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# U.S. PREPARED FOR DEFENSIVE WARFARE

### Cabinet Has Decided That if War is Declared There Will be Vigorous Action

### WILL MORE THAN PROTECT INDIVIDUAL SHIPS

### Preparations as Outlined at Yesterday's Cabinet Meeting Will be for a Prolonged War—Everything Done Will be Carried Out in a Systematic Manner—Whether an Army Will Eventually be Sent Abroad is One of the Questions Left to the Future—While No Political Alliance With Entente Allies is Probable, There Will be Military and Naval Cooperation, With Unsparring Supplies of Money and Other Essentials.

Washington, March 23.—The American government has decided upon sweeping measures to be put into effect following the expected declaration of war by Germany, and which will be carried out in a systematic and orderly manner.

No Political Alliance With Entente. The exact measure of American participation in the war is expected to be revealed until after the president addresses congress, and until public sentiment crystallizes. So far, however, the government has not indicated any intention of making a political alliance with the entente allies, although military and naval cooperation will be unsparring in both money and supplies for the allies.

President Has Not Written Address. The president has not yet written his address to congress, although he has given it preliminary consideration and has a general idea of what he will say. It is expected that the address will be written in a few days and will be ready for delivery on Monday.

Real Preparations for War. As outlined after today's cabinet meeting, the government has decided to take the following steps: To increase the production of munitions; to increase the production of foodstuffs; to increase the production of clothing; to increase the production of transportation equipment; to increase the production of communication equipment; to increase the production of medical supplies; to increase the production of military equipment; to increase the production of naval equipment; to increase the production of air equipment; to increase the production of chemical equipment; to increase the production of electrical equipment; to increase the production of mechanical equipment; to increase the production of miscellaneous equipment.

### BENJAMIN STERNBERG IS STILL DETAINED IN TOMBS

On Suspicion of Connection With Murder of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hilari.

New York, March 23.—When efforts were renewed yesterday to secure the release from custody of Benjamin Sternberg, held in connection with the murder in the Manhattan district of Mrs. Elsie Lee Hilari, an affidavit was produced before the coroner to the effect that a witness had been found who would testify that the late Sternberg entered the hotel with Mrs. Hilari on the day of the murder. The witness was not produced, however, and Sternberg's name was disclosed, and counsel for Sternberg protested that the prosecution was merely seeking to delay the proceedings in an effort to work up additional evidence against the prisoner.

Sternberg according to the police, has admitted that he was with Mrs. Hilari the day she was strangled. He has also admitted that he was in the room with her at the time of the murder. He has also admitted that he was in the room with her at the time of the murder. He has also admitted that he was in the room with her at the time of the murder.

### SEVEN DUTCH STAMSHIPS TORPEDOED OF FALMOUTH

German Government Offers to Pay Indemnity for Loss of Crews.

The Hague, via London, March 23, 6:45 p. m.—The Dutch foreign office, in a statement in reference to the seven Dutch steamships torpedoed off Falmouth recently, says that the German government on March 6 offered to pay an indemnity for the loss of members of the crews and to help the owners by facilitating the purchase of German ships after the war. This offer the statement added, was based on considerations of humanity and good neighborhood. Further steps led to a re-consideration of the offer by Germany which now offers German ships for rental "on reasonable conditions."

### NEW AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

Washington, March 23.—Charles R. Crane of Chicago was understood today to be under consideration by President Wilson for appointment as ambassador to Japan. He succeeded late Ambassador Guthrie. Mr. Crane was appointed minister to China in the Taft administration, but was recalled before he left San Francisco because of a published interview dealing with Far Eastern questions.

### San Antonio, Texas, March 23.—

With departure from El Paso today of the Thirty-third Infantry, the border was entirely cleared of national guard troops.

## Cabled Paragraphs

### Women on Committees in Russia.

London, March 23, 5:05 p. m.—The town council of Petrograd has unanimously approved a certain proportion of women to several of its committees, says a Central News dispatch from Petrograd today.

### FAST DAY PROCLAMATION.

Governor Holcomb Calls for Prayers for Clear Vision, Courage and Steadfastness.

