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## AMERICAN TALK

Says the Tampa Times: "Today one is either an American or an enemy of America, and the Times does not intend to allow any man or institution to stand in the way of its championing or protecting every principle of Americanism."

Any newspaper that would be influenced in any way, directly or indirectly, to soft-pedal or to evade its duty in this crisis, is unworthy of American citizenship.

The open, clear-cut statement made by the newspaper here quoted should be the rule with every individual in America who is an American. Nothing less than a full and complete service to the country is expected of any man, and any man who refuses or neglects to take the stand of a full-fledged, one hundred per cent American is failing to do his acknowledged duty.

Today one is either an American or an enemy of America and those who do not come out good and clear for their country are known and marked to a certain degree. The man or woman who is not actively, aggressively an American is playing the part of an enemy, whether or not they desire or intend to do this.

Passive, indifferent Americanism, that which sits idly by and does nothing, is about as bad as open enmity. The time has come to draw the line between the American and the anti-American. Every man is making and finding his place in this country. He must either stand wholeheartedly on the side of his country, support his country, sacrifice for America, or he must class himself as an open or passive enemy of America.

There is no twilight zone, no half way house. One must be either flesh or "fool." He must either be for or against America. He must stand with loyal Americans or with the enemies of America. There is no midway station.

From the Manufacturers Record we quote: "Here are the two classes into which all people now living in America are divided.

"The line of demarcation is very clear, and it must be made so strong that there can be no straddlers, and that no one on the pro-German side can try to make believe he is on the other side.

"Every man and woman must be an out-and-out American, or else an enemy of America.

"On one side stand the men and women who uphold honor and morality.

"On the other side stand men and women who uphold crime and immorality.

"On one side stand men and women who are patriotic.

"On the other side stand men and women who are traitors—not only traitors to this country, but traitors to civilization and to God and humanity.

"Let every man note carefully on which side he stands."

In some sections of the United States there are a great many disloyal dogs and dirty traitors. They are all mixed in with aliens and enemies, spies and pro-Germans and in sufficient strength to cause trouble. While there is practically none of this with us—only a little indifferent skulking now and then, it is necessary that loyal Americans everywhere put up the whole American front, and be loud and strong on this issue in order that the mouthy, fussy and always busy enemies of America may not mislead or deceive any one. The policy of the government is to minimize the activities of these dirty dogs but it should not be the policy of any individual who loves his country to minimize their efforts. The wholehearted Americanism of the great majority must submerge the disloyal treason of the very few.

## RED CROSS MISSION SAFE.

Arrives in Moscow From Jassy Headed by Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Va.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 21.—The American Red Cross mission to Rumania which fled from Jassy to Odessa in American ports last night on orders from President Wilson will be put in service, it was said today, as soon as they can be made ready for the sea and loaded. The vessels will be armed by the navy department. Most of the vessels will go into trans-Atlantic service to transport food to the allies. Some unfitted for cargo work may be used as transports.

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# A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OFF CITY DUNKIRK GERMANS INCREASE THEIR DEMANDS ON RUMANIA

## GERMAN SHIPS GET PARTING SHOTS

Four Vessels Sunk by British and French Ships Off Dunkirk Early in the Day.

## SLIGHT DAMAGE TO BRITISH FRENCH SUFFER NO LOSS

Two Enemy Destroyers and Two Torpedo Boats Sunk by Allied Force.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of British and French destroyers. One British destroyer was injured, the official British admiralty announced.

The engagement occurred off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualty was slight. There were no losses.

## GERMANY ASKING FOR FIFTEEN BILLION MARK WAR CREDIT

Financial Strain of the War is Telling on the Empire and Has Greatly Increased From Time to Time.

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, March 21.—A war credit of fifteen billion marks was brought before the Reichstag today for first reading.

Count von Doeders, secretary of the imperial treasury, said Germany's monthly war cost had increased from two billion marks in the winter of 1915-1916 to three billion seven hundred and fifty million marks in the last five months owing to increased supplies of the necessities of war.

The secretary gave the total cost of the war at five hundred and fifty billion marks of which he said the ententes had expended three hundred and seventy billion.

The credit passed the first and second reading without debate.

## RUSSIA WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A GERMAN PROVINCE

So Declares American Ambassador David R. Francis, if Country Submits to German Forced Peace.

(By Associated Press.)

Moscow, March 19.—Russia will eventually become a German province and the Russians lose their liberty if they submit to peace forced by the Central powers, David R. Francis, the American ambassador, declared in a statement to the Russian people, issued from the American embassy at Volodga.

The ambassador pledged America's help to any government in Russia that would resist the German penetration. He urged them to forget political differences and said he would not leave Russia until compelled by force to do so.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 21.—The 600,000 tons of Dutch ships seized in American ports last night on orders from President Wilson will be put in service, it was said today, as soon as they can be made ready for the sea and loaded. The vessels will be armed by the navy department. Most of the vessels will go into trans-Atlantic service to transport food to the allies. Some unfitted for cargo work may be used as transports.

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## SEIZURE OF VESSELS REDUCES NET LOSS

British Government Issues Statement Showing That Addition of Dutch Ships Reduces Loss.

## SECRETARY BAKER COMPLETES HIS INSPECTION

Looks Over the Verdun Sector and Drives 100 Miles in Auto to the American Headquarters.

(By Associated Press.)

The seizure of Dutch vessels by the United States and Great Britain and their use to the allied purpose reduces materially the net loss to the entente powers of tonnage since the beginning of the war. A British government statement says that the gross loss up to January 1st of 1918 was 11,827,572 and the net loss is placed at 2,643,297 tons. The Dutch ships taken over by the allied powers aggregate 1,000,000 tons.

To make up for the deficiency in world tonnage caused by the German ruthless sea campaign 6,672,000 of new ships were built by the allies, and 2,589,000 tons were taken over from Germans interned during the war.

The net loss is further reduced Dutch vessels taken over. These ships have been lying in ports out of fear of the German submarines during the last 12 months has been announced in the British house of commons by Sir Eric Geddes as lord of the admiralty as having been 6,000,000 tons.

British losses last week were 17 vessels, including 11 of more than 1,600 tons or over, a decrease from the previous week when 18 ships were sunk. In the previous week, however, 15 of the vessels were of more than 1,600 tons.

Owners of the seized Dutch ships will derive revenue from their use. Holland also will be allowed to obtain foodstuffs from abroad for her population and her colonial trade will be protected.

There has been no change in the situation on the western front. Small raids have occurred here and there but the main activity is confined to artillery bombardments which are intense on several important sectors.

Artillery action also is predominant on the Italian front.

Secretary Baker has completed his inspection of the American army zone in France. A brigade of veterans who went to France with the first divisions, were first in the trenches and suffered the first casualties in action, were reviewed by the Secretary of War. In his final day with the American army Secretary Baker visited the Verdun front and drove in an automobile more than 100 miles from Verdun to the American general headquarters.

## PANIC IN NORTHERN RUSSIA HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED

Seizure of Odessa and Gaining by Central Powers of Control of Black Sea Has Stirred the People—Trotsky Wants War on Germany.

(By Associated Press.)

Moscow, March 19.—The uneasiness caused by the seizure of Odessa and the gaining by the central powers of control of the Black sea has intensified the panic in northern Russia and strengthened the now general belief that in a short time the Germans will advance on Moscow and Petrograd.

The Trans-Caucasian constitutional assembly met at Prizis and has refused to ratify the peace treaty with Germany and urged immediate war on Germany.

Leon Trotsky has arrived in Moscow from Petrograd and announces that he will remain here to assume the duties of war minister if there is a war but otherwise he will decline the post.

## PARTY SLOGANS MEAN NOTHING A GRAVE CRISIS HAS COME

(President Wilson's Letter.)

"The old party slogans have lost their significance and will mean nothing to the voter of the future, for the war is certain to change the mind of Europe as well as the mind of America.

"The days of political and economic reconstruction which are ahead of us no man can now definitely assess, but we know this, that every program must be shot through and through with utter disinterestedness, that no party must try to serve ITSELF, but every party must try to serve humanity."

## MERCHANTS MEETING TONIGHT FOR ORGANIZATION PURPOSES

The Merchants of the city are to meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the Community Building for the purpose of completing the organization that was begun some days ago.

State Sec. Leonard is in the city this afternoon and will meet with the merchants this evening. President Harry is urging the merchants to attend this meeting, as it is desired that the organization be completed.

## LEXINGTON MURDER IS STILL UNSOLVED

Mr. Hege Admits He Telephoned Deaderick Before Shooting that He Wanted to See Him.

TOLD DEADERICK NEVER TO ENTER HIS HOME AGAIN

Defendant Refused to Make Full Statement. But Will Do This the Preliminary Hearing.

(By Associated Press.)

Lexington, March 21.—The history surrounding the cause of the killing of J. F. Deaderick, bank cashier, by J. Graham Hege, prominent manufacturer of this place, which occurred Tuesday afternoon in the home of the latter here, remained unsolved this morning but in a statement made in his cell at the jail, Hege declared he had good reasons for the act and that he would tell it at the preliminary hearing, which will probably be held next week.

Hege this morning in an interview is quoted as having admitted that he telephoned from his home Tuesday at noon to Deaderick at the bank, telling him he desired to see him, but declared positively that he did ask him to come to the Hege home. He added that he had more than a month before forbid Deaderick ever again to enter his home and did not expect him to come there. Hege says he was at dinner when Deaderick arrived at the Hege home and he supposes Mrs. Hege admitted him. He denies any harsh words passed before the shooting and says they talked calmly Hege dwelt on the previous cordial relations between the two families and said he regretted the affair had to occur.

No inquest was held over the body of Deaderick.

The funeral of Mr. Deaderick will be held at the home Friday afternoon, after having been delayed awaiting the arrival of his mother, Mrs. T. O. Deaderick, from Fort Worth, Tex., and a brother, Dr. William Deaderick, of Hot Spring, Ark. The body will be carried to Marianna, Ark., the former home of his wife, for burial.

(By Associated Press.)

## FOUR AMERICANS KILLED.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 21.—One American officer, and three men were killed aboard an American destroyer March 19th when the vessel collided with a British warship, the navy department announced today. A number of American sailors were injured.

## SPENCER JUNIOR ORDER FORMS WAR SAVINGS SOCIETY

Will Hold a Meeting in Mayor's Office Tonight—Spencer Boy Arrives Safely in France—Personal Items.

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, March 21.—The War Savings Society of Spencer Council No. 74 J. O. U. A. M., will hold a special meeting at the office of Mayor Burton at 7:30 tonight. The members of the council and all who are interested in the sale of Thrift stamps are urgently requested to be present. This society is now a part of the state and national organization and the charter will be received at this meeting.

On Tuesday night the council voted to buy \$200 in War Savings stamps at once and a similar amount in April. The purpose is to lend all possible aid to the government in the war. This matter is also to receive attention tonight.

A small blaze occurred at the home of Mr. L. A. Vuncannon Tuesday night and the alarm brought out the Spencer firemen. The blaze was under control however when the department arrived and the damage was small.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Neister have returned from Richmond where they went to attend the 74th birthday of Mr. Neister's mother, Mrs. M. V. Neister. Six of her children coming from Spencer, Baltimore, Roanoke and Richmond gave her a genuine surprise.

The first Spencer boy to be heard from since reaching France is Ned "Prettyman, son of Engineer and Mrs. J. R. Prettyman of this place. He writes his mother that he reached France safely, is well taken care of and that all goes well with the American boys. He has many friends in Spencer who are watching his career.

Mr. H. T. Cook, the Spencer shoe man, has returned from Lynchburg where he spent some time in the big shoe factory there. He went to buy machinery for his plant in Spencer and was greatly pleased with what he found in that line. Mr. Cook expects to install some of the most modern machinery made.

Miss Marie Shuford, of Gastonia, has been a guest at the Spencer Inn for several days.

Mrs. H. A. Williams is taking treatment at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium and is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. J. J. Shuford, of Shelby, is visiting her son, Mr. J. S. Shuford at the Spencer Inn.

Mrs. J. N. Boone has gone to Cin-

## PITTS CASE GOES TO JURY TOMORROW

M. M. Harshaw of Counsel for Defendants Occupied the Morning Session Addressing the Jury.

## YOUNGER OF THE PITTS' TAKES WITNESS STAND

Seven More Attorneys Are to Address the Jury and Case Will Get in Its Hands on Friday.

(By Associated Press.)

Morganton, March 21.—There was little prospect at noon today that the case of Garfield and Aaron Pitts, charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, would go to the jury before tomorrow.

M. M. Harshaw for the defense occupied most of the morning session in argument for the defendants. There are seven more attorneys to be heard.

(By Associated Press.)

Morganton, March 21.—After Garfield Pitts completed his testimony his brother, Aaron Pitts, was called and he stated that he was aged 16, and clarified for his father. He was on the porch of the store at the time of the shooting. He started up towards the station. He saw someone go into the store, but did not shoot. He did not know anything about the plan to kill Dr. Hennessee. He did not make any threats to Williams about shooting him full of holes. He had talked to Aaron Wiseman till train time. Wiseman got the cartