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GERMANS FALL BACK BEFORE THE BRITISH

Capture of Important First Line Positions by Field Marshal Haig's Forces Are Reported

NEW ADVANCES EAST AND SOUTH OF MESSINES

The New Advances Menace From Both North and South the Important Town of Warneton and the Road Leading Eastward Toward Comines—No Important Actions on Other Fronts—King Constantine, With Queen, Crown Prince and Royal Entourage, is to Embark on a British Warship Destined for Some Point Whence He Can Proceed to Switzerland.

The British troops in the region of Messines continue to make gains against the Germans. Both east and south of Messines fresh advances by Field Marshal Haig's forces and the capture of important first line positions are reported. The new advances in the neighborhood of Gaspard, which lies directly east of Messines and between the Rivers Lys and St. Yves and east of Ploegsteert Wood form a direct menace from both the north and south to the important town of Warneston and the road leading eastward toward Comines.

The artillery duels on various sectors in Belgium, particularly near Steenstraete, Lizerne and Boesinghe continue unabated and doubtless the regions soon will be the scenes of important infantry engagements.

Along the front in Russia and Galicia quietude still prevails, except that now and then the Germans and Austrians are making reconnoitering or small patrol attacks, which generally meet with hard usage at the hands of the Russians. In the Caucausus region the Kurds have delivered strong attacks against the Russians, but all of them were repulsed.

With the abdication of King Constantine of Greece and the departure of the former monarch, the queen, the crown prince and the royal entourage from Athens to embark on a British warship which will take them to a point where they can proceed to Switzerland, the Macedonian theatre holds forth promises of early important developments.

Meanwhile on the fighting front along the Greco-Serbian frontier, considerable fighting is taking place, but without any important results having been achieved.

The Austrians on the Carso plateau northeast of Gorizia in the Austro-Italian section have delivered attacks against the Italians occupying positions they recently captured. All the attacks, however went for naught, owing to the accuracy of the fire of the Italian artillerymen. Likewise, in the Trentino sector a heavy offense by the Austrians was put down by the Italians, the enemy being driven back in disorder and with heavy losses.

MESSINES MOST SUCCESSFUL ATTACK BRITISH EVER MADE.

Every Single Objective in Preliminary Plans was Attained.

London, June 14.—The Messines offensive was the most successful attack the British have yet made, every single objective that was marked in the preliminary plans having been attained, said Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk with The Associated Press today.

Comparing this assault with the Somme battle, General Maurice stated that the British gained on the first day more than twice the ground captured in the first four days of the great conflict along the Somme, while the British casualties at Messines, using the same periods for comparison, were only one-fourth what they were in the Somme fighting.

General Maurice was most optimistic in his talk today, remarking that the British successes were steadily growing greater, he added:

"We still have the undeveloped resources of America behind us, which gives us complete confidence in the future."

JAPANESE COMMISSION TO VISIT UNITED STATES

For the Purpose of Arranging Co-operation Between the Two Nations.

Tokio, Wednesday, May 31.—Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, formerly foreign minister, has been appointed chief envoy of the Japanese commission which is to visit the United States for the purpose of arranging co-operation between the two nations in the war.

The other members of the commission are Admiral Isam Takeshita, formerly naval attache of the Japanese embassy at Washington; Major General Shoichi Sugano, Matsuzo Nagai, secretary to the foreign department; Captain Shokyo Ando, Major Seiji Tamakawa, and Tadanao Imai, the secretary.

CROWD WELCOMES COLONEL ROOSEVELT TO LINCOLN, NEB.

He Held a Reception at a Hotel "for Personal Friends Only."

Lincoln, Neb., June 14. — Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was welcomed by a great crowd which paraded and sang and cheered as he arrived here today. He held a reception at a hotel "for personal friends only."

"I wanted to go to the war," he said, "and the people wanted me to go. But now I am feeling fine. I keep my good health by having a very bad temper, kept under good control."

BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY PURCHASE LIQUOR TRADE

Commissioners Have Been Appointed to Consider the Question.

