

FIVE BILLION TO BE THE AMOUNT OF THE WAR BOND ISSUE

The House Is To Receive the Measure on Thursday of This Week

SECRETARY McADOO IN CONFERENCE TODAY

Representative Rainey, of the Ways and Means Committee, Decides to Present the Measure Soon. Confident of Passage.

Washington, April 9.—A decision to introduce the five billion dollar bond issue measure on Thursday in the house was reached today by Secretary McAdoo and Representative Rainey of Illinois, ranking Democratic member of the Ways and Means committee.

KITCHEN RESENTS WORD "TRAITOR"

Roxton, N. C., April 9.—Congressman Charles Kitchin, on route to Southern Neck from Washington Saturday night, received a remark by a fellow passenger to the effect that those who voted against the war resolution were traitors. He inquired if the man meant to be personal and selling him by the coat he had on. According to a prominent railroad man, who witnessed the incident, the Democratic leader used "kind language" to the effect, "The man, who did not know Mr. Kitchin, made proper apologies."

DECISION ON PRICES OF PATENT MUCH IMPORTANCE

Washington, April 9.—Determining important questions regarding control by patents of cost of prices of their products the Supreme Court today pronounced its decision on the "Patent Case" involving the Victor Talking Machine Company and many other patentees.

RICHARD OLNEY DIES EARLY TODAY

Boston, Mass., April 9.—Richard Olney, secretary of State, under President Cleveland, died at his home here last night.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 9.—Cotton futures opened excited, May 29.00 to 24.25, July 29.50 to 24.00, October 19.75 to 19.40, December 19.60 to 19.40, and January 19.20.

New York, April 10.—One of the most sensational advances in the cotton trade occurred at the market opening today. The contracts sold in \$5.50 and July \$7.50 a bale above Thursday's closing prices.

New York, April 9.—The cotton market had a sensational active opening today, first prices being 62 to 145 points above the closing figures of last Thursday. May contracts sold at 21.25 and July at 21.40 on the call, making an advance of \$5.65 to \$7.80 per bale. There were comparatively few sellers in evidence at the start but the extraordinary advance brought in increased offerings and quotations after the call were extremely nervous and irregular.

STOCK MARKET

New York, April 9.—The week end in the stock market opened with an absence of unsettling influences which provided last Saturday's heavy liquidation, although the irregular trend of prices suggested further caution. Mutations and equipments were higher by 1 to 2 points, and United States Steel also responded to an extensive demand with metals. Mexican Petroleum, shipping and some of the motor coaters featured the railway group. Recessions of 1 to 2 points were made by Texas Company, American Tobacco, Cuban American Sugar and Schloss Sheffield Steel.

LEXINGTON BATTLE ANNIVERSARY TO BE A RECRUITING DAY

A Great Patriotic Display Is Planned By Committee National Defense

PAUL REVERE'S RIDE WILL BE DUPLICATED

Poem of Paul Revere To Be Recited At All Theatres and Public Places. Modern Lexington Alarm by Flying Machines.

The anniversary of the Battle of Lexington on April 19, will be observed in the United States as a national recruiting day, according to a telegram received this morning by Mayor L. E. Tilley, from Alexander J. Hemphill, chairman of the Recruiting Committee of National Defense of New York. The telegram says that the committee proposes to make that day a day of great national demonstration of loyalty to the President and government of the United States as an expression of the feelings to the world generally by the people of this country.

The committee says that it has arranged to duplicate the ride of Paul Revere on the eighteenth and that the poem of Paul Revere will be recited at all theatres, school houses, churches and will be shown on the screens by all of the motion picture houses of the country on the nineteenth, the anniversary of the first battle of the Revolutionary war. The telegram also says that the committee hopes to have the modern Lexington alarm distributed by flying machines, by the tolling of church bells, fire bells, and factory whistles.

The Recruiting Committee of National Defense was appointed by Mayor Mitchell of New York, and its first move was to secure the great national movement of recruiting the army and navy to be held on the nineteenth in the United States they have formulated a program for one of the greatest patriotic demonstrations this country has ever known on the anniversary of the famous Battle of Lexington, in which Paul Revere played such an important part in warning the people of the surrounding country of the coming of the British.

The committee requests that Mayor Tilley and the citizens of Rocky Mount cooperate with them in carrying out this great display of patriotism and when the details of the program are received from the Committee of National Defense it is believed that the people of this city will find this their fitting contribution to a success.

The telegram to the Mayor follows: New York, April 7, 1917. Hon. L. E. Tilley, Mayor, Rocky Mount, N. C. The Recruiting Committee of National Defense, appointed by Mayor Mitchell of New York, earnestly desires to cooperate with you in recruiting the army and navy to war strength. We have started a nationwide campaign supported by the business interests of Greater New York in the following literature of all kind and are cooperating with the army and navy and marine corps officers appointed on recruiting duty. We are especially anxious to have a National Recruiting Day on the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and would earnestly request that you cooperate with us to make this a great national demonstration of loyalty to our government as an expression of our feelings to the world generally. We have arranged to duplicate the ride of Paul Revere on the eighteenth and the poem of Paul Revere will be recited at all theatres, school houses, churches and shown on the screens by all of the moving picture houses in the nineteenth. We hope to have the modern Lexington alarm distributed by flying machines, tolling of church bells, fire bells, factory whistles. Please advise if you will cooperate with us and would you like to have us forward you the details of the program that we are working upon. ALEXANDER J. HEMPHILL, Chairman Recruiting Committee of National Defense.

HANGED STONE AND LAFOLLETTE IN EFFIGY

Washington, April 9.—Quietly and without ostentation, Senators La Follette, of Wisconsin, and Stone, of Missouri, were hanged in effigy in downtown Washington late Saturday night. Two figures, placarded with the names of the two Senators who voted against the war resolution in the Senate were strung up to lime posts near the corner of Fourth and H streets. The effigies were strangled in black and yellow robes, and each bore a placard marked "traitor." A traffic policeman half a block away from the scene of the hanging was attracted by a big crowd that gathered. When he reached the scene, however, he was unable to find the men who hung up the dummies. Their rowd, augmented by heart-renders, cheered and jeered as a reserve squad of policemen, hurriedly summoned, cut down the two figures.

THIRTY YEARS TO DESTROY WAR STORES

Washington, April 9.—Senator Culberson's bill imposing a penalty of 30 years imprisonment on any person who destroys any material in the United States in time of war, was passed today in five minutes, without debate.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF TWELVE MEN TO PRESS ON THE WAR

Both House and Senate Get Measure For This Purpose on Opening

IS TO ACT UNDER THE DIRECTION CONGRESS

Joint Committees From the House and the Senate Are Asked For in a Republican Measure Introduced Today.

Washington, April 9.—A joint resolution for a congressional "joint committee on the conduct of the war" was introduced simultaneously today by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, and Representative Madison of Illinois, both Republicans.

SIX MEMBERS FROM EACH HOUSE

Washington, April 9.—The committee would be composed of six members of the Senate including four Democrats and two Republicans and six from the house, evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.

The resolution provides that the committee shall be known as the "Joint Committee on the Conduct of War," and shall sit during the sessions or the recesses of Congress. It shall make a special study of the problems arising out of the war, shall confer and advise with the President of the United States and the head of the various executive departments and shall report to Congress from time to time in its own discretion.

BRITISH MAKE AN ADVANCE IN WEST

The British This Morning Attack on a Wide Forest South of Ais, the War Office Announce.

London, April 9.—The British early this morning attacked the German line on a wide front from a point south of Ais to the south of Lens, thus opening what is believed here to be a general spring offensive. The move has been looked for and to some extent expected forward to eagerly for some days. The offensive of the British flying corps in the latter part of last week did attack on Zebruges Saturday night and the activity of the French in Belgium is shown in yesterday's official communication from Paris, were considered a prelude to important military operations. The British commander says the German line has been penetrated everywhere and that satisfactory progress has been made in the direction of Cambrai and St. Quentin, two important positions in the connection with the new German line.

