

# WILMINGTON WELCOMES HON. WILLIAM G. M'ADOO

## THE WILMINGTON DISPATCH

**WEATHER.**  
North and South Carolina: Fair and cooler tonight and Wednesday; fresh Northwest winds.

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### GERMAN GUNS ROAR ALONG 100 MILE FRONT

#### ENEMY PREPARING ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BREAK ALLIES

**Cannon Thundering From North of Arras to North of Soissons**  
**ENTIRE COUNTRYSIDE SAID TO BE ROCKING**  
**Mighty Guns Speak the German Threat in Thundering Tones—No Infantry Engagements Reported Today**

In preparation for another heavy infantry attack against the Allied lines in Picardy in an attempt to reach Amiens, the German guns of all calibres are roaring in thunderous tones along a front of more than 100 miles from North of Arras to North of Soissons. The entire countryside is said to be rocking from the heavy detonations, but no infantry action has yet developed. Especially severe has been the German fire around Bucoy, North of Albert, south of the Somme and between Montdidier and Noyon. Last week the Germans failed in mass attacks to penetrate the British and French defenses North and South of the sector directly East of Amiens, and thus ended the apex of their wedge. The tremendous bombardment now going on undoubtedly is the forerunner of heavier attacks, probably all along the line from Arras to Noyon. Bucoy, which is South of Arras, is on the Northern end of the sector which the British defended so valiantly last week. The British here and both to the North and South hold strong hill positions from which their artillery and machine guns command all approaches. The Germans must widen the head of their wedge along the Somme and it is believed they again will attempt to do it by attacks in the Bucoy area.

Below Montdidier the German line bends. Here also the French have held the Germans for nearly 10 days despite severe attacks. To extend the battlefront on the South, the attacking front probably would include the line Eastward from Montdidier to Noyon.

Along the Ancre, Somme, Luce and Aves rivers where the Germans made strong and fruitless attacks during the past 10 days there has been no infantry fighting. As elsewhere, the enemy artillery fire has increased greatly.

On the extreme Eastern end of the Southern leg of the salient the Germans have been checked somewhat in their advance Southward from Chauny. The French still hold a part of the lower forest of Coucy and on Monday the French rear guards inflicted heavy losses on the Germans whose advance was hindered greatly by the French resistance. The enemy has not yet reached the line of the Ailette river.

On the rest of the front in France there has been little activity.

On the American sectors, Northwest of Toul and in Lorraine, there have been patrol actions and artillery firing. Artillery exchanges continue to the Italian front, but the bombardment is not violent. British troops, who have been stationed along the Aisne, near Montello, have taken over a sector on the Italian mountain front in the region of Asiago.

Man power and probable government for Ireland are two important questions confronting the British Parliament, which reassembled today after the Easter recess. In urging the raising of the age limit for military service Premier Lloyd-George is expected to speak at length on the military situation.

#### AMERICANS ATTACKED HUN POST.

With the American Army in France, Monday, April 8—American outposts in the Lorraine sector attacked a German patrol this morning and killed one of the enemy party. The Americans dragged the body across No Man's Land into their own trenches for identification. There were no American casualties.

#### PLANE CRASHED.

Dallas, Texas, April 9.—Cadet John Insinger, of Greenleaf, Colo., was instantly killed at Lovefield, in the American aviation camp here, today, when two machines crashed together at about 500 feet in the air.

#### EIGHT MEN ENTOMBED.

Hartford, Ark., April 9.—Eight men are entombed in the Hartford Valley Fuel Company's mine near here as a result of an explosion of gas this morning. One man was rescued. He is slightly burned. The explosion occurred at the bottom of a shaft 180 feet deep.

#### OFFICER MORTON TRANSFERRED.

Washington, April 9.—Edward B. Schmucker, assistant immigration inspector at Norfolk, has been placed temporarily in charge of the immigration office, the Department of Labor announced today, following the announcement yesterday of the transfer of H. P. Norton, to St. John, New Foundland. Morton's successor has not yet been selected.

#### TELEPHONES ACROSS BORDER CLOSED.

El Paso, Texas, April 9.—Telephone communication between American and Mexican border towns is to be suspended for the period of the war, it was officially announced here today. This action is voluntarily by the telephone companies and designed to prevent information regarding military movements reaching German agents in Mexico.

#### TWO SHIPBUILDERS ARE SPENDING THE DAY IN WILMINGTON

Chances of City Landing Fabricated Shipyard Unusually Bright

#### REPRESENTATIVE OF SHIPPING BOARD HERE

All Available Sites Shown the Visitors—C. C. Chadbourn and Thomas H. Wright With Them

All available shipbuilding sites the city has to offer are being carefully inspected today by Mr. H. L. Ferguson, a representative of the United States Shipping Board, and Mr. Bergendahl, representing a Chicago Shipbuilding corporation, who arrived in the city this morning and who are being shown everything that Wilmington has to offer in this line by Messrs. Thomas H. Wright and C. C. Chadbourn.

Mr. Ferguson is here as an agent of the Shipping Board with the object of securing a site looking toward the establishment of a yard for the construction of fabricated ships and while he has had very little to say he is very much pleased with what Wilmington has to offer, and the city's chances of landing a steel shipyard are considered more rosy than just now than at any previous time.

Mr. Bergendahl is representing a Chicago shipbuilding corporation that has long anticipated building ships at this port, and he was visibly impressed with what the city has to offer in the way of sites and the other advantages for building ships. Both men were carried down the river this morning and given the opportunity of seeing all the city has to offer. They had lunch in company with Messrs. Wright and Chadbourn at the Cape Fear Club and while it is not known when they will leave the city the presumption is that they will get out late in the afternoon, as both are very busy men, and are not loath to remain in a place after they have seen all that is of interest to them and those they represent and gathered the necessary data.

#### Railroad Advertising Limited.

Washington, April 9.—Railroad publicity and advertising in the future must be limited to information needed by the public under orders issued today by Director General McAdoo.



#### UNOFFICIAL GOAL OF LIBERTY LOAN IS \$5,000,000,000

Organizations All Over Country Seeking to Secure Overseas Subscriptions

REPORTS SO FAR ARE VERY ENCOURAGING

Enthusiasm Throughout the South Is Subject of Special Comment—Hope to Go "Over Top" Soon

**WANTS 20,000,000 SUBSCRIBERS.**  
Washington, April 9.—Secretary McAdoo, in a statement wired from Raleigh, N. C., and given out by the Treasury here today, called on the country to furnish 20,000,000 subscribers to the new Liberty Loan. That number of purchasers, he said, would mean a loan of four or five billion dollars instead of the three billions announced as a goal.

Washington, April 9.—Five billion dollars is the unofficial goal towards which Liberty Loan organizations all over the country are working, despite the \$3,000,000,000 minimum set by the Treasury. This became evident today from reports from campaign committees in many cities, which are anxious to reach their quotas within the first half of the four weeks period, and to devote the last half to doubling the apportionment. Several big cities are among those which have sent word privately that they hoped to "go over the top," within two weeks, and eventually to double their quotas and thereby win the Third Liberty Loan honor flag with one star, designating a doubling.

So far, reports have been genuinely encouraging. Although definite reports have not been available, and official estimates have been barred by Secretary McAdoo, every indication is that small communities are working strenuously to pile up their share of Liberty dollars. Farmers also seem to be subscribing freely.

This is a distinct contrast to conditions of the last loan, when big cities were the reliance to a much greater extent than this time.

The enthusiasm apparent throughout the South has been a subject of special comment at the Treasury since the campaign opened Saturday. Towns of considerable size which appeared indifferent in the first and second loans, now are buzzing with activity.

Under Secretary McAdoo's new arrangements for giving out only figures on actual subscriptions reaching Federal Reserve banks, it will probably be three or four days yet before an adequate idea of the country's pledges can be determined.

Protests from newspapers against Secretary McAdoo's ruling against the giving out of estimates of Liberty Loan subscriptions began to reach Washington early today. Newspapers suggested that the enthusiasm of workers and prospective subscribers might be dampened.

Treasury officials said they were making every effort to get early reports from Federal Reserve banks on subscriptions actually turned in, together with receipts from initial five per cent payments and they expect to be able to announce totals for the country within a few days.

#### WOULD MELT SILVER DOLLARS FOR EXPORT

Washington, April 9.—Melting into bullion of not more than 250,000,000 silver dollars now in the Treasury for sale and export to pay trade balance and re-purchase of silver at \$1 an ounce, is proposed in an administration bill, introduced today by Senator Pittman as an emergency war measure. Silver certificates would be withdrawn from circulation as the dollars are taken from the Treasury, and Federal Reserve bank notes of new \$1 and \$2 denominations substituted.

#### FRENCH LOCATE LONG RANGE GUN

Paris, April 9.—French aviators have discovered the location of the big gun with which the Germans have been bombarding Paris at long range and the continual bombardment of the spot by the French artillery and bombing by the airmen have made the handling of the piece difficult. This explains the intermittent fire of the long range weapon.

### SECRETARY OF TREASURY WILLIAM GIBBS M'ADOO WILL SPEAK HERE AT 8:30 TONIGHT

Wilmington Boy Scouts are ordered to assemble at the union station at 6 o'clock this afternoon, in full uniform, by Scout Commissioner Odie B. Hinnant, to act as a body guard for Secretary of the Treasury William Gibbs McAdoo, who reaches the city at 6:05 o'clock on the train from the North, and who speaks at the Academy of Music tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the interest of the third issue Liberty Loan Bond campaign.

The stage is completely and elaborately set for the coming and short stay of the city's distinguished visitor—the second biggest man in the country today—one who has honored every confidence reposed in him and one who today stands second only to President Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. McAdoo will reach the city at 6:05 o'clock over the Atlantic Coast Line, and officials of the company have given assurance that the train will arrive on schedule. He will be met at the union station by the reception committee named from the Chamber of Commerce and which includes Messrs. Thomas H. Wright, Louis T. Moore, J. C. Williams, J. R. Kenly, H. C. McQueen, M. J. Jacob, C. C. Chadbourn, Fred W. Dick, Thomas E. Cooper, Jesse F. Roache, E. E. Hunter, M. J. Corbett, A. B. Skelding, Donald MacRae, Roger

Moore, J. A. Taylor, J. G. McCormick, Joseph W. Little, Hugh MacRae and Colonel Walker Taylor, Judge C. C. Lyon, Senator W. B. Cooper, District Attorney J. O. Carr, Representative L. Clayton Grant, Dr. James Sprunt, Mayor P. Q. Moore, Colonel A. W. Chase, commandant at Fort Caswell and Postmaster H. McL. Green.

With the Boy Scouts as his body guard, the Secretary will be escorted to the Murchison National Bank Building and will be given a bird's eye view of the city and harbor from the roof of this structure. Following conference with the Liberty Loan workers in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 o'clock, the city's distinguished visitor will be escorted to the home of Dr. James Sprunt on South Front street, where he will be entertained at dinner.

His address at the Academy of Music will begin at 8:30 o'clock. The doors of the building will be opened an hour previously and those who expect seats are advised to go early. The authorities will not permit the placing of chairs in the aisles, as there is a State law prohibiting the placing of chairs in the aisles of public buildings, such as theatres, and those who carry chairs to the Academy, expecting to enjoy the privilege of using them, will be disappointed. It was stated this morning.

Secretary McAdoo will be introduced by Mr. Henry C. McQueen. In event he finds himself unable to attend, the introductory remarks will be made by Mayor Parker Quince Moore.

This evening will be the members of the reception committee as follows: President J. R. Kenly, of the Atlantic Coast Line; Judge George Rountree, Mr. E. E. Hunter, division agent of the Seaboard Air Line; Mr. M. J. Corbett, president of the W. B. & S. railroad; Dr. James Sprunt, Mr. Donald MacRae, British vice consul; Mr. A. B. Skelding, Representative L. Clayton Grant; State Senator W. B. Cooper, Mr. Roger Moore, of the Rotary Club; Messrs. J. Allan Taylor, and J. G. McCormick, of the Chamber of Commerce; Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs; Mr. H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National bank; Mr. J. O. Carr, United States district attorney; Judge C. C. Lyon, of the Superior court; Maj. Jos. W. Little, chairman of the war savings committee; Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Company; Col. A. W. Chase, commanding officer at Fort Caswell; Mr. F. W. Dick, chairman of the central committee for the third Liberty loan; Mr. M. W. Jacob, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. J. C. Williams, president of the Rotary Club; Mayor P. Q. Moore; Thomas H. Wright, mayor of Wrightsville Beach; Mr. L. T. Moore, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, chairman of the shipping committee; Mr. E. E. Hunter, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Thos. E. Cooper, president of the American Bank and Trust Co.; Mr. J. F. Roache, president of the Y. M. C. A.; and Mr. H. B. Branch, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Postmaster H. McL. Green.

Although Secretary McAdoo's stay here is limited, he will be given an

ovation and made to understand that Wilmington is delighted beyond expression to have him as her guest. Through every part of the city that he passes Liberty Loan posters, urging the purchase of bonds, will smile out at him and many of the downtown business houses will be decorated with the national colors.

In going from his train to the Chamber of Commerce and thence to Dr. Sprunt's home and back to the Academy of Music, the Secretary will be given the opportunity of seeing the principal downtown section and members of the Liberty Loan committee and others interested are anxious that the city should appear her very best. He will be given a splendid view of the harbor from the roof of the Murchison Building and will see why the city has urged that the river be utilized by the government in every possible way.

Admission to the Academy will be open to all, although because of the limited space parents are urged not to permit children under 12 years of age to attend. Admission to the stage will be by ticket, but those who arrive first will secure the best seats in the auditorium. The doors will open promptly at 7:30 o'clock, one hour prior to the address of the Secretary.

The committee on arrangements announced this afternoon that it was extremely sorry that it was unable to seat more on the stage and that an effort was made to include representatives of all organizations in the city among those to whom stage door tickets were numbered and is hopeful that no organization was overlooked or omitted.