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MONTANA—Generally fair tonight and Thursday, warmer east portion tonight.

WAR FINANCING MEASURE PROVIDING SEVEN BILLIONS IS REPORTED TO HOUSE

Bonds Are to Be Issued for Five Billion Dollars and Two Billions Are to Be Raised by Short Term Treasury Notes.

Other Bond Issues Already Provided for by Law Also Will Be Included in the Financial Act. Congress Will Begin Discussion on the Measure Friday. Quick Action in the House.

Washington, April 11.—The war financing bill, providing for \$5,000,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates, was reported for passage today in the house by the ways and means committee.

Remaining \$2,000,000,000 is to be at home. It also authorizes an annual bond issue not to exceed \$5,160 to redeem the 3 per cent of 1908, maturing Aug. 1, 1918.

For Liberal Credits.

Report on the bill states that the committee "deems it advisable to issue the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue at once in order to enable our government to extend liberal credits and to provide immediately ample funds to meet such expenditures as are authorized for the national security defense."

Interest is not to exceed 3 1/2 per cent. The bill leaves the denominations of bonds to the discretion of the secretary of the treasury.

ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, April 11.—The army appropriation bill carrying \$278,000,000 of the existing regular army was passed today by the senate, amended so that it becomes immediately available.

The bill has passed the house but it changes made by the senate at a conference necessary. Efforts were made to amend it to increase pay of private soldiers; to direct president to call for 500,000 volunteers; and to abolish the rank of brigadier general were eliminated before passage.

One amendment enlarging general staff of the army to 91 was adopted. Immediately after its passage the senate passed without debate the military academy appropriation bill carrying about \$1,300,000.

VOLUNTEER BILL IS INTRODUCED IN SENATE

Washington, April 11.—A resolution authorizing the president to call for 500,000 volunteers was introduced today by Senator Sherman, republican, and laid upon the table at his request without debate.

FOOD CONTROLLER ONE OF WAR'S FIRST NECESSITIES

Widespread Suffering, it is Predicted, Will Follow Unless Steps Are Taken to Conserve Supplies and Regulate the Prices.

Special to the Post. Washington, April 11.—That a food controller is the first necessity of the war is the opinion growing in congress, and that Herbert Hoover, lately Belgian Relief commissioner, is the man for the job is the opinion at the White House.

The food problem is as urgent as it is serious. Widespread suffering followed by food riots is almost inevitable if steps are not taken at once to conserve the supplies and regulate the prices.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston called attention to the shortage of wheat and Irish potatoes as long ago as March 7. Since then all news of other crops has been bad.

As to wheat is the worst. W. B. Row, the crop expert, estimates the winter wheat yield at 71.1 per cent. This is worse than the worst crop ever recorded when in 1904 the figure was 76.5. This record has never since been approximated.

Even so conservative a publication

AMERICAN IN CREW OF SHIP THAT IS SUNK

Explosion Sends Liner Salmu Down—Nothing is Seen of U-Boat or Torpedo.

London, April 11.—During the week ending April 8 seventeen British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk. Two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sent down. This was officially announced tonight.

Washington, April 11.—Sinking of the Wilson liner Salmu, having aboard one American, who was saved, was reported to the state department today by Consul Frost at Queenstown.

Wilson liner Salmu, 1,095 tons, Oporto to Liverpool, sunk by explosion amidships in ten minutes at 12:30 p. m. April 7, 150 miles west of Blaskets. Norwegian fireman lost; chief engineer perhaps fatally scalded. No submarine or torpedo seen.

Captain's boat rescued by tanker Konakry, Fort Arthur to Queenstown, 5 p. m. the 8th. After 28 hours in heavy weather landed at Queenstown. Other boat believed to be landed at Valencia. Sole American on board Michael Florun, Philadelphia, fireman, saved, now at Queenstown. Have affidavit of Florun, also master.

