



# NATION'S CLOCKS GO FORWARD AN HOUR MARCH 31

## Bond Bill For 10 Billions Soon Ready For Congress

### OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT A WAR SYMPHONY

Correspondent Who Witnesses Greatest Battles Forecasts "Piece" For Which Guns Are Now Tuning Up.

BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND.  
Mr. Wiegand saw more of the great battles in this war from the German and Austrian side than any other American correspondent. He was in the winter Masurian lake battles, at Przemyel, in the fourth Isonzo battle, in the great Champagne battle and in the battles on the Somme during the great Anglo-French offensive in 1916.

NEW YORK, March 19. — "The Battle Symphony of Death" is about to begin on the west front. The titanic brazen orchestra of many "pieces" is "tuning up" for what may be the final battle melody of the great war. Its deep hoarse howling, nerve-racking roar, shattering bursts, rending crashes and staccato rattle, will be the last requiem to sound into the ears of thousands of the brave.

The imagination cannot picture a modern battle such as that on the Somme around Arras and the one impending. It must be heard, for it is chiefly noise and smoke. A glimpse of it must be had to appreciate Heil's terms of today. Sherman's famous little "hell" was a mere campfire in comparison.

For days there has been a "tuning up" and a "trying out" on the west front. First here, then there, as the invisible fingers of a Titan were running over the 550-mile military "keyboard" between the Swiss border and the North sea, the guns are being "ranged."

"Music" is increasing. Daily the "music" is increasing in intensity and growing in volume. Battery after battery of the thousands of deep-throated monsters get into position and take up their respective notes of the "Symphony of Death."

The great "battle conductor" of the Germans has as yet not taken his place. The brazen orchestra of death is being got into "tune" for him. When it is whipped into shape to "play" in sectorial units and the sectors in unison and again split up or concentrate, when every gun is in its place and every division in position, Hindenburg will step into place and, figuratively speaking, swing his field marshal's baton for the great "finale." As Hindenburg swings his arms for the "altogether," Haig, Pershing and the French commander-in-chief will give the same signal on their side.

There will be a crash such as has not been heard even in this war. The earth will tremble from Switzerland to the sea. The rumble and roar of the cannonade will roll from the beyond Paris in the west to across the Rhine in the east. When the wind is right even London may hear.

The line, or vast sectors of it, will be wrapped in bursting flames. Lurid red lightning bolts break out of the sickly greenish yellow spurts; smoke, dirt, debris, mixed with torn and bleeding humanity, shoot high into the air as if two gigantic seas had suddenly met. For a distance it looks and sounds like enormous waves were pounding upon a rock-bound coast.

From the sectors where the attacks are to be launched there comes the "roll" of some monster on a gigantic "snare" drum. It is the "drum fire" of the enemy. He is "drumming" the trenches he expects to attack with infantry or "drumming" to mislead or confuse the other side where the attack is to come.

Now Enjoys Storms.  
The shells fall so fast that it is impossible for the ear to detect any interval between. The detonations are a steady "roll" from which the Germans first gave it the name of "Trommerfeuer" or "drum fire." It is a constant roar. The exhaust of a rapidly running automobile motor gives an idea of it if every separate exhaust had the blast of a lightning bolt and each accompanied by the crash of thunder as when lightning "strikes."

From the distance of a few miles it is grand, awful, majestic. Ever since I have seen those battles I

### GRAFT AT CAMP CUSTER SAID TO HAVE NETTED PAIR \$1,000 A DAY

International News Service: CAMP CUSTER, Mich., March 19. —Department of justice agents today are making an investigation in the cases of Capt. Ralph A. Billinger, son of a wealthy Chicago contractor, and Ralph Windholz, civilian contractor, said to be the son of a retired Cincinnati business man, arrested here on charges of conspiring to defraud the government.

### ALLIES REPUDIATE RUSSIAN TREATY

Versailles Council Asserts War Will Go on Until Prussia is Crushed.

LONDON, March 19.—Virtual repudiation of the peace treaty effected between the Russian bolsheviks and the central empires is contained in the official statement issued by the supreme war council of the allies at Versailles, France. The statement, which was made public through the foreign office, makes it plain that the war will go on until Prussian militarism is crushed and the crimes which have been committed by Germany are righted.

### ASKS \$15,000 DAMAGES FOR INJURIES TO LIPS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—Alleging that injuries to his lips and his speaking powers, the Rev. Madison Swadener, Methodist minister and one of the national speakers of the Anti-Saloon league, has brought suit here for \$15,000 damages and legal determination. Heat and Light Co. and the Frank B. Rausser Co. are named as defendants. Swadener, driver for the light company, he asserts his injuries resulting from a collision Oct. 29, last year of a repair truck driven by Fausser and the Bird company taxicab in which he was riding. The Rev. Swadener formerly was pastor of the First M. E. church at Marion.

### WILSON WANTS POWER WHEN CONGRESS ADJOURNS

WASHINGTON, March 19.—President Wilson's object in urging the enactment of an act giving him broad powers in the conduct of the war is that he may be under no handicap following the adjournment of congress, probably next July. This was made plain by Sen. J. Hamilton Lewis, democratic whip, in commenting today on his conference with the president yesterday.

