



WILSON PLANS MESSAGE TO WORLD Russian Soviet Congress Ratifies German Peace Terms

SOUTH BEND'S RELIEF FUND TO AID BOYS

American Youths in Trenches of France Will Remember the Sacrifice Made by Local Citizens.

No movement in South Bend has received such universal endorsement and developed so much genuine impetus in so short a time as the campaign of the Patriotic and Civic Relief fund, the collection of which will start March 21. Under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, a comprehensive organization is being perfected that will look after the educational, publicity and business details.

Popularly known elsewhere as the War Chest, given in all walks of life have been liberally to this one fund that takes care of all war relief funds for the entire year. In South Bend the beneficiaries of the Federation for Social Service will also be included combining the civic with the war relief.

The idea is to have but one solicitation and one fund, doing away with duplication of efforts and contributions and permitting every individual, regardless of his or her position, or income, to do their share toward supporting this great work.

Many cities in the United States have adopted similar plans. These have been investigated and the best features of all of them have been selected for the South Bend war chest plan. In Rome, N. Y., a city of 25,000, the sum of \$348,000 was subscribed. In Columbus, O., \$2,500,000 was secured from a population of 250,000. In Syracuse, N. Y., they set out to raise \$600,000 and secured \$1,153,000. This city, with a population of 150,000 had over 30,000 subscriptions, or "subscriptions," as they are called, 25,000 of them being \$1 per month, or 25 cents per week and most of these from the factory employes.

This plan will be adopted for South Bend. Instead of a few hundred supporting members, as has been done in the past every man, woman and youth will be expected to help. We are in the war to win and each one must do all they possibly can.

To quote a prominent citizen: "You will forget the money you give; the boys 'over there' never will. That is the keynote of the whole business. "All of us will get along just as well as we would get along if we didn't give anything. We should get all about it; none of us will figure in the years to come that things would have been different with us, if we hadn't given anything. But so long as time lasts, so long as people make sacrifices, so long as men are willing to die for their country—people will remember this war chest and the relief that came from it. You will forget; the boys will not forget."

If giving hurts at all, it hurts but for the moment. Time binds up whatever wound is made through sacrifice. In the days to come, instead of sitting down and sighing about what you gave, you are more likely to take the little children upon your knee and boast having given more than you really gave—and any man who boasts of giving more than he gave, admits thereby that he gave less than he ought to have given."

Up To Individual. The matter of personal donations to South Bend's war chest will rest squarely upon each individual's shoulders and their own conscience. It is believed that if every citizen will sensibly reason it out with their own good judgment, they will realize that they cannot afford not to give. The people of South Bend must give to keep their self-respect. Their country, that of every citizen's right; keep them well when enemies wish them sick; heal their wounds and bring them home. The South Bend war chest is the one big effort that will be made to see subscribers for this year's war (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

FOE OF AUTOCRACY IN LAND OF ALSATIANS



LE ABBE METTERLE

Le Abbe Metterle, for years "the voice of Alsace" in the German reichstag, is an exile in Paris. He was the deputy of the Alsatian district of Ribeauville in the reichstag for 29 years. For his many bitter speeches in the reichstag he was recognized by German authorities as an open enemy. At the outbreak of the war he fled to France through Switzerland. He has been active in keeping alive the animosity of the French people against Germany. His entire estate in Alsace had been formerly declared "forfeited to the German crown."

20 DIE IN FIRE NEAR TRURO, N. S.

Blaze Starts From Unknown Cause in Dormitory Where Lumberjacks Slept.

TRURO, N. S., March 16.—Twenty persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a lumber camp at Alvin siding on the Canadian government railroad, 15 miles from here today. Of those in the camp only four persons, including the owner, A. A. Sutherland, and his son Max, escaped. The fire started from an undetermined cause in a dormitory occupied by lumbermen, all of whom were sleeping. The wooden building was quickly enveloped in flames and all the occupants including the wife and six children of one of the workmen, were burned to death in their bunks. The Sutherlands occupied an apartment separate from the dormitory. The cracking of flames aroused them and they escaped by jumping from a second story window. The other men who were asleep in another room were not so fortunate. They managed to escape from the building but were so seriously burned that they are not expected to recover.