Hartford, Conn., March 23.—Governor Marcus H. Holcomb today issued a proclamation for Fast day, which falls this year on April 6. The proclamation follows: "Our citizens have been slain upon the high seas. The principles upon which our country was founded and which have been the breath of life within its nostrils have been brought into contempt. We have endured until endurance became a reproach. A question is being asked whether long peace and great prosperity have not sapped our strength to meet the emergency of a world-wide conflict, a time for every man to ask himself whether liberty, equality and justice are worth the price of blood. When the world is dark, and the future loomed dark, our fathers were never ashamed to turn to God for help, and to ask for His aid. The knowledge of a just cause and the heavy burden of the world's wrongs should force us, then, on the Friday before Easter, which each year we designate as Fast day, to turn to God in all humility, in all sincerity and in all faith, to bow ourselves before the God of our people, and to ask Him to guide our steps, a clear vision of the goal we still must seek, courage to do it, and the strength to endure to the end.

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### WAGNER INDIGNANT AT CHARGES OF MAYOR MITCHEL

Senator Aroused by Charge That He is Working in Interest of Germany.

Albany, N. Y., March 23.—The Rockaway Point, Conn. legislation with its consequent statement by Mayor John Purroy Mitchel, of New York, which Democratic Leader Wagner interpreted as "the vilest and most unbecoming act of a senator against an American citizen," has stirred official and legislative Albany. The senator's statement, which was made in the Albany chamber of commerce on the day preceding the impeachment of Governor William Sulzer in 1913.

### RAILROADS ASK PERMISSION TO INCREASE THEIR RATES

New Haven and Boston & Maine Are Among the Petitioners.

Washington, March 23.—Several of the country's larger railroads filed a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission late today asking that they be permitted to increase their rates generally except on coal, coke and such service and many things which happen in that period. But this possibility is being taken into consideration by the government and is expected to be ready for it as soon as practicable.

### GRAND TRUNK IS TO RETAIN ITS BOAT LINES

Decision 'Handed Down by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, March 23.—The Grand Trunk Railway will be permitted to retain its exception to the rule of operation of its boat lines on the Great Lakes under a decision handed down today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

### TELEPHONIC AND TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION AT NAVY YARDS

All But Key West Are Connected With the Navy Department.

Washington, March 23.—Every navy yard and station on the Atlantic coast here and there is being connected with the navy department by telephonic and telegraphic communication today with the office of the chief of naval operations at the navy department. Key West also soon will be placed in direct communication with the navy department through the co-operation of wire companies and naval communication officers recently.

### CLOTHING CAUGHT IN BELTING OF SAWMILL

Edwin Walden of North Lyme Probably Fatally Injured.

North Lyme, Conn., March 23.—Edwin Walden was probably fatally injured today when his clothing caught in the belting at a portable sawmill here and he was whirled upwards against the shafting. His skull was fractured.

## U.S. is Financially Prepared for War

### Exports for 1916 in Precious Metals IS AVAILABLE.

\$3,150,000,000 IN PRECIOUS METALS IS AVAILABLE.

### BIGGEST AMOUNT EVER

Financial Conditions Reviewed by Thomas W. Lamont, a Member of the Firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., in Address to Bankers at Chicago.

Chicago, March 23.—Thomas W. Lamont, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, in an address delivered tonight before investment bankers of the middle west on "American financial conditions in this country," reviewed the financial conditions in this country. He said in part:

"Of America's exports for 1916 totaling almost \$5,000,000,000 approximately \$4,000,000,000 were sold to Europe. In the two years previous these same countries purchased from America \$3,500,000,000 of goods, making total purchases for three years of approximately \$7,500,000,000. "In the same period we have granted credit to these countries of some-

### MAGNITUDE OF RETURN AT MINIMUM OF COST

Every now and then some manufacturer advances the claim that he can sell his goods cheaper because he doesn't advertise says G. F. McClelland, who has been compiling figures upon this subject. Everyone who knows the A. B. C. of business knows that this claim is impossible upon its face. Yet it sounds plausible and such talk deceives millions of people. There are costs of manufacture and costs of selling and there is no way in which these can be eliminated.

Advertising is like a straight line; the shortest distance between two points—the producer and the consumer. It cuts out the grades, curves and angles. It makes a drop of ink do the work of a salesman. Bear in mind that goods can never be sold unless there is a demand, and advertising creates this demand in the simplest, most direct and least expensive way. No other sales method can equal it in magnitude of return for a minimum of cost.