### Police Precautions in Berlin Are Redoubled

AMSTERDAM, March 19.—Alarming disorders arising in Berlin and elsewhere in Germany have been of a passive nature, travelers arriving from the frontier today told of the redoubled police precautions which are being taken in the German capital.

At the slightest sign of trouble the Berlin police are reinforced with soldiers and one traveler told of seeing two companies of machine gun soldiers around the royal castle. They were supported by 25 machine guns mounted at strategic points to sweep all approaches.

### COURT TO HEAR PLEAS IN PROHIBITION CASE APRIL 2

Brewery Interests in Fort Wayne Take Action to Prevent Enforcement of Law.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—April 2, the day the statewide prohibition law is to become effective, today was set for oral arguments in the supreme court in the suit of the F. W. Cook Brewing Co. against Edgar Schmitt, Evansville chief of police, to test the constitutionality of the law. One hour for argument was granted each side. March 23 was set for filing appellants' briefs and March 28 for the filing of the appellees' briefs. Injunction proceedings, either already filed or in the course of preparation in various "wet" counties, indicated today that the brewery and liquor interests will make a determined fight against the enforcement of the statewide law.

### GERMAN LINE NOW IN THREE PARTS

Gen. Von Gallwitz Joins Rupprecht and Crown Prince in Command.

AMSTERDAM, March 19.—The mention of Gen. von Gallwitz in the German war office reports as to fighting on the western front indicates that battle line has been split up into three groups.

### DEVISE PLAN TO USE EVERY INCH SHIP SPACE

WASHINGTON, March 19.—American ingenuity has scored again in the race for ocean tonnage. A plan is now under way to save one ship's cargo space in every five by filling in the void between round case and barrels in the ships' holds with beans, rice, coarse flour, horse feed and even dried fruit. This has been worked out to the cubic inch by the bureau of standards and in a report submitted to the war trade board, shipping board and the food administration. Director Stratton shows that every ship loaded with cylindrical containers carries a 20 percent void in its passage across the Atlantic.

### DEMOCRATIC WEEKLY PLANNED FOR STATE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 19.—At a meeting of the democratic state committee today plans will be considered for the issuance of a democratic weekly paper during the forthcoming campaign. The paper will be circulated through the Indiana Democratic league of which Ralph Moss is director. Plans for the primary in May and general organization plans also will come before the committee session.

### COMMITTEE TO FIX PRICES.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The appointment of a price-fixing committee to fix prices of all raw materials used by the government in its war preparations was announced by the council of national defense today.

### KILLED IN FALL.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Francis Elliott Landon, U. S. N. electrician, was killed in a fall from a seaplane, at Miami, Fla., yesterday. The navy department announced today. Landon enlisted over a year ago, giving as his next of kin Miss Landon, Roxbury, Mass.

### Pres't Wilson Signs Daylight Saving Measure Tuesday

WASHINGTON, March 19.—President Wilson this afternoon signed the daylight saving bill whereby it is expected that many millions of dollars will be conserved in the preparations for any kind attended the final act that lines the United States up with practically all the European nations in giving mankind an hour more of daylight throughout the summer.

### UNITED STATES IS MARKING TIME ON SHIPPING SEIZURE

All Arrangements Perfected But Holland is Allowed Time to Accede to Demands.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The American government today continued its "go slow" policy in regard to the seizure of Dutch shipping lying in American harbors. As the day wore on officials let it be known that still further advances from abroad would come in before anything would be done that could be construed as precipitate action.

### I. W. W.'S LEAVE YAKIMA WHEN ONE IS TARRED

YAKIMA, Wash., March 19.—Members of the I. W. W. are leaving the Yakima country today following the tar and feathering of H. B. Myers, secretary of the "local" here early this morning. Citizens escorted Myers a mile out of town, gave him warm tar and plenty of feathers and sent him on his way, telling him to let his friends know that the same treatment would be accorded others if they were found in the fruit country.

### EXTENSIVE RAIDING IS REPORTED BY BRITISH

LONDON, March 19.—Extensive raiding activities were reported by the British war office today.

### PROBE AVIATOR'S DEATH.

PORT WORTH, Tex., March 19.—Aviation officials today are conducting an investigation into the death of Cadet Aviator Ellis B. Watts of Portland, Ore., and the serious injury to his instructor, Capt. L. V. Drake, royal flying corps. Their aeroplane fell 300 feet as they were doing the "spinning nose dive."

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### Germany Refuses Aid Asked by White Russia

THE HAGUE, March 19.—A deputation representing White Russia called upon the German government requesting that German aid be given to help the people of White Russia establish an independent government, but the petition was refused, according to a dispatch from Berlin today.

### WISCONSIN BATTLE HOLDS ATTENTION

MADISON, Wis., March 19.—The political eyes of the nation are today watching Wisconsin's special senatorial primary election. Because of the loyalty issue at stake it is regarded as the most important primary election in the history of the state.

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