BIG LOSS OF AIRPLANES

Beit, April 9.—Via London.—Seven-ton biplane airplanes were brought down yesterday on the western front, the war office announce.

HOPE TO AVERT A BREAK IN SOUTH AMERICA

London, April 9.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from the Hague says that Dr. Zimmermann, the German Foreign Secretary, conferred for an hour on Sunday with the Ministers of Brazil, Argentina and Chile. The dispatch says that it is thought in Berlin that the conference was connected with a possible rupture of relations between Germany and the three South American republics.

W. A. BUNN CASE ON TRIAL AT TARBORO

The case of W. A. Bunn, against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, is in course of trial at Tarboro today. Bunn was working on a car of the railroad in 1913 and fell, breaking his back.

UNDER PRESSURE GERMAN DOMINATION AUSTRIA SEVERS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

EXPERIENCED ARMY AVIATORS TEACH YOUTH ART OF FLYING



Faculty of army aviation school at Newport News, Va.

MASS MEETING AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Short Patriotic Talks By Prominent Men of Rocky Mount. Music By Local Singers.

The mass meeting of the citizens of Rocky Mount will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Masonic opera house, with prominent men of the city on the program for short patriotic talks and music appropriate to the occasion will be furnished by the members of the churches of Rocky Mount churches.

The object of the gathering is simply to give the people of Rocky Mount an opportunity to show their loyalty and patriotism in the country and their willingness to do anything for the national welfare in event of strife and need. Everyone is welcomed to be present.

The program for the evening will be: Song—"America" by all present. Address—Hon. E. V. Bassett. Song—"Star Spangled Banner" by all present. Address—Mr. T. E. Thorne. Address—Mr. E. J. Grady. Address—Mr. H. L. Halden. Address—Hon. E. S. Sizall. Song—"Ode to the Flag" by all present. The music will be under the direction of Mrs. L. W. Kopynia and all who have hearts with these songs in them are urged to bring them. The choir and speakers will take their places on the stage. The seats for the Boy Scout troops, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls have already been designated.

SERIOUS BLOW IS GIVEN ELECTION LAWS

Washington, April 9.—Federal authority to prosecute frauds in state general elections and United States Senator primaries is materially restricted by the supreme court decision today.

AGED NEGRO MAN DROPS DEAD

Bob Hines, an aged Rocky Mount negro, today dropped dead near the Pop-Tops Bottling plant. The old negro had been a resident of this place for about twenty-five years and was well known.

ROCKY MOUNT'S HONOR ROLL TODAY

Enlisted for Home Guards: H. C. Crowder, Ephraim Ellis Jones, George B. Horne, Joe Lamb, R. G. Hart, William G. Woodard, O. A. Snipes, F. S. Gardner.

NORTH ENDURES A BIG SNOW STORM TODAY

New York, April 9.—Worshippers leaving the churches after the Sunday night Easter services walked out into a snow storm which continuing all night today, after laying a five inch blanket of white snow on the city.

LAGER FELL AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, April 9.—Eight and one-half tons of snow covered Philadelphia today, exceeding in depth any snowfall during the past winter. The snow began to fall last night and ceased at 7 o'clock this morning.

FEW INDICTMENTS IN COAL PRICE FIXING

New York, April 9.—An indictment naming 21 corporations and 18 individuals, charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and fixing prices of coal, were handed down today by the Federal grand jury.

POLICE BREAK UP "SKIN GAME"

Yesterday afternoon ten negroes of South Rocky Mount decided to get together and have a little "skin" game. Therefore they selected the old Southern ice factory building as an appropriate place to indulge in such a pastime. The leader of the bunch was a negro named "Key West" and they soon settled down to business. Everything was going fine until a portion of the police force of Rocky Mount made their appearance on the scene and proceeded to escort the ten skingamers to the municipal hotel.