Worth a Monday's Visit Down Town

ROBERTSON BROS.—A remarkable silk showing, at \$2.25 yard. SPIRO'S—Showing of men's and young men's spring clothes. ECONOMY DEPARTMENTS—Women's tailored suits, \$14.98. ELLSWORTH'S—New skirt offering. SAILOR BROS.—Three-piece bed outfit, \$14.75. HURWICH—Gold Bond clothes, \$15 to \$30. BRANDON-DURRELL CO.—Silvertone coats at \$25. WALK-OVER—Easter pumps and oxfords, \$4 to \$9. VERNON—Fashion Park men's clothes, \$25, \$35 and up-wards.

27 ADDED TO DEATH RECORD OF SOLDIERS

65 Names in Total Casualty List Published by Chief of War Department—58 Slightly Wounded.

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, March 16.—Eighty-five names, including those of nine officers—one killed in action, one in an accident and seven slightly wounded—were contained in the casualty list issued today by the war department. The list was divided as follows: Killed in action, eight. Died of wounds, two. Died of accidents, six. Died of disease, 10. Died from undetermined cause, one.

Slightly wounded, 58. It was explained at the department that with two or three exceptions the names in the list were called today by Gen. Pershing. The exceptions were names held over from yesterday's casualty report because of difficulties in checking. Most of the 40 odd names held up yesterday, however, were those of men recommended for promotion, or mentioned in various activities of the expeditionary forces. They at first were held up because of the list of dead.

Today's list, the first in weeks to contain the names of no men severely wounded, follows: Killed in Action. LIEUT. JOHN NORMAN. SERGT. LOUIS E. LEFFEW. CORP. LEO H. ROGERS. PRIVATE FRID M. EAGER. PRIVATE CHARLES T. LUGDAVAND.

PRIVATE CLAUD W. NEWLER. PRIVATE SROWE PETTY. PRIVATE OSCAR SWARTZ. Died of Wounds. CORP. MARVIN BUNN. PRIVATE DAN P. BRACELIN.

Died of Disease. CORP. IGNATIUS FLEMING. CORP. WALTER E. FUREN. CORP. HERBERT H. KROMBACH. CORP. PERCY STONE BOWORTH. PRIVATE WILL GALLOWAY. PRIVATE CHARLES M. HOERNING.

PRIVATE LEOPHOLE JOSEPH PROFL. PRIVATE CLARE R. TAPAGER. PRIVATE FRANK HARRISON WELCH. PRIVATE WAGONER ARTHUR E. FISHER.

Died of Accidents. LIEUT. ANDREW CARL ORTMAYER. CORP. CLIFFORD J. STEVENS. PRIVATE JOHN J. BRANNON. PRIVATE PETER CAZAN.

PRIVATE GEORGE W. COCK. PRIVATE JOHN E. HAWKINS. Died, Cause Unknown. SERGT. BYRD W. PENROD.

The Wounded Soldiers. Wounded slightly: Maj. John W. Downer; Capt. Harry B. Whitney; Lieut. Burke C. Cooley; Herbert J. Jones; Donald G. MacLachlan; Frank M. Mitchell; Warren A. Ransom; Sergeants Charles E. Allen, Peter Danowski; Corporals Brodie E. Caele, Eugene O. Hickey, John C. Kadron, George Leveque, Chester W. Mahaffey, Raymond W. Miller, John O'Neal; Conrad H. Ordman; David M. Reid; Frank C. Schultz; George E. Schwab; William Shelton; George F. Shields; Neil Sorlein; William A. Sykes; Adam Traczek; William Vescevo; Lawrence E. Whitford; Joseph T. Wiekler; Cloyd Wilson; Medaries Henry Christenson and James La Jolo.