London, June 14.—Recent reports that the government was considering the advisability of purchasing the liquor trade were confirmed in the house of commons today by Chancellor Bonar Law. The chancellor gave assurance that the house would be consulted before the completion of such action. Commissioners have been appointed by the cabinet to consider the question.

THUNDER STORM CAUSED CONGRESS TO RECESS

Because the Legislators Could Not Make Themselves Heard.

Washington, June 14. — Thunder, lightning, rain and hail, which enveloped the capital for more than an hour today, forced both houses of congress to recess while the storm raged, because the legislators could not make themselves heard above the din.

STATEMENT BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA

Explaining the Aims of the American Mission Headed by Elihu Root.

Petrograd, June 14. via London—Davir R. Francis, the American ambassador, issued to the press today a lengthy statement explaining the aims of the American mission headed by Elihu Root, which arrived in Petrograd yesterday. The statement is thus s ummarized by the official news agency:

"The communique states that the functions of the mission are to devise, in accord with the Russian government, effective means to aid Russia in her efforts to defeat the universal enemy of democracy. Germany and the German standpoint are the greatest foes to the democratic ideas now cherished by America and Russia in common. The mission will elucidate to Russia the aims followed by America, making it clear that America is inspired by idealistic motives; also that she is devoting to the struggle all her natural resources, the indications of which are the facts that the American fleet is now operating jointly with the allied fleets; that 10,000,000 Americans are reistered and the economic spirit which America can lend. Realizing that Russia must not only fight but live, America will try to reduce the burdens and privations borne by the Russian people.

"Among the members of the mission," continues the communique, is not one person who pursues any personal, financial or "commercial aims, or who desires to influence Russian internal affairs."

WATERBURY SUBSCRIPTIONS AMOUNT TO $102 PER CAPITA

Now About $7,500,000—An Oversubscription of 123 Per Cent.

Waterbury, Conn., June 14.—Liberty loan subscriptions in Waterbury total, in the final count, about $7,500,000, making a per capita subscription of $102. The amount of the Waterbury allotment was $8,360,000, which makes the percentage of the actual subscription 223 or an over-subscription of 123 per cent.

The partial payment plan of $1 down and $1 a week on a $50 bond, or $2 down and $2 a week on the $100 bond, which was conducted by the ten banks of the city, met with enthusiasm, 7,100 subscribers taking advantage of it.

STORM DOES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO CROPS

Rain Broke Down Tender Plants and Flooded Potato Fields Near Danbury.

Danbury, Conn., June 14.—A severe thunder storm accompanied by an extremely heavy rainfall which swept over this section late this afternoon did extensive damage to crops, breaking down tender plants and flooding potato fields in many instances. Several buildings in the vicinity of the city were struck by lightning, but no serious fires resulted. As far as could be learned, none of the occupants of the buildings were injured.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF RAILROAD SIGNAL MEN

Elected Officers at Closing Session in New Haven Yesterday.

New Haven, Conn., June 14.—D. W. Helt, of Shamokin, Pa., was elected grand chief of the International Union of Railroad Signal Men at the closing session of its annual convention here today. Officers chosen were:

Vice chief, Clinton Cone, New Rochelle, N. Y.; secretary and treasurer, T. A. Anstic, North Kingsville, Ohio; trustees, C. A. Drinkwater, Boston; H. G. Baker, Ypsilanti, Mich.; and W. L. Rose, Wallingford.

Cabled Paragraphs

No Conference on Food Gambling

London, June 14.—It has been found impracticable to confer with the allied powers to arrange for the international prohibition of gambling in futures and options, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, informed the house of common today.

GENEROUS ACTION OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Appropriates $1,000,000 for Recreation Centers at Army Concentration Camps.

New Haven, Conn., June 14.—The supreme board of directors of the Knights of Columbus announced today the appropriation of $1,000,000 by the order for the creation and maintenance of recreation centers at the principal army concentration camps. This action, it is said, is the result of a general appeal from members throughout the country, urging that the work inaugurated along the Mexican border last year be continued and enlarged to meet present conditions.

"Of the million men soon to be in concentration camps preparing for war," says the statement, "thirty or forty per cent. will be Catholics, many of them members of our order. Plainly, then, our society is confronted with the proposition of opening up recreation centers at all of the principal concentration camps and of furnishing moral and material aid, and support to our soldiers.

"The supreme board of directors has appropriated one million dollars for the purpose and has issued a nationwide appeal to our membership for contributions to this war camp fund."

BRITISH ARMIES GET NEWS OF ARRIVAL OF PERSHING.

Elaborate Honors Awaiting Americans at the Western Front.

British Headquarters in France, June 14, via London, by The Associated Press.—The news of the arrival of Major General John J. Pershing, the American commander in France, spread through the British armies today and was received with the utmost satisfaction. While Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was reported in the welcoming of the American army vanguard at the port of landing, more elaborate British honors await their visit to this section af the western front.

General Pershing will be a valued member of the allied war councils in the future and will have the opportunity to study and witness the various offensive actions before his divisions arrive.

On his journey to France General Pershing had the opportunity to see the efficiency of the British transport machinery in operation and was much impressed by it.

SITES FOR WAR ARMY DIVISIONAL CANTONMENTS.

Six Sites Selected for Division of the National Guard.

Washington, June 14.—Sites for war army divisional cantonments were approved today, located as follows:

Ayer, Mass.; Yaphank, L. I., N. Y.; Wrightstown, N. J.; Annapolis Junction, Md.; Petersburg, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Columbia, S. C.; Chillocothe, O.; Louisville, Ky.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Little Rock, Ark.; Rockford, Ill.; Des Moines, Ia.; Fort Riley, Kas.; Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; American Lake, Wash.

In addition to these, the following six of sixteen camps for division of the national guard have been formally announced:

Fort Worth, Waco and Houston, Tex.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Deming, N. M., and Linda Vista, Calif.

It is probable that a seventh national guard camp will be established in connection with the national army cantonment at American Lake, Wash.

Contracts for the American Lake cantonment, the fifth to be awarded, were let today to a Tacoma firm, and all others will be awarded in a few days. Contracts previous announced weer for Ayer, Atlanta, Columbia and Wrightstown.

ROOSEVELT FLAYS GERMAN-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS

Declares They Are a Fit Subject For the Attention of the Censor.

Lincoln, Neb., June 14.—With all the vigor at his command, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, addressing several thousand persons assembled on the capitol grounds this afternoon, sought to drive home the fundamental truths of the doctrine of Americanism.

One of Mr. Roosevelt's disgressions from his written address was to flay the German-language newspapers of the country. "These newspapers printed in German are a fit subject for the attention of the censor," he said. "I think the English language dies pretty well without the assistance of the German o rany other tongue."

HEAVY RAINSTORM IN NEW YORK CITY.

In Two Hours Three and One-quarter Inches of Rain Fell.

New York, June 14.—One of the heaviest rainstorms of short duration that has been recorded by the weather bureau here in 47 years broke over the city today. In two hours, three and one-quarter inches of rain fell. Lightning which accompanied the storm struck a 60,000 gallon oil tank and set it afire.

STATE TO SUBSCRIBE FOR $500,000 MORE OF BONDS.

This Will Make Its Total Subscription $1,500,000.

Hartford, Conn., June 14.—Announcement was made at the state treasurer's office this afternoon that an additional subscription for $500,000 of liberty loan bonds would be made by the state tomorrow. This will make the total subscribed for by the state $1,500,000.

BRITISH CONSIDERING AMNESTY TO SINN FEIN PRISONERS

Who Were Arrested at the Time of the Rebellion Last Year.

London, June 14.—The British government is considering the granting of amnesty to the Irish prisoners arrested at the time of the rebellion last year. Chancellor Bonar Law made this announcement in the house of commons today, saying that the government's decision would be made known immediately.

Would Cripple the Distilling Industry

BY PUTTING A PROHBITORY TAX ON FOODSTUFS USED

$60 PER 100 POUNDS

New Rate Written Into the War Tax Bill by the Senate Finance Committee—Prohibits Importation of Distillers' Beverages.