CREW OF AMERICAN STEAMER IS SAFE

Washington, April 11.—Details of the sinking of the American unarmed steamer Seward and exposure of her crew of 31 men, including 24 Americans, in open boats, 25 miles from land in the Mediterranean, was received at the state department today from Consul Hurst at Barcelona, Spain. His dispatch, dated April 10, says: "Unarmed steamer Seward of New

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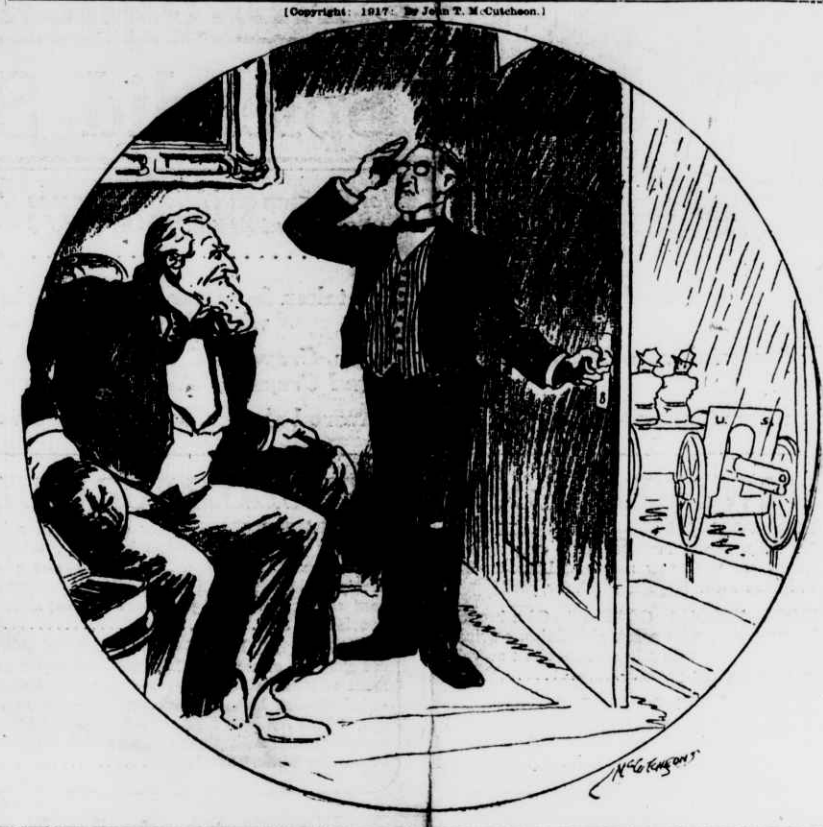
HOOVER ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP OF U. S. FOOD BOARD

London, April 11.—Herbert C. Hoover, head of the American commission for relief in Belgium, after consulting with his colleagues on the commission, has accepted the chairmanship offered him by the national defense council of the food board in the United States. Mr. Hoover expects to leave shortly for America. Meanwhile he has initiated a wide inquiry in France, England and Italy regarding the existing food situation. The inquiry includes examination of the prospects of the coming harvest, import necessities, methods of food regulation and control now in operation in the allied countries and the results achieved.

as the National City Bank's monthly bulletin uses the following alarming language: "The closing months of the crop year find this country with a smaller stock of all kinds of food than at any time in many years, and when the

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THE CARRIAGE AWAITS



FEAR EDDYSTONE DISASTER WAS NOT DUE TO ACCIDENT; DEATH LIST REACHES 122

Police Authorities Investigating the Explosion Say That if it Was the Work of Plotters the Persons Who Caused it Died With the Victims. Two Suspects, Arrested Last Night, Have Been Released. Bodies of Some of the Girl Victims Were Blown Into the Delaware River.

Chester, Pa., April 11.—With 122 dead and between 125 and 150 injured, the majority girls and young women, the authorities today turned their efforts toward placing the blame for the explosion yesterday at the plant of the Eddystone munition corporation. In a signed statement Samuel M. Vauclain, head of the munition company, said: "We are unable to account for the explosion in any way other than the act of some maliciously inclined person or persons."

Although police and company officials worked through the night attempting to establish identities of the dead, they were hampered by the condition of the bodies. Some of the victims, company officials believe, were blown into the Delaware river, so that an exact calculation of the death list may never be possible.

President Alva B. Johnson of the Baldwin Locomotive works changed his theory that the explosion was due to an accident after a visit to the plant. He now agrees with Samuel M. Vauclain, president of the Eddystone Ammunition corporation, that plotters caused the explosion.

Release Suspects. "Although we have only circumstantial evidence," Mr. Johnson said, "it looks as if some one touched off a bomb or a time clock with an explosive attached. I am convinced, after a talk with the Eddystone officials, that the catastrophe could not have occurred through an accident."

The Chester police have released two suspects, father and son, named Cohen, arrested last night. The Chester police say that if the explosion was the work of plotters, whoever caused it must have died with the rest.

Late today an official of the company said that the explosion was the result of "a diabolical plot conceived in the degenerate mind of a demon in human guise."

This official said that the investigation concluded this afternoon had shown that a bomb manufactured from a shell in the plant by one of the employees had caused the disaster.

WRECK BUILDING WHEN THEY BLOW SAFE OPEN

Safe Door Hurlled Out Upon Tracks, Where it Wrecks a Street Car.

Portland, Ore., April 11.—Burglars used so much explosive here early today in blowing open a safe in the suburban jewelry store of J. Wolfe that the store was wrecked and the safe door blown onto the car tracks in the street in front, where it came near wrecking an owl car whose motorman did not see it in the darkness until a few feet away. Wolfe claims the burglars made away with jewelry valued at \$2,000. Police say they escaped in an automobile.

AMERICAN FLAG IS CARRIED INTO FRENCH BATTLE

A Texan Fighting With Canadian Troops Fixes it to His Bayonet.

Ottawa, April 11.—The Stars and Stripes went into battle for the first time during the world war during the recent entente storming of Vimy ridge, in France, according to an unofficial dispatch received here today from the Canadian army headquarters in Europe.

To a young Texan who came to Ontario to enlist and who is now lying wounded in the hospital, the dispatch reads, "belongs the honor of first carrying the American flag into battle in the European war, to which the United States as a belligerent has just entered. He went to the assault at Thelus carrying the Stars and Stripes on his bayonet and fell carrying the flag."

The dispatch says the victory of the Canadians in the struggle for Vimy ridge is more thorough than indicated by first reports. The only obscenity as late as Tuesday morning surrounded the position of Hill 145.

"For the retention of this," the message says, "the enemy fought, with the utmost determination Monday afternoon. The hill is an earthen fortress of the first importance with many underground galleries and concrete machine gun emplacements. This hill is isolated on three sides from the German lines. The surrender is not in doubt."

Much war material was left behind by the fleeing foe, including an as yet unestimated number of heavy guns. The yield of prisoners is much larger than the first reports indicated. Already 3,280 men, including 60 officers, have been recorded and many more are to come. The final total may reach 4,000 prisoners to the Canadian troops alone.

Advices to the militia department indicated the Canadian casualties around Vimy were 89 officers. At the usual percentage this would mean about 1,200 men. The figures are considered light in view of the number engaged.

LARGE ESTATES TO BE TURNED INTO FARMS

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"Recruiting is imperative," the governor said, "but so is enlarged production of farm staples. The man who actually aids the state in increasing the agricultural output this year is performing the same high type of patriotic service as the soldier in the trenches."

It is the governor's purpose to turn into food producing areas many of the estates which have been proffered for military purposes.

PRESIDENT WILL INSIST UPON THE WAR OFFICE PLAN

He is Informed in Conference There is Opposition to Conscription.

MANY WANT A TRIAL FOR THE VOLUNTEERS FIRST

Executive is Informed Finance Measure Will Pass Without Difficulty.

Washington, April 11.—President Wilson went to the house today for conferences with Speaker Clark and other leaders on the war program. Democratic Leader Kitchin, who will pilot the war revenue measures through the house, was summoned and the president, the speaker and Mr. Kitchin entered into a conference.

Representative Kitchin assured the president the bond bill would be passed Friday without difficulty. The war department's plan for raising an army by selective conscription was the principal subject discussed at the conference.

Opposition in House.

Both Mr. Kitchin and Speaker Clark told the president of the opposition in the house to conscription, but said they did not know how strong it was. The president earnestly urged that the entire war department plan be accepted by congress, but was told that sentiment undoubtedly existed for resorting to conscription only if the volunteer system failed.

Only as an Emergency.

Representative Kitchin said he had not thoroughly examined the war department plan and was not ready to commit himself on it. Some of his friends said that he was for conscription only as an emergency measure.

The president went over details of several other war measures with the two leaders, primarily to urge prompt action and learn the prevailing sentiment of the house membership.

Indications were that he would continue to insist upon the war department plan as drawn though sentiment appeared to be developing for putting in a provision into the measure under which an effort would be made first to raise the army by volunteers.

TO BRING REGULARS UP TO THE FULL WAR STRENGTH

Secretary Baker Says They Will Number 287,000 Aside From New Army.

Washington, April 11.—Secretary Baker, concluding his testimony before the house military committee today, said that he had decided, after consultation with army officers, to take advantage of the authority to increase the regular army by all the increments authorized.

Under the present plan the war department will immediately increase the regular army to its full complement of 287,000 men instead of 293,000 as was contemplated. This increase is wholly apart from the new army to be authorized by selective conscription.

HAD ORDERS TO WRECK MACHINERY OF HIS SHIP

Norfolk, Va., April 11.—Captain Kehrer, of the Austrian steamer Budapest, seized by the United States authorities at Newport News Monday, admitted today to government officials that he wrecked engines and machinery of his vessel on instructions from a source he refused to disclose. He received his orders Jan. 31 and carried them out immediately.

Captain Kehrer, his crew and the men from the German steamer Arcadia are being held by immigration officers who are examining the men.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY IN THE DOWLING MURDER CASE

Man Charged With the Killing of Stanley Sims, Upon Hearing the Result, Jumps to His Feet and Then Falls in State of Collapse, Crying Like a Child.

After deliberating from 6 o'clock last evening to 10:30 o'clock this morning, the jury in the case of John Dowling, charged with the murder of Stanley Sims on the night of Nov. 17 last, came into court and announced a verdict of not guilty. When the verdict was read by Clerk F. B. Leahy of Judge Dwyer's department of the district court, Dowling was sitting alongside of his attorney, Frank C. Walker. He jumped up, shook hands with Mr. Walker and then went into a state of collapse. Dowling was about to fall

GERMANY EXPELLED FROM CONTINENTS OF ENTIRE WORLD

Brazil's Minister at Berlin to Demand His Passports Tomorrow.

U. S. LEARNS THAT RIO HAS DECIDED ON BREAK

Argentine, Peru and Guatemala All Expected to Join Uncle Sam.

London, April 11.—The Brazilian minister to Germany will demand his passports tomorrow and leave Germany by way of Switzerland, France and Spain, according to a dispatch from Cologne forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam.

BIG REPUBLICS WILL FOLLOW U. S. EXAMPLE

Washington, April 11.—Unofficial advices announcing that Brazil had decided to break off diplomatic relations with Germany and that Argentina would support the United States were received here early today.

The action of Brazil clears up much of the doubt here as to the attitude of Latin-American countries in the war. Definite advices have been received that Chile and Mexico would remain neutral and indications increased that Guatemala and Peru would join Cuba and Panama on the side of the United States.

The action of Brazil and Argentina is expected to have a tremendous influence on other South American republics.

GERMANY EXPELLED FROM ALL CONTINENTS

Geneva, April 11 (via Paris).—The Journal de Geneve, commenting upon the report that several of the South American republics will follow the lead of the United States in breaking with Germany, says: "The essential factor is in the progressive expulsion of Germany from all continents today. Even if the British fleet did not exist the Germans would not have a port of call outside Europe, except in Spain. For an overpopulated and overproductive country which lives by exportations and which would die if forced to fall back on itself, the loss of South America, coming after that of China, is a genuine catastrophe."

"It has often been said, 'in war victory alone counts,' but it is no longer true. The future counts more. Germany is victorious in Europe, but shut out of the rest of the world."

URUGUAY ISSUES A NEUTRALITY DECREE

Montevideo, April 11.—The government today issued a decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany.

FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT UNITED STATES

A. J. Balfour Comes as Head of British International Experts.

Washington, April 11.—Secretary Lansing this afternoon confirmed a report that Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign minister, will arrive in this country shortly at the head of a commission of British international experts. No details of the personnel or date of departure were given out.

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