

## GERMANY MUST FIGHT TO FINISH

SAYS CHANCELLOR, IN REFUSING TO STATE THE EMPIRE'S PEACE TERMS.

Nation's Political Clash May Result in the Resignation of Ministers Zimmermann and Helfferich.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Zurich.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Imperial Chancellor, regards the formula of peace without annexations or indemnities as "impossible and dangerous." He stands pat upon his refusal to state Germany's peace terms. He backs it with the assertion: "Germany must fight to the last gasp!"

Brief Berlin official statements and dispatches, quoting leading German newspapers, furnished the first insight into the political turmoil raging in the empire. They contained brief but significant resumes of the preliminary battles fought in the meetings of the Reichstag's main committee. They showed that these battles were indecisive. Nothing resembling even a provisional agreement was reached. When the Reichstag met in full session the big parties seemed hopelessly divided and unequivocally opposed to compromise. Aside from fragmentary quotations, the Chancellor's speech before the main committee, which is being suppressed by the German censor, the most important bit of news revolved around Dr. Mathias Erzberger, Centrist leader, who unloosed the whole storm by his violent attack on the pro-annexationists and on U-boat warfare in Saturday's secret session of the main committee.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg, says the Amsterdam Koelnische Volkszeitung, Koenische Volkszeitung, promised the Reichstag that he would consent to the resignation from the Cabinet of Foreign Minister Zimmermann and Dr. Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Interior and Vice Chancellor. In addition, five members of the Prussian Cabinet will be asked to resign.

## OHIO'S GOVERNOR TO MARRY

Engagement of Governor James M. Cox to Chicago Society Girl Is Confirmed.

New York.—Confirmation of the reported engagement of Miss Margaret P. Blair and Governor James M. Cox of Ohio was given by Miss Blair's father, Thomas S. Blair, president of the Blair Engineering Company. The Blairs live in Chicago, where Miss Blair is a society girl. She has been doing Red Cross work since the start of the war.

The wedding will take place in Chicago in the fall and will be a simple home affair. Governor Cox is building a handsome country home, overlooking the Miami river, near Dayton, O. There will be no honeymoon. It has been announced.

## SIX KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Federal Agents Suspect Conspiracy as Responsibility For Blast in the Navy Yard.

Vallejo, Cal.—Naval officers and Federal agents co-operated in seeking out the responsibility for the explosion of a black powder magazine at the Mare Island Navy Yard in San Francisco Bay which killed six persons and injured 31 others. Rumors that arrests had been made on the theory that the explosion was the result of an organized conspiracy were not confirmed. Captain Harry George, commandant of the yard, refused to issue a statement as to the probable cause of the explosion pending the results of the investigation.

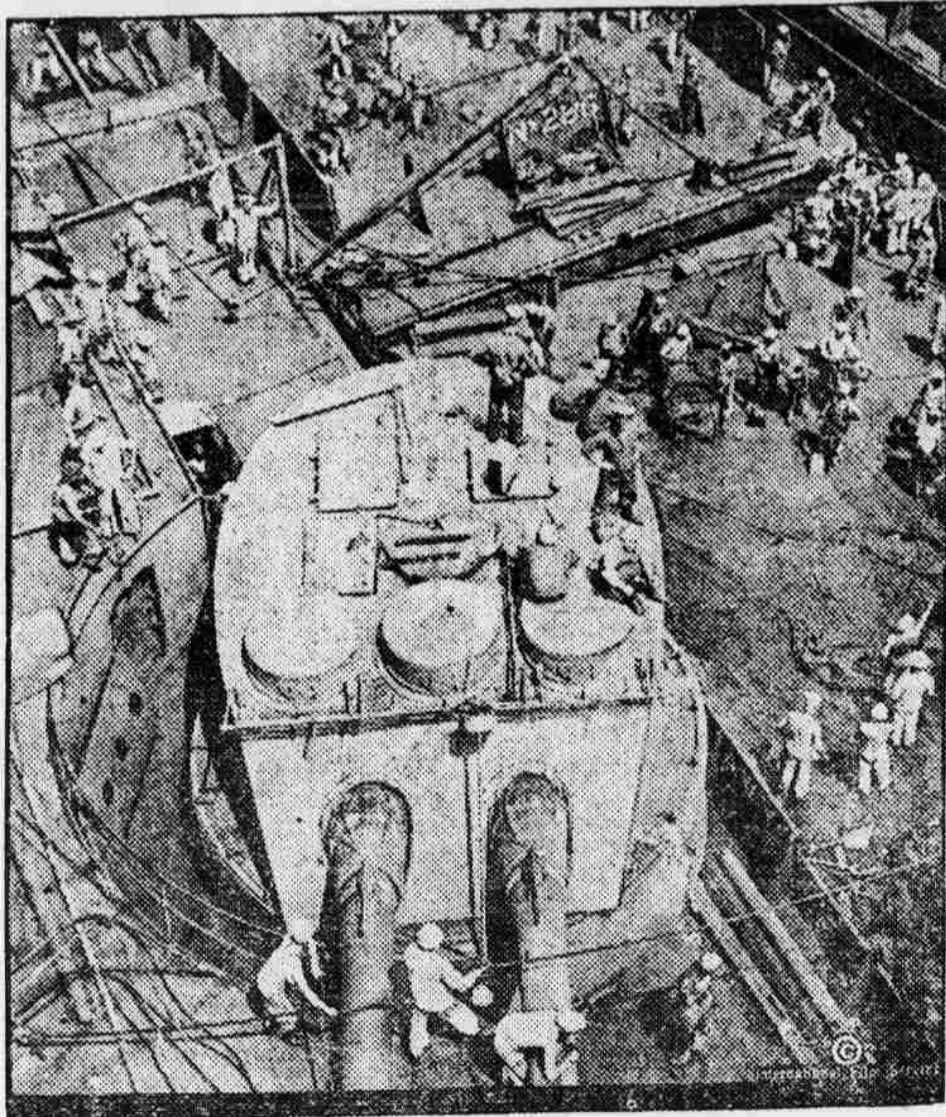
## U. S. TO BUY UP ALL WHEAT

Every Bit Available May Be Purchased Through Billion-Dollar Corporation.

Washington.—The formation of another immense Government corporation, similar to the emergency fleet corporation, for dealing with the wheat supply of the nation, is under consideration by Herbert C. Hoover and President Wilson. Tentative plans call for an organization to buy all available wheat in this country at prices reasonable to the producer and then retail at reasonable prices to the allies what is not needed here.

German Torpedo Boat Sunk. London.—A German torpedo boat was destroyed by striking a mine north of Ameland in the North Sea, according to a Hague dispatch. The crew, with the exception of two men, were drowned. The vessel had been in commission only a fortnight.

## COALING ONE OF OUR BATTLESHIPS



Scene on the deck of the United States battleship Georgia while it is being coaled at the Charlestown navy yard.

## WILSON DECREES EMBARGO

Proclamation Specifies Every Nation in World and Lists Every Basic Commodity.

Washington.—President Wilson dismissed his long-expected embargo proclamation, and made it plain that if the United States is to feed the world, she is going to control the business with an iron hand. The embargo includes every basic commodity in the list of things that may not be exported without the license of the Secretary of Commerce. The President specifies every country in the world, allied, neutral and enemy, as countries to which the embargoed commodities may not be shipped.

But primarily the embargo was issued to check the export of foodstuffs to neutrals adjacent to Germany. The President is determined that no more sustenance shall reach enemies through these mediums.

The proclamation does not mean that none of the commodities named may be exported. They may be exported only in such quantities as:

1. To relieve the stringency and high prices in this country.
2. To effectually prevent the neutrals sending any possible surplus into Germany, and,
3. To provide, so far as possible, an equitable distribution of the fuel and iron supply among the nations of the allied world.

## SEE PLOT TO BURN CROPS

Industrial Workers Alleged to Have Conspired to Ruin South Dakota Crops.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Regular army officers in South Dakota claim to have reliable information that Industrial Workers of the World leaders in the state have maps of the agricultural districts of the state and have men stationed throughout the state who will make simultaneous attempts to burn this season's crops, it was said here. Federal officers have been apprised of the plot, and every effort will be made to apprehend those connected with it, it was said.

## EFFORT TO SMUGGLE MAIL

Into the United States Meets With Failure When Uncle Sam Discovers Plot.

New York.—The name of former Austrian Consul Von Nuber was linked by federal officials here with the plot to smuggle mail from the Central Powers into the United States. Much of it afterward was intended to be forwarded to Teutonic spies in various parts of the British Empire, it is asserted. It is said that the bulk of the seized mail was directed to Von Nuber.

## Allies To Hold Conference.

London.—The Entente Allies have decided to hold a conference in Paris for the consideration of questions of military and political interest in connection with the Balkans. The subject of an Entente conference such as was proposed by Russia was brought up in the House of Commons. Answering a question on this point, Foreign Secretary Balfour let it be known the allies had been considering the constitution of such a conference.

## KEY TO GALICIAN CAPITAL

Captured By Russians, Message Declares, and Teutons Forced to Give Up Halicz.

London.—Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, capital of Galicia, has been captured by the Russians, says a dispatch from Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. Halicz is an important railroad junction. It is 18 miles north of Stanislaw and about eight miles north of Jezupol, captured by the Russians under General Korniloff, Sunday.

The fall of Halicz was presaged by the success of the Russians in breaking the Austro-German line between that town and Stanislaw and in driving the Austro-Germans to the Lomnica river, which enters the Dniester a short distance above Halicz. The fall of Halicz probably will mean that the Austro-Germans must retire from the present line along the Zlota-Lipa from northeast of Halicz through Brzezany and Zloczoff to Brody in order to protect Lemberg. The next line in the rear of the Zlota-Lipa is the Gnala-Lipa.

## TURKEY IN SERIOUS PLIGHT

Army Has Been Hard Hit By Epidemics and Starvation—Mutinies Among Troopers.

Saloniki.—According to reliable advices from Asia Minor, the Turkish army is in the most serious plight of any period of the war on account of the depletion of man-power from the ravages of epidemics and from actual starvation as a result of the failure of the commissariat. All classes of the gendarmerie are being mobilized to fill the gaps. It is said the spread of mutinies among Arab and Kurd troops has become so alarming that Enver Pasha, Turkish War Minister, is rushing to Mesopotamia in an effort to cope with the situation.

## GREAT WORK IS BEING DONE

By Root's Commission, in the Way of Molding Course of Russian Republic.

Washington.—America's commission to Russia, headed by Elihu Root, virtually has completed its work in the new democracy and soon will start for home. Administration officials expressed the greatest satisfaction over what has been accomplished by the mission, which is believed to have done much toward steadying the hand of Russia's Provisional Government by timely advice and assurances of unstinted and unqualified support from the United States.

## IN HANDS OF SPECULATORS

Entire Wheat Crop Will Be Thrown If Action Is Not Taken Quickly, Hoover Asserts.

Washington.—After the Senate decided to postpone the vote on the food bill for 10 days, Herbert Hoover wrote to the President declaring delay in the passage of the food bill will throw the whole wheat crop of this country into the hands of speculators. Hoover, in his report, holds that the farmer and the consuming public are suffering while food speculators make unearned profits from the delay in enactment of food control legislation.

## CHURCHES TO AID DURING WAR CRISIS

ASSURANCE IS GIVEN TO HOOVER THAT CHURCHES WILL HELP TO CONSERVE FOOD.

Heads of Families Are to Report Weekly, Showing in Detail What Is Done in Each Home.

Washington.—The church is to become a positive force in food conservation as a result of a conference here between food administration officials and prominent churchmen representing virtually every denomination in the United States. A committee from each denomination will aid in the campaign, which will include weekly reports through the church of what every family is accomplishing in saving the necessities.

After addresses by Herbert Hoover, Dr. B. L. Wilbur, George A. Cullen and other officials of the food administration, the conference laid the foundation for co-operation in the conservation work by adopting these resolutions:

"That in view of the grave national crisis now upon us the churches and religious bodies welcome every opportunity for patriotic co-operation with the General Government and do express their willingness to adapt themselves to meet the practical emergencies growing out of the war and especially out of the world's food shortage.

"That we unanimously endorse the general plans of the food administrator submitted at this meeting for a program of continuous, persistent and systematic effort on behalf of the conservation of the food supply of the nation.

"That the food administrator secure at once the appointment in each religious body of a representative national commission to co-operate with the food administrator in carrying out the proposed program of his department.

"That Mr. Hoover, as national food administrator, call upon the heads of all religious organizations in the United States and territories to send forth at once to the members and adherents of their denominations or organizations a brief inspirational appeal for immediate, persistent, continual co-operation with the food administrator to conserve food and eliminate waste by every means possible and legitimate, are to call for mass meetings to be held throughout the land to arouse people to a sense of the need for food economy."

## SENATE FAVORS LIQUOR BAN

Power Is Given the President to Take Over All Distilled Spirits and Pay Owners.