Washington, June 14.—A prohibitory tax on foodstuffs used in making beverages, tentatively agreed to last week by the senate finance committee, was still further increased today and then was formally written into the war tax bill. The new rate is $60 per hundred pounds instead of $20 per bushel and representatives of the distillers declare it unquestionably would be effective in forcing suspension of the distilling industry. The section as approved also prohibits importation of distillers' beverages.

Other Liquor Tax Increases.

Othel liquor tax increases were approved by the committee today virtually without change from the house schedules. The manufacturers tax of 5 per cent. on athletic goods, cameras, patent medicines, perfumeries and cosmetics was reduced to two per cent. and a substitute tax on scalpers' sales of tickets was adopted, making the rate from 5 to 50 per cent. instead of 50 per cent. flat.

Troublesome Problems Today.

Tomorrow the troublesome income, excess profits and publishers' taxes will be taken up. The committee now hopes to present the redrafted bill in the senate early next week.

EMMA GOLDMAN WAS PERMITTED TO SPEAK

At an Anti-Conscription Mass Meeting in New York Last Night.

New York, June 14.—Emma Goldman was permitted to speak unmolested by the authorities at antoher anti-conscription mass meeting here tonight. Thomas D. McCarthy, United States marshal, announced at her last previous appearance that he would take her itno custody if she attempted to speak again.

It was reported that Mr. McCarthy fully intended to make good his threat but was deterred at the last minute by a hint from Washington that if Miss Goldman were arrested she would probably pose as a martyr. Miss Goldman again attacked the government for the passage of the conscription law, as did Alexander Berkman, who presided at the meeting.

At the close of the meeting those who attended were compelled to pass ot in single file. Registration cards were demanded from all men who seemed to be of military age. Several who could not produce cards or make satisfactory explanations were held for further investigation.

WAR REGISTRATION NOW TOTALS 8,839,582

With Six States Still Missing—93.5 Per Cent. of the Census Estimate.

Washington, June 14.—With returns from six states missing, the war registration total tonight stood at 8,839,582, or 93.5 per cent. of the census estimate of 9,552,641 eligibles in the 42 states reported and the District of Columbia.

If the average is maintained the registration complete will show 9,538,000 me nenrolled for war service. Based on the original census estimate of 10,078,000 which did not include extra supply cars sent to industrial centers, more than 95 per cent. will have been registered and the deficiency of 439,884 will be below the estimated number of men of registration age now in the military and naval service and not required to register.

The complete returns at the provost marshal-general's office are divided as follows: White, 6,712,456; colored 925,004; aliens, 1,093,336; alien enemies 108,751. Indicated possible exemptions 4,712,180.

NOT TO OPPOSE REDUCTIONS IN PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE

Official Memorandum by Massachusetts Public Service Commission.

Boston, June 14.—The public service commission will not interefere for the present with the proposed war time reductions in passenger train service on railroads entering this city, it was stated in an official memorandum made public tonight.

"In reaching this conclusion," the commission reported, "we have been influenced by the companies having apparently endeavored to exercise a reasonable discrimination in the selection of trains which might best be eliminated. Since the changes were first advertised, the Boston & Maine Railroad has agreed to restore many trains which it had proposed to discontinue and similar modifications are still being made by this and by other companies."

DISSOLUTION OF CHINESE PARLIAMENT CONDEMNED

It is Believed the President's Action Will Cause Civil War.

Peking, June 13. — President Li Yuan-Hung's unconditional method of dismissing parliament is strongly condemned in the southern provinces, where attempts are being made to amalgamate for the purpose of offering military resistance. It is believed here that the president's action will precipitate civl war.

The Peking Gazette, which heretofore has been the strongest supporter of the president now strongly denounces him, claiming that he is using the country for his own selfish ends.

England Warned of Hostile Aircraft.

London, June 14.—The Earl of Derby, secretary of state for war, announced this afternoon that a notification had been received during the day that hostile aircraft were approaching the country. He added that the raid thus far had failed to materialize and that therefore he hoped there was no truth in the report.

Labor to Wage War on High Prices

DIRECTED BY SAMUEL GOMPERS, PRESIDENT A. F. OF L.

FOR QUICK ACTION

Calls Upon All Organized Bodies to Communicate With President Wilson and Their Respective Senators and Congressmen.

Washington, June 14. — Organized labor was called upon formally by the American Federation of Labor today to get behind the campaign for enactment of the administration legislation by July 1. All unions were urged in a letter by President Gompers to press their congressmen for prompt action. Mr. Gompers said:

"Since the war wages have not kept pace with the increasing cost of living, they have remained practically stationary while prices have more than doubled. The only practical way to increase the spending incomes of all is to decrease the cost of living.

Danger of Hunger.

"A grave danger confronts the American people; the danger of hunger, which unless our government takes immediate and effective action to prevent will portend greater injury than the threat of the foreign foe.

"Abnormal conditions exist—the ordinary checks of competition have disappeared. Food speculators are gambling on the people's necessities. We must devise new machinery to meet tremendous vital needs. We will have to establish economic agencies to control food so that the people may be insured subsistence. The problem strikes at the very roots of life.

"This is a problem that has a strong appeal to the whole nation. Legislation cannot be accomplished without persistent, intelligently directly efforts of all.

To Protect the People.

"The proposed legislation does not set up a food dictatorship. It does not purpose to ration the people, but attempts to protect the people against speculation by rational present means.

"In order to secure the fullest benefits from the Lever bill it must be made law before July 1. Every worker who wishes lower prices of the necessities of life can be helpful in securing the immediate enactment of the Lever bill. The following suggestions are made to those who wish to help:

Communicate With Congressmen.

"Let every trade union, every central body, every state federation of labor, every international organization take official action upon this matter and communicate that to your respective congressmen in the house of representatives, your senators and to the president of the United States.

"In addition to this formal official action let every individual member of the organized labor movement write a personal letter or send some communication to his or her representative and senator. Ask your friends to take similar action, ask all organized bodies within your locality to express to their representatives at the national capital their desire for the immediate passage of legislation that will reduce the cost of the necessities of life. Present the matter to your local government—city council, town administrators or whatever the agency may be called.

Need of Immediate Action.

"The need of immediate, effective action is demonstrated by the fact that the world's grain crop is seriously below normal. The wheat crop in this country is even smaller than that of last year, and we are confronted with the gigantic task of feeding our allies and maintaining our own army and civilian population.

Hungry Men Cannot Fight.

"The war cannot be fought by hungry men. The work necessary to maintain the continuity of this nation cannot be done by starving people. Food administration is effective, as is demonstrated by the fact that bread is cheaper in Belgium, France and Italy than it is in this country and this even when we ship the grain to Belgium from which their lower priced bread is made.

"You are urged to act immediately to make known your need and your desires to those who are charged with the responsibility of creating agencies by which sufficient food will be assured to this nation and to those fighting the world's war for human freedom.

Favors the Lever Bill.

"Press home upon all the necessity that the Lever bill should be on the statute books beforeJuly1."

The food control bill was attacked in the senate today by Senator Reed, who declared it would confer arbitrary and despotic power on Mr. Hoover, disturb business and hamper commerce. The bill will be taken up again in the house Monday.

ITALIAN WAR MISSION FETED AT NEW ORLEANS

City and State Officials Formally Welcomed the Visitors.

New Orleans, La., June 14. — The Italian war mission was feted by New Orleans and its colony of 25,000 Italians today and tonight. Thousands turned ot to meet them on their arrival shortly before noon.

City and state officials formally welcomed the visitors and each of the commissioners responded briefly. Later at Tulane University honorary degrees were conferred upon several members of the mission.

Late tonight the mission left for Memphis.

DECREE ISSUED BY RUSSIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

Declaring All Acts of Military Disorder to be Insubordination.

Petrograd, via London, June 14.—The provisional government has issued a decree declaring all acts of military disorder to be insubordination, including refusal to fight and also incitement to fight against the government. Such acts, says the decree, are punishable by long sentences to servitude in the penitentiary and the deprivation of rights to property and also the right to receive land under the coming land re-distribution.

Condensed Telegrams

Sugar is 60 cents a pound in England.

Hawaii subscribed $2,500,00 to the Liberty Loan.

Slight earth tremors were recorded at Georgetown University.