FOUR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES HURT

Storm Sweeps Over Wilmington Last Night and Wrecks Part of A. C. L. Roundhouse.

Wilmington, N. C., April 9.—Four men were painfully but not seriously injured by a falling wall at the Atlantic Coast Line round house and half of Wilmington shrouded in darkness last night when at 8:10 o'clock a sudden outburst of wind for a brief period blew at the rate of 60 miles an hour. This was the strongest gale that Wilmington has had in many years.

The four men injured are employees of the Atlantic Coast Line and were in the office of the round house foreman when a part of the wall, left standing a year ago when the top of the structure crashed in, was blown down, burying two employees beneath the debris. The flying debris crashed through the roof of the office but fortunately nobody was seriously hurt.

The worst sufferer from the falling of the brick wall at the A. C. L. round house was Mr. J. S. Smith, round house foreman, who received a number of scalp and hand wounds. After his wounds were attended he was removed to his home at No. 226 McLine street. Mr. Will Fanning, a brickman, living on Deck street, suffered a wound in the knee, and Mr. Lloyd P. Hollisworth, A. C. L. conductor, who lives at No. 346 Walnut street, sustained a bruised hip. Mr. Jack Anderson, a brickman, living at No. 723 Chestnut street, was slightly bruised.

Dr. R. B. Shoam, local surgeon for the Coast Line, was called to attend the injured men and after an examination and surgical treatment, they were removed to their homes. None of them are considered as dangerously hurt. The two switch engines received considerable damage.

ONE SHIP AT BOSTON

Boston, April 9.—The Austrian steamer Erny, war bound here was seized today by port officials, after announcement from Washington that Austria-Hungary had broken off diplomatic relations with the United States. The Erny is the only Austrian ship in this port.

THREE TAKEN AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, April 9.—Three Austrian steamers tied up here since the beginning of the war were seized by Federal authorities this afternoon.

TWO AT HOUSTON

Houston, Texas, April 9.—Federal authorities were expected this afternoon to seize two Austrian ships which have been interred here since their arrival from Galveston early in the war. They are the only Austrian ships in Texas waters.

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Baron Zwiedinek Calls For His Passports Back Home Today

THE FORERUNNER OF DECLARATION OF WAR

Austro-Hungarian Charge Calls at State Department to Give His Country's Decision and Get His Papers For Departure.

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UNDER PRESSURE OF GERMANY

Washington, April 9.—Austria-Hungary, under the pressure of Germany, has severed diplomatic relations with the United States. Baron Zwiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, called at the State Department today and asked for passports for himself and the embassy staff.

Almost at the same time a dispatch was received from American Minister Stovall, at Bern, saying the dual monarchy had broken off diplomatic relations with the United States in Vienna yesterday. It is presumed it was done by handing passports to American Charge Graw. American Ambassador Penfield, who left Vienna on Saturday, probably did not know of the government's action.

All American consular officers as well as diplomats will be withdrawn from Austria-Hungary and Spain will take over the interests of the United States. All Austrian consular officers, as well as diplomats will be withdrawn from the United States.

Austria-Hungary has asked Sweden to take over her interest in the United States. Austria's rebuff with the United States undoubtedly is a prelude to a declaration of a state of war. The diplomatic history of civilization and the precedents of centuries show a state of war invariably follows a break in diplomatic relations between first class powers.

ONE TIED UP AT NEWPORT NEWS

Newport News, Va., April 9.—The Austrian steamer Budapest, tied up here since shortly after the outbreak of the European war was seized about 12:30 today by Federal officials, following receipt of advice that Austria-Hungary had severed diplomatic relations with the United States.

ONE SEIZED AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, April 9.—Federal officials today took possession of the Austrian steamer Franconia, war bound here since the European war began.

TWO TAKEN IN GOTHAM

New York, April 9.—Two Austrian steamships in port here were today seized by the customs authorities.

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