Make the most of the opportunity which is afforded by The Bulletin. Read and use its advertising columns and get the results which are open to everyone.

In the past week the following matter has appeared in The Bulletin's columns:

Bulletin	Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday, March 17	81	132	958	1171
Monday, March 19	96	154	201	451
Tuesday, March 20	82	118	198	398
Wednesday, March 21	87	128	230	445
Thursday, March 22	77	119	266	462
Friday, March 23	114	90	191	395
Totals	537	741	2044	3322

thing less than \$2,000,000,000. These figures show how the trade of these countries has been enormous value to America and would more than warrant extension of credit even if the country had not been in a state of war. It may take some time for America to assist actively in a military way in the Mediterranean, but it can render assistance this moment. If the treasury should decide to issue government obligations tomorrow for a billion dollars, the whole sum would be waiting for it.

### NAVAL GOVERNMENT FOR DANISH WEST INDIES

Has Been Determined Upon by the Administration.

Washington, March 23.—Naval government in the Danish West Indies has been determined upon by the administration, and it was said today there would be a formal announcement later in the week. The ceremony attending the raising of the American flag, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is working out the details in order that all the terms of the treaty by which the islands were acquired by the United States be complied with.

### 296 MEN LOST WITH FRENCH BATTLESHIP

The Danton Was Torpedoed in the Mediterranean March 19.

Paris, March 23, 5:55 p. m.—The French cruiser (battleship) Danton was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on March 19, it was announced officially by the admiralty tonight. Two hundred and ninety-six men were lost and 806 were saved by the destroyer Massue and patrol boats. The statement says: "The cruiser Danton was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on the 19th and sank a half hour later, the victims number 296. The escort, the Massue and patrol boats, rescued 806 men. The Massue attacked the submarine with grenades and it disappeared and was not seen again."

### COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR WOMEN

Has Been Established in the City of New York.

New York, March 23.—The College of the Sacred Heart, an institution for the higher education of women, has been established in the city. It was announced tonight, with a charter from the regents of the state. It will be under the direction of the American Society of the Sacred Heart in connection with the group of academies of that order in the eastern part of the United States.

## Condensed Telegrams

There are 30,000 cases of smallpox in Germany.

Submarine L-5 was launched by the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., at Bridgeport.

Shipments of coke from Connellsville, Pa., last week, totaled 360,000 tons.

King Alfonso signed a decree for the insuring of the safety of Spanish maritime commerce.

Fire destroyed the Spring Street Grammar school at Naahua, N. H., at a loss of \$100,000.

Gold coin to the amount of \$600,000 was withdrawn from the sub-treasury for shipment to Cuba.

The New Hampshire house of representatives passed a bill which would establish state-wide prohibition May 1, 1918.

The United States government has placed an order with Kansas City lumber for 15,000,000 feet of soft pine lumber.

Governor Edge of New Jersey announced after a spirited battle that he would approve the bill to repeal the full crew law.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 16,424,400 francs in the St. Quentin region, and a decrease of 1,446,000 francs in silver.

Austin Bushaw, of Charleston, Vt., was shot while killing a revolver in the hands of his 15-year-old daughter who was accidentally discharged.

The Boston Metropolitan chapter of the American Red Cross announced that 1,000 women had been enrolled for government service.

The first regular train service between Paris and Soissons since the early days of the war will be started today by the Northern railroad.

The 22nd Infantry, now at Nogales, was ordered to Governors Island to replace the 29th Infantry, which was ordered to the Panama Canal zone two years ago.

A foreign order of contracts for six 8,800-ton steel steamships, to cost over \$3,000,000, was received by the Anderson Shipbuilding Co., of Seattle.

Governor McCall, of Massachusetts, sent a special message to the legislature recommending the creation of a home guard to be raised in time of war.

George White of New Britain, more than sixty years of age, tried to commit suicide by taking poison. He is now at a hospital and it is believed he will recover.

A bill to prohibit liquor importations into Georgia for medicinal and sacramental purposes was passed by the Georgia state senate 34 to 4. It now goes to the house.

Governor Whitman has accepted an invitation of the executive committee of the Billy Sunday campaign to appear at the dedication of the tabernacle, Sunday, April 1.

Police Commissioner Woods of New York has requested the board of aldermen to permit the immediate expenditure of \$100,000 for equipment of the new aqueduct police.

One man was fatally burned and 1,100 others were compelled to leave when two fires of a boiler at the Henry R. Worthington pump works, at Harrison, N. J., blew out.

Thomas J. McGuire, of Caldwell, N. J., pleaded guilty to having conspired to blow up the Times Square substation, and was sentenced to serve three years in prison.

Julius Rosenwald, president of the Sears-Roebuck Co., of Chicago, wired the American Red Cross committee that he would give \$1,000,000 to feed and clothe Jewish war sufferers.

The body of a man found on the shore of Long Island sound, north of Riverhead, N. Y., on March 12, was identified as that of a man, Edward J. Dan, keeper of Penfield Reef light-house, near Bridgeport.

Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, announced the appointment of a committee of prominent men to make an inventory of the industrial resources of the state, "for purposes of safety and defense."

Mayor Kirkpatrick of Charlotte, N. C., issued a proclamation calling upon every able-bodied male citizen of Mecklenburg county who will bear arms if the nation becomes involved in war to enroll at the mayor's office.

Former President Taft, speaking to a large audience at Atlanta, Ga., who wildly cheered his utterances, declared that armed American merchantmen should await no warnings from submarines, but should "sink them on the spot."

A military census of all men in Ohio between the ages of 18 and 45 years may be taken under authority of an act introduced and passed by the Ohio senate as an emergency measure, to take effect as soon as it has passed the house.

The strike of 200 men constructing the Ha Ha Bay Sulphite Pulp Company and Roberto Curtis, Quebec, ended when, upon promises from the provincial police of immunization to the strikers, they had seized the works which they had seized.

Killingly Man Appointed. Hartford, Conn., March 23.—William E. Labelle of Killingly was today appointed by Governor Holcomb a trustee of the colony for Frederick to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William P. Kelley. His term will expire Sept. 16, 1920.

Italians Expelled from Guatemala. San Jose, Guatemala, March 23.—Eugenio Maria and Roberto Curtis, who claimed to be Italians, have been expelled by the government. The men probably will go to Cuba. First news of the works which they had seized.

# GERMANS AT PETTEAT FLOODED OISE REGION

### City of La Fere, Thought to Have Been a Strong Point in the German Line, is Under Water

### RETIREMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HALTED

### Both British and French Are Meeting With Stubborn Resistance at Various Points Along the Front—In Persia the Russians Have Progressed to Within 45 Miles of the Mesopotamia Border—North of Monastir the French Have Taken Hill 148, and German and Bulgarian Troops in Repeated Attacks Failed to Retake It—It is Unofficially Reported That Germany Has Notified Norway of an Extension of the Blockaded Zone to the Arctic Ocean.

The retirement of the German forces in France appears to have halted, at least temporarily, as both the British and French communications report counter-attacks and stubborn resistance at various points along the front. Despite this apparent change in German tactics, the British and French forces in the Somme region, southeast of Arras, and the French, Paris says, have moved forward between one and a quarter and two and a half miles in the St. Quentin region. The French troops also have made gains on the heights overlooking the Oise valley northeast of Tergnier and have repulsed German attacks before this, northeast of Rheims. Paris asserts that the Germans are intimidating the Oise region and that the city of La Fere, thought to have been one of the strong points in the German line, is under water.

South of the Oise, the French continue to cross the Ailette river, and north of Soissons, Paris says, considerable progress toward Margival has been made. Stubborn resistance by the Germans in the center of the line, French successes northeast of the canal between the Somme and the Aisne, and the capture of the town of Kerind, the Russians have advanced in 45 miles of the Mesopotamian border, according to Petrograd. This would bring the Russians to within 100 miles of the British forces which have been fighting up the Tigris river from Bagdad river. In a 16-hour battle near Kerind, Petrograd also reports that the British have repulsed a partial attack took place between Lakes Ochrida and Preshevo, to the westward. Southward of Kermanshah, Persia, the Russians have progressed to within 45 miles of the Mesopotamian border, according to Petrograd. This would bring the Russians to within 100 miles of the British forces which have been fighting up the Tigris river from Bagdad river. 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