Austria has called all boys to the colors who are 17 years old.

Prince Tan, the famous Chinese singer, is dead at the age of 72.

Navy employes at the Portsmouth Navy Yard subscribed for $104,000 Liberty Bonds.

Plans for the new medical school at Chicago for which $5,500,000 was raised were made public.

The reply to the Brazilian note from Argentina caused quite a bad impression generally.

Two yachts of the Cleveland Yacht Club were turned over to the Government for war service.

The bells of Hamburg are being made into cannons. They will provide about 30 tons of gun metal.

Subscriptions to the Liberty Loan in Danbury reached a total of more than $300,000 up to last night.

General Pershing will act as an independent in this war, co-operating with the French necessarily.

The people of England are urged to buy their winter coal in July profiting by last year's experience.

A French ammunition factory has blown up and a number of dead and wounded were removed from the ruins.

Capt. Bonnel, a British airman born in New York, arrived here to recruit aviators for the British aviation corps.

Andrew Bonar Law's son, of the British army, who was reported as dead, is alive and prisoner of the Turks.

The New York Telephone Co. has purchased the Newark Telephone concern under an order by Vice-Chancellor Lane.

A mine sunk the American schooner Harwood Palmer, built in 1904. It was reported that the ship was sunk by a submarine.

The United States needs one thousand teamsters and 75 wagon masters for the quartermasters' enlisted reserve corps.

Capt. Martin, former Naval Attache at the French Embassy in Washington is on active duty chasing German submarines.

Two Americans in Japan are teaching Japanese aviators how to fly and are opening aeronautic schools and aeroplane factories.

One thousands miners quit work in the copper mines at Butte and 500 National Guardsmen were ordered to the scene of the riots.

Herman P. Levine, a Brooklyn school teacher, was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the penitentiary for failing to observe the draft law.

Wm. Ludlam, said to be the oldest resident of Jamaica not only in years but by continuous residence, died there at the home of his son at the age of 96 years.

Premier Dato of Spain said that with the return of Marquis De Lama to the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs, was a guarantee that Spain would remain absolutely neutral.

Scientists and students of the day light saving plan said: it will prove a great benefit for public health, as light is a physical stimulant just as darkness is a depresing influence.

It is believed that the totay subscriptions to liberty loan bonds in Hartford will reach $17,000,000 before subscription books are closed this noon.

The former German liner Prinz Waldemar whose engines and boilers were wrecked by the crew while she was interned at Honolulu, arrived at a Pacific port, where she will be repaired.

Next Saturday afternoon the splendid rose garden of Rear Admiral Adamr Ward, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. Ward, at Roslyn, L. I., will be opened to the public in aid of war charities

A conference at Washington with the avowed purpose of eliminating hyphenism in America organized the American League for National Unity, with Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, of Schenectady, N. Y., as president.

The Massachusetts constitutional convention disposed of the suggestion that it should adjourn its session until the war is over by voting that no adjournment of more than seven days shall be taken after July 16.

Announcement was made at New York that the American Institute of Banking, had decided on account of war conditions to abandon its annual convention which was to have been held in Denver in September.

The report that Captain F. E. Kleinschmidt a German-American aviator, was allowed to wander through the Edison plant at West Orange, N. J., where important military devices are being perfected, was denied by Chas. Edison, son of the inventor.

D. H. Barclay of Barre won the Vermont amateur trapshooting championship at Randolph, Vt., last night, having been high gun among both professionals and amateurs in the two days' tournament. He scored 142 out of a possible 150 Wednesday and 146 yesterday.

DROPPED FROM RHODE ISLAND STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Gardnar T. Swarts, For 23 Years Its Secretary.

Providence, R. I., June 14.—Rr. Gardner T. Swarts, for 23 years secretary of the state board of health, was dropped today at the annual meeting of the board. Dr. Byron A. Richards of Pawtucket, was chosen to succeed him. Dr. Swarts is widely known as an authority of health matters. In a statement issued tonight he ascribed his removal to friction of several years standing between himself and other members of the board.

FINAL DRIVE FOR THE LIBERTY LOAN

Indications Are That It Will Go Well Beyond the $2,000,000,000

ALL AGENCIES ARE REDOUBLING THEIR EFFORTS

Reports Tell of Long Waiting Lines of Subscribers in Thousands of Banks in Every State in the Union—In All Probability at Least 2,500,000 Persons Will Have Subscribed Before the Bonds Close at Noon Today—Latest Total is Given at $1,843,000,000, With Many Thousands of Banks and Trust Companies Yet to be Heard From—Buttons Are Being Distributed.

Washington, June 14.—The liberty loan campaign entered the home stretch today with every indication that the tremendous thirty day drive throughout the nation would result in going well beyond the $2,000,000,000 goal.

From coast to coast the story that poured into the treasury all day was the same, a story of a whirlwind finish. Telegrams told of tolling bells and shrieking whistles across the continent, marking the last day of the campaign; of redoubled efforts by the many agencies at work for the loan's success, of enthusiasm at its highest pitch, of long waiting lines of subscribers in thousands of banks in every state of the union.

Last Hours to Show Big

The last twenty hours' work is going to show big in the final count, according to these reports. Before noon tomorrow officials hope, every man in the country who can subscribe will have done so. At the closing hour tonight there was no telling where the total might lead, no basis for forecasting the final figures.

2,500,000 Subscribers.

It seemed certain, however, that at least 2,500,000 persons will have subscribed before the books are closed at noon tomorrow. Measuring the total by the number of liberty loan buttons which have gone out from headquarters, the number of subscribers should exceed three million. New York, Philadelphia and Boston reserve districts alone have received—and it is believed have placed a high percentage of them—2,500,000 of the buttons. More than 4,000,000 will have been distributed before the three chief button factories of the country, working night and day catch up with their orders several days hence.

Buttons Distributed.

New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are the big districts from which will come the great bulk of subscriptions. There the total number of buttons distributed approximates 2,500,000. New York has taken 1,200,000, and estimates that it will furnish 1,000,000 subscribers. Philadelphia and Boston have taken more than 500,000 each.

The Cleveland district has received 420,000; Chicago 360,000; St. Louis, Kansas City and Richmond 200,000 each. To San Francisco 265,000 have been sent. From several of the districts hurry calls have been received for more.

Latest report $1,843,000,000

Late campaign figures, made public today by Secretary McAdoo as of the close of business last night, showed an apparent shortage of $157,000,000, the total reported being $1,843,000,000. These reports were received after noon at the treasury. They showed an increase of nearly $200,000,000 in subscriptions over the previous day's report.

A Popular Loan.

The loan, according to reports received by treasury officials, is in every sense a popular one. By far the greatest issues which the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be called upon to turn out will be of the $50 and $100 bonds. For them there has been an extremely heavy demand in every industrial section of the country and in many rural communities. An illustration is afforded in the case of Ripon, Wis., a town of 3,800, which today reported subscriptions totalling $260,700 from 839 subscribers. The city of Washington, officials estimate, will marshal 30,000 individual subscriptions, most of them for the $50 nad $100 bonds. Employes of the treasury department alone, subscribing to the $50 and $100 bonds, have taken approximately $450,000.

Many Banks to be Heard From.

Many thousands of banks and trust companies are yet to be heard from with their subscriptions for themselves and their customers. This item alone, it is thought, will swell the total by many millions.

As a rule, the banks have been inclined to hold back their subscriptions until the last minute, or report only a portion of them. The amount subscribed today, $1,843,000,000, represents actual subscriptions in the federal reserve banks, accompanied by the required two per cent. of the amount of the subscriptions. Officials believe the reserve banks will be deluged tomorrow by a flood of last minute subscriptions which will keep them busy for hours tabulating them.

NEW YORK DISTRICT CLOSE TO THE $1,000,000,000 MARK

Army of Tabulators Busy Compiling Total of Subscriptions.

New York, June 14.—The New York federal reserve district had subscribed for $950,000,000 worth of liberty loan bonds at the close of business tonikht. It was estimated by the Liberty Loan committee. Confidence was expressed that when the books close tomorrow the total will be well beyond the $1,000,000,000 mark.

An army of tabulators toiled far into the night at the headquarters of the committee, making feverish efforts to compile the staggering total of subscriptions. Rows of workers piled up checks that represented millions of dollars. The total represented a sum greater than even masters of finance could comprehend.

Letters From Hundreds of Banks.

Upon one long table was heaped the letters from the hundreds of banks throughout the district. From these envelopes there poured a vari-colored stream of checks. These checks were distributed according to sub-divisions. The checks were passed from hand to hand along the line for the checking, rechecking and back-checking. Then they went to the adding machines and there was another series of verifications.

As the day wore on there was a lengthening line of envoys from cities and towns delivering these allotments.

Flood of Subscriptions.

There was an eleventh hour flood of subscriptions from the divisions of the reserve district outside New York and these gave every indication that the loan would be a great popular success. Cities and towns which were supposed to have been lagging behind proved that they would equal or exceed their allotments. Members of the committee felt no doubt that the total tomorrow night would far exceed $1,000,000,000.

Bridgeport's Total $3,457,000.

The subscribers represented twenty per cent. of the population. Bridgeport, Conn., announced a total of $3,457,000; Norwalk, $300,000; Danbury, $316,000; Newton, $462,000; Ridgefield, $80,000; Canaan, $37,000; and Stratford, Conn., $25,000.

Forty thousand employes of the General Electric company subscribed $5,955,550, in addition to $5,000,000 taken by the company itself. New York city took $2,300,000 for 25,000 city employes.

It was announced that the Keith circuit of vaudeville theatres throughout the country would turn in subscriptions of at least $2,500,000.

Unofficial Estimate.

An unofficial estimate of the subscriptions of 31 New York banks showed a total of $613,559,000. Bank subscriptions received today include $1,000,000 from the Importers and Traders National; Bank of Buffalo $500,000; Cortland, N. Y., Savings Bank, $244,000.

Reports received at headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America showed that scouts had sold $5,142,800 in bonds in 235 cities and towns. Nine public schools in New York city reported subscriptions of more than $100,000.

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN MUNITIONS EXPLOSION

At Ashton-Under-Tyne, England—Widespread Damage Done.

London, June 14.—A large number of persons were killed or injured in the explosion of a munitions factory at Ashton-under-Tyne on Wednesday. Besides widespread damage was done in the neighborhood.

A regretable feature of the explosion was that a considerable number of the victims were children who were on their way home from school at the time and were killed or wounded by fragments of debris of all kinds, especially portions of the framework of gas tanks, which were hurled in every direction.

The streets around the scene of the explosion were like a shambles. The flames from the burning works communicated to a nearby cotton mill which was burned, while across the river in Dunkinfield another cotton mill was destroyed. The entire region in which the explosion occurred is dotted with cotton mills and in them scarcely a single window remained unbroken.

HISTORIC LIBERTY BELL WAS RUNG YESTERDAY AT NOON

Was Tapped With a Gold Mounted Tammer Thirteen Times.

Philadelphia, June 14.—The Liberty Bell was rung today in an eleventh hour appeal to the American people to stimulate the purchase of the $2,000,000,000 liberty bond issue. Mayor Smith tapped the relic with a gold mounted hammer thirteen times, once for each of the original states and simultaneously the message spread throughout the United States by means of telegraph and telephone lines connected with the bell. A wire to the White House notified President Wilson of the ringing of the bell.

The day's total subscriptions approximated more than $35,000,000.

COPPER MINING COMPANIES REFUSE DEMANDS OF MEN.

Members of Metal Mine Workers' Union at Butte, Mont.

Butte, Mont., June 14.—Copper mining companies in Butte today refused the demands of the recently organized Metal Mine Workers' union, whose members went on strike yesterday, demanding a minimum wage of $6, abolishment of the card system of employment and a voice in the discharge of the miners. The committee which presented the demands will report the refusal late today to a mass meeting of the union.

Brazil Promoting Wheat Cultivation.

Rio Janeiro, June 14.—Owing to the fact that the stocks of imported wheat are not sufficient the government is promoting an intensive cultivation of cereals in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.