST RETURN CIDER TO F. A. SCHUBINGER

Justice Webster Holds Stock Seized Was Being Used to Make Vinegar Eight hundred gallons of hard cider used by F. A. Schubinger in the manufacture of vinegar, which stock of cider was seized several weeks ago by the authorities on the ground that it was alcoholic and being sold as a beverage, were ordered returned to him by Judge Webster after a hearing that lasted a greater portion of yesterday.

CHAMP CLARK SAYS "PREPOSTEROUS LIE"

Asserts Gerard Is Lying to Keep Himself in the Full Limelight Washington, April 27.—Champ Clark today struck back full fist at James W. Gerard and other critics of his stand against conscription.

GERARD ATTACKS CHAMP CLARK FOR HAVING COLD FEET

Says It Was This Characteristic That Prevented His Nomination

THROWS MUCH LIGHT ON GERMAN CASTE SYSTEM

Germany Intended to Attack America—Even In Case of Draw

New York, April 27.—Vigorous denunciation of Champ Clark's opposition to conscription and a bitter attack on Clark, in which the charge of "constitutional cold feet" was made against the speaker, came as a climax of Former Ambassador Gerard's startling speech at the American Newspaper Publishers association banquet last night.

WHEAT GOES TO \$2.70 MAKES 17 CENT JUMP

Chicago, April 27.—The wheat pit was in a turmoil today when May wheat, after opening at \$2.53 a bushel, shot 20 cents under last night's close, rose to \$2.70 after a few minutes trading. It then dropped back 12 points and settled at \$2.58, recovering to \$2.63 1-2 at 10 a. m.

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THE WEATHER

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Private Bill Coleman Won Out by Strategy

Portland, Ore., April 27.—War has no terrors for Private Clarence Robisch and his squad of marine corps rookies, en route today to Mars Island, following oscillatory high jinks at the Union depot last night.

BRITISH LOST SHIPS BUT GERMANY LOST FRIENDLY NEUTRAL

She Forced America Into War Against Her With Her Submarines

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS SWAP IS SATISFACTORY

Appeal For Home Rule For Ireland Was Enthusiastically Cheered

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS ARE NOW UNANIMOUS FOR CONTINUING WAR

Leaders Convince Them Their Country's Safety Depends On This

Home Rule for Ireland

Lloyd-George appealed to his audience and through them to the British people to lay aside all differences and aid in settlement of the Irish question.

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