PAGE MR. ALADDIN

Associated Press Service: YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 16.—An iron pot containing \$115,000 in gold coins was unearthed Wednesday in an abandoned well on the Isaac Shaffer farm in Lawrence county, near Hillsville, Pa. It became known here today.

HOLLAND MAY SEND FREIGHT TO WAR ZONE

On Eve of Her Ships Being Taken Over by U. S. and Great Britain, Dutch Change Attitude.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Holland on the eve of her shipping being taken over by the United States and Great Britain has given evidences of a readiness to make a voluntary agreement to the purpose, even agreeing that the ships shall be sent through the war zone.

In view of the continued pressure upon the Netherlands by Germany in opposition to such a step, officials here were mystified at the sudden change in the situation and began to speculate upon what arrangements Holland might have made with Berlin. It was stated in official quarters that Holland probably would make liberal concessions to Germany when she turns the ships over to the allies, but it was feared that the sudden acquiescence with the long opposed provision that the ships be sent through the war zone, might indicate that the Netherlands government was proposing something new in connection with the negotiations which Great Britain and the United States would be unable to accept.

Ready to Take Ships. The official attitude here is that all arrangements have been made to take over the ships on Monday and that the injection of any new proposals by Holland cannot stay the decisions reached in London and Washington. It was stated that if Holland desires to turn over the ships on the terms already laid down by voluntary agreement it would be considered very agreeable, but that they must be taken over Monday, at all events, on the final terms presented to the Hague by the American and British diplomatic representatives.

WILSON GETS REPORT ON AIRPLANE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A report to Pres't Wilson on the progress made on the airplane program to about the first of this year, prepared by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, promises to play a part in the inquiry into aviation affairs already begun by the special board headed by Snowden Marshall of New York. Aviation officials will invite a full investigation of all failures shown or charges made in the document. So far as known the Borglum report bears little relation to the present status of the aircraft program. There have been reports that it refers to serious blunders or delays and it is into that side of the question rather than into figures as to the actual output of aircraft that the time the report was made, that the inquiry board is expected to look particularly.

WILL SYSTEMATICALLY CHANGE STAFF AIDES

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Maj. Gen. March, chief of staff, announced today that a plan had been approved whereby staff officers on duty with the American expeditionary forces will be systematically exchanged for those on duty in Washington, the ultimate purpose being to have on duty here a general staff composed entirely of officers who have been through training in the latest elements of warfare.

GOVERNMENTS GETS MASS OF EVIDENCE AT QUIZ

Associated Press Service: NEW YORK, March 16.—A mass of direct testimony and documentary evidence indicating the connection of certain American will importing and manufacturing concerns with an alleged conspiracy to insure German interests a balance of power in the world's textile markets after the war, was in the possession of state authorities at the close tonight of an inquiry conducted by States Atty. Gen. Lewis.

Military Honors for American Heroes



HONOR AMERICAN HEROES. The burial of Corp. James B. Gresham, Privates Thomas F. Enright and Merle D. Hay, the first Americans to die in the great war, was marked with impressive services. Throughout the ceremony at the graves, French batteries, from their positions, fired minute guns over the village at the German trenches. (Readers of this newspaper who wish a photographic copy of this picture may obtain it by sending 10 cents to the division of pictures, committee on public information, Washington, D. C. Enclose this clipping or mention photo No. 4,062.)

BILL IS RUSHED BY LOWER HOUSE

Representatives Hope to Pass Corporation Measure Not Later Than Tuesday.

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, March 16.—Debate on the war finance corporation bill designed to help finance necessary industries during the war began in the house today with administration leaders hopeful of its passage by Tuesday night. With this end in view they secured unanimous consent for its consideration Monday in place of other matters on the regular calendar.

COAL JOBBERS ARE PUT UNDER LICENSE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—All coal jobbers, brokers, selling and purchasing agents and wholesale dealers were put under license tonight by Pres't Wilson on recommendation of Fuel Adm. Garfield, who issued regulations carefully circumscribing the charges to be made for their services. While recognizing that legitimate jobbers "are essential to the conduct of all business" the fuel administration said affiliated companies organized solely for receiving the jobbers' margin the "swapping of coal," and other fictitious trade operations "will be dealt with severely."

WOMAN IS SENTENCED ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE

ATLANTA, Ga., March 16.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Margaret A. Hirsch, charged with attempted blackmail of Mayor Asa C. Carter, returned a verdict of guilty late today. The jury was out only 25 minutes. The court at once imposed a sentence of 12 months in jail and a fine of \$1,000, the maximum penalty in a misdemeanor case.

MAJ. GEN. SCOTT IS RELIEVED OF COMMAND

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, March 16.—Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, formerly chief of staff, today was ordered relieved of his command of the 78th (national army) division at Camp Dix, N. J., and placed in command of the camp itself, which is to be made an embarkation camp. Brig. Gen. James T. Down has been appointed to temporarily command the 78th division.

German Press is Dissatisfied in Report on Food

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, March 16.—The German view of the food stocks available in Ukraine and conditions generally in that country is given in a dispatch today from Berne, quoting a Berlin telegram published by the Strassburger Post, March 14. The telegram says the stores of grain are very limited and that there is great political unrest. The dispatch follows: "After having announced that the stock of cereal to be found in Ukraine surpassed all expectations the German press is today obliged to admit that the resources which will be at the disposal of the central powers has been exaggerated."

WHEAT SHORTAGE IS REAL MENACE

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, March 16.—While the food administration was making plans today to meet the critical wheat shortage by a further reduction in consumption the senate again took up and debated legislation to increase production by raising the price on the 1918 crop. The food administration was stirred to action by reports from the department of agriculture showing that the supply of wheat on farms and in country elevators is far less than it was a year ago. The senate considered a bill by Sen. Gore of Oklahoma, to fix the price at \$2.50, or 20 cents a bushel more than set in a recent proclamation of Pres't Wilson. In the house today also a bill was introduced by Rep. Morgan of Oklahoma, to appropriate \$300,000,000 to compensate producers for the losses they sustained when the government established its 1917 price at a figure lower than the then market price. Speaking for his bill, Sen. Gore declared that 190 leading commodities which had advanced in price within the last year, the increase in farm products had been the least.

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An official dispatch today from France says: "Before making their last trip to Berlin, Hindenburg and Ludendorff made certain statements to the newspaper correspondents attached to great headquarters. "This interview probably had a double purpose—that of encouraging public opinion and of bringing pressure to bear upon adversary by the usual Germanic bluff. What is outstanding in the declarations of the couple of generals swollen with pride and childish vanity is that the German government is more than ever before in the hands of the military caste, brutal, narrow and insolent. "Discussing the events in the east Hindenburg declared: "The chain which was to bind us is from henceforth broken. We can now employ all our forces in the west. It is absolutely necessary for us to procure security on our frontiers so that we shall not see repeated the lamentable events which marked the beginning of the autumn of 1914. "It is to be noted that German opinion does not realize the exact extent of the success obtained in the west because the people are looking today towards the east. Hindenburg said regarding this, 'things are always the same; people never appreciate at their full value the results already obtained.' Then they proceeded to speak of events that are imminent in the west." (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

HINDENBURG'S BOASTING TO BE GRILLED

President Plans Address to Entire World—May Reply to Teuton Autocrats in Joint Session.

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, March 16.—Russia has bowed to the central powers. The hard terms of the peace treaty submitted by the Germans at Brest-Litovsk have been agreed to by the all-Russian congress of soviets, in session at Moscow in spite of the opposition of an important element of the Russian people. President Plans Address to Entire World—May Reply to Teuton Autocrats in Joint Session.

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NEW COMIC SHEET

Because of a mistake in shipment from New York city, the comic section furnished with today's issue of The News-Times bears the date of February 17. This section, however, has never before been published anywhere.