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PLEDGES SECURED FOR MOST OF BILLION DOLLAR LOAN TO ALLIES

Amount To Be Divided Into Two Or Four Separate Series of Payments
BONDS WILL BEAR 5 PER CENT INTEREST

American Dollars To Be Used In Payment Free From British Income Tax Requirements; Opposition By Pro-German Bankers Determines Project's Supporters

New York, Sept. 15.—America's billion dollar loan to Great Britain and France seemed to be well on the way to actual accomplishment tonight, according to bankers familiar with the pledges secured thus far by members of the Anglo-French financial commission.

There was every indication, these bankers thought, that the commission's work had met with a degree of success that had fully equalled their expectations.

This new view, however, did not coincide with the sentiments of the so-called pro-German financiers here, who have not been invited to meet the commission.

Many Pledges Secured.
Pledges already have been secured for a considerable fraction of the loan. Other pledges are in prospect.

The so-called pro-German banking houses of New York will be invited to participate if the commission can be persuaded that they are sincere in their expressions of willingness to do so.

The billion dollar loan probably will be divided into two and possibly four separate series of equal amounts.

Opposition to the loan is country-wide among Americans of German sympathies or parentage, but has strengthened other bankers in their determination to aid in the financing of the war.

Wilson Begins Study of Defense Program

VON BERNSTORFF SEES SETTLEMENT OF U-BOAT CONFAB

Predicts End of German-American Difficulties Within Two Weeks

FRIENDSHIP AHEAD IS AMBASSADOR'S VIEW

America's Evidence In Case of Sinking of Arabic Is Forwarded By Washington To Ambassador Gerard For Presentation To Foreign Office at Berlin

Washington, Sept. 15.—Settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Germany within a fortnight was predicted by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, here today shortly after his return from Washington.

GERARD TO SHOW BERLIN U. S. EVIDENCE ON ARABIC

Washington, Sept. 15.—Ambassador Gerard has been instructed to present to the German foreign office a summary of the evidence gathered by the United States government and accepted here as conclusive proof that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning, causing the loss of two Americans.

The outcome of these two steps—examination by the German foreign office of the evidence and receipt by Berlin officials of Ambassador Bernstorff's suggestions—is awaited before the next move in the situation is determined.

ANTI-FIRE STUFF NOT DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVE

New York, Sept. 15.—The two glass beakers found beside a hatch of the White Star liner Lapland at her pier here were today learned to have contained liquid for refilling fire extinguishers, and not a highly explosive material, as police and private detectives believed last night.

EIGHTEEN ARE FREED OF ELECTION FRAUD CHARGES

Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 15.—The charges against Claude Fowler, chief of police of Corpus Christi and 17 other defendants in the alleged 1914 election frauds were dismissed today in Federal court here.

Education Is Compulsory

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 15.—Gov. Henderson today signed a compulsory education bill under which every child between 8 and 16 years must attend school eighty days each year.

ALL OF AMERICAN INDUSTRIES ARE BENEFITED BY WORLD WAR

Blow at Outset of European Struggle Has Acted As Tonic To United States, Says Statement Issued By Department of Commerce at Washington

Washington, Sept. 15.—How every phase of American industry has been benefited by the world war was set out in an official statement today by the Department of Commerce forecasting the effect of the conflict on the industrial future of the country.

Heads Nominating Board



James Brown Scott, former solicitor of the state department, is the head of the United States neutrality board, which passes on all questions of neutrality in which the United States is involved.

20,000 MAJORITY FOR PROHIBITION

South Carolina Kills Liquor In Referendum Election, Figures Show

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 15.—With all but approximately six thousand votes accounted for, official figures compiled here tonight show the majority in South Carolina's referendum election yesterday was slightly over twenty thousand for State-wide prohibition.

JUDGE REFUSES TO LET ANOTHER TRY TIMES CASE

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 15.—Judge Willis, of the Superior Court, refused today to permit another judge to preside at the trial of Mathew A. Schmidt and David Caplan, charged with murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in 1915.

Arthur Williams Dies

London, Sept. 15.—Arthur Williams, the comedian, died this evening at his residence in this city.

Hot Springs Hotel Declared Bankrupt

Greensboro, Sept. 15.—Judge Boyd in Federal Court today adjudged the Hot Springs Hotel and Sanitarium Company, of Hot Springs, N. C., bankrupt, upon the petition of the Jim Anderson Company, of Asheville, and other creditors.

NAVAL BOARD BEST YET, SAYS HUDSON MAXIM

New York, Sept. 15.—Hudson Maxim, the inventor, who is a member of the new Naval Advisory Board, praised its organization at a meeting of the American Defense Society here tonight.

Lincoln Jubilee Ends

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15.—The Lincoln jubilee and half century anniversary celebration of negro freedom, in progress here for three weeks, closed today.

Another French Loss

Paris, Sept. 15.—Minister of Finance Ribot today announced that the government soon would issue a large loan.

U. S. CALLS HOME CONSULAR AGENTS IN NORTH MEXICO

American Representatives Are Withdrawn Because of Border Dangers

CARRANZA BLAMED FOR RECENT LAWLESSNESS

First Chief's Failure To Maintain Order, Says Villa's Agency, Has Resulted In Present Intolerable Conditions; U. S. Citizens Also Are Warned Not To Remain

Washington, Sept. 15.—American consuls in Northern Mexico, which now has become the chief battleground between the contending factions, have been advised by the State Department not only to notify American citizens to withdraw from the danger zones, but to leave Mexico themselves if conditions become intolerable.

Secretary Lansing today described the instructions to consuls as simply precautionary. They are similar to those given American consuls in Europe whenever the contending armies draw near cities previously untouched by the fighting.

MEXICANS QUIET ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 15.—Observance of the Mexican independence day began tonight without a single case of serious disorder reported along the border.

FOUR OAKS NEGRO'S ARM CUT OFF BY ASSAILANT

Four Oaks, Sept. 15.—Harry Walker, colored, had his arm cut off with an axe by another negro, Jim White, in a fight this afternoon.

14 OF URBINA'S OFFICERS ARE EXECUTED BY VILLA

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 15.—Fourteen staff officers of General Urbina's force were executed with Urbina as the result of the visit of General Villa to Urbina's ranch near Las Nuevas last week according to American arriving here today, who said he accompanied Villa on the trip.

GREENSBORO SHERIFF BACK WITH KLINGMAN

Greensboro, Sept. 15.—O. Klingman, former business man of this city, arrived here from Seattle today, accompanied by Sheriff Stafford and Deputy Sheriff Phipps.

Two Testify In Trial Of Indiana Mayor

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 15.—Two negro witnesses testified today at the trial of Mayor Jos. E. Bell, charged with election conspiracy, that part of the Democratic balloting cast in one of the primary elections of May 5, 1914, were burned without being counted.

German Premier Tells House of Commons Struggle Costs \$17,500,000 Daily

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New Annapolis Chief



Captain Edward W. Eberle has been chosen as superintendent of the Annapolis Academy to succeed Admiral Fullam, who goes to command the reserve naval fleet in Puget Sound.

VIENNA SILENT ON RECALL OF DUMBA

Austrian Officials Apparently Are Without Details On Situation

Vienna, Sept. 14.—By courier to Berlin, via London, Sept. 15.—No admission is yet obtainable in any government quarter that anything more is known about the United States government's request for the recall of Ambassador Dumba, than is printed in the news columns of the American newspapers reaching here.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD OFF HOLLAND COAST

London, Sept. 15.—A Reuter despatch from Maastricht, Holland, says that heavy firing can be heard in a westerly direction. It commenced at 9:30 o'clock this evening and by 10 o'clock became so violent that windows both here and at Hook of Holland were set rattling.

TO GET DATA ON GOODS OWNED BY U. S. ABROAD

Washington, Sept. 15.—Consul General Skinner at London was directed by cable today to inquire into reports that private interests in England again have been obtaining permits for shipment to America of Austrian goods, a privilege withheld from the State Department foreign trade advisors acting informally as representatives of American importers generally.

GERMANS HAVE SHOT THEIR BOLT, EARL KITCHENER TELLS LORDS

Teutonic Advance In Prussia, Once Averaging Five Miles Daily, Now Less Than Mile; Allies' Front Practically Unchanged For Months, He Says, But Activity Not Relaxed

London, Sept. 15.—"The Germans appear almost to have shot their bolt," said War Secretary Kitchener in an address today in the House of Lords.

War Summary

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ASQUITH VOTES FOR CREDIT OF \$1,250,000,000 TO FINANCE WAR

TEUTONS CHECKED IN DRIVE ON DVINSK BY RUSSIAN ARMY

Von Hindenburg's Advance Now Slow In Face of Fierce Defensive

GERMANS RETREAT IN GALICIA, REPORT

Austrians and Germans In South Exposed To Danger of Flank Movement By Moscovites Unless They Get Reinforcements Soon; Bombardment Continues In West

London, Sept. 15.—Von Hindenburg's drive toward the Dvinsk-Vilna railway is not progressing as rapidly as his previous enterprises of a similar kind, and except at one or two points about midway between these towns, where his cavalry have cut the railway, he still is being stubbornly opposed.

Von Hindenburg, however, has reached a point west of the bridgehead across from the town of Dvinsk and is preparing to attack that fortified area.

ALLIES FIGHT GERMANS 2,000 MILES IN AFRICA

Paris, Sept. 15.—"Fighting continually in Africa since last September along a front of more than 2,000 miles, the French colonial troops, aided by the British, have obtained remarkable results."

ALLIED ENTENTE SENDS NEW NOTE TO BULGARIA

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 14.—Via London, Sept. 15.—The ministers of the quadruple entente today presented to the Bulgarian government a supplementary note relative to Serbia's attitude toward the Macedonian claims of Bulgaria.

Justice Lamar Still Ill

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Sept. 15.—No change was noted today in the condition of Associate Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, who has been slightly ill here for the past several days.

Chandler On Navy Board

Washington, Sept. 15.—Captain L. H. Chandler today was detached from naval academy at Annapolis to become a member of the general board of the navy.

Reserve Rediscout Approved

Washington, Sept. 15.—Rediscout rates of 3 per cent on commodity paper and 1-1/2 percent on trade acceptances, fixed by the Richmond Federal reserve bank were approved today by the reserve board.

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