Washington.—The Senate has disposed of the prohibition question by passing a law containing the following provisions:

1. The use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of whisky is prohibited. Nothing is said about beer or wine.
  2. No distilled liquors shall be imported into the country during the war.
  3. The President is directed to commandeer all liquors in bond, and pay the owners the actual cost, plus a profit not exceeding 10 per cent.
  4. No taxes shall be levied against the distilled spirits now in bond.
- The prohibition law was passed by a vote of 45 to 37. It is a victory for the wets. The dries failed after desperate efforts to have beer and wine included. It is estimated that the government will lose about \$1,000,000,000 through the law.

## TEUTON AIRMEN RAID LONDON

Killing Thirty-seven Persons and Causing Heavy Damage in British Metropolis.

London.—Thirty-seven persons were killed and 141 were injured when about a score of German airplanes raided this city and near-by villages. Four of the raiders were brought down, and an Admiralty statement says that British airmen at Dunkirk, watching for the returning aviators, missed them, but brought down seven other enemy machines. One enemy aircraft was destroyed by the Royal Flying Corps, and members of the Royal Naval Air Service sent down three. All British aviators returned safely. Great damage was done in the heart of London by the raid, which was one of the greatest if not the greatest ever attempted by the Germans over the metropolis.

Cologne Workers Strike. Copenhagen.—Food troubles gave rise to a demonstrative strike in large factories at Cologne Saturday. Both Socialist and Catholic Unions took part in the movement. An official report says the unions decided to resume work the following day.

## TENNESSEE GLEANINGS

News of Interest Prepared in Epitomized Form by Special Writers

Free mail delivery at Athens is now a reality.

The state tennis tournament was held at Chattanooga.

J. S. Moore, a prominent farmer of Brighton, dropped dead in the field.

The members of the Dyer county canning clubs will have a rally in Dyersburg July 14.

Recruiting at the Jackson naval station broke all records last week with 12 men accepted.

Great interest is being taken by East Tennessee farmers in borrowing under the federal farm loan act.

Col. W. F. Taylor of Memphis, aged 81 years, died at his summer home at Monticello, after a week's illness.

A Red Cross auxiliary to the Memphis chapter has been organized at Adamsville, in east McNairy county.

The condition of the seven banks in McNairy county, as shown by recent statements, indicate prosperity in this section.

During a heavy rainstorm two fine horses and a mule in a pasture near Milan were instantly killed by lightning.

The Jackson district conference of the Methodist church concluded its annual session at the Jackson Trinity church.

Earl Johnson, Dyer county trustee, has the distinction of being the first to file his financial report with the state comptroller.

In the death of James R. Deason of Trenton, which occurred at a Nashville infirmary, the state lost one of its ablest lawyers.

Lee Vires was the only man found in Bristol who had failed to register June 5. He was arrested by police and allowed to register.

The Hamilton county school teachers have organized themselves into a union and will hereafter deal with the authorities as a body.

The annual meeting of the McNairy county teachers' institute is being held in the auditorium of the Selmer high school building this week.

The descendants of the late Dr. L. F. Hyde gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, near Elizabethton, and held a family reunion.

The 400 German prisoners confined in the barracks at Fort Oglethorpe were interested witnesses of the 4th of July celebration on drill grounds.

Claiborne county court voted unanimously to issue county warrants for \$25,000 to complete the state highway from Cumberland Gap to the Union county line.

Lightning struck the barn of Joseph Beaver, who lives near Wright, set it afire, and the barn, together with a large amount of corn, hay and wheat, was destroyed.

Declaring that Hamilton had improper relations with his wife, Albert Hunter, a cabinet-maker, surrendered and confessed to the murder of Walker K. Hamilton and his wife.

The Loudon county court met in quarterly session at Loudon. An appropriation was made for the construction of a concrete bridge to span a creek, near Morganton.

Lee McClain, who shot and killed his half-brother, Dave S. Harris, on a street in Jackson about a month ago, will be tried at a special term of the criminal court on July 17.

Williamson county will make a determined effort to secure the agricultural experiment station, which is to be located in Middle Tennessee, and for which \$100,000 has been appropriated.

The Phoenix Cotton Oil company of Memphis made a patriotic tender of its plants to President Wilson for the use of the government, if needed. This action was taken by the directors at a Fourth of July meeting.

The ministers of the Christian church in the First district, composed of five counties, Johnson, Carter, Sullivan, Washington and Unicoi, have made plans to visit every church in the district during the latter part of July.

Two young daughters of William Jolly, living near Pin Hook Landing, Meigs county, were playing with a pistol when it was accidentally discharged, killing the older one, aged 12, instantly, and wounding the other, 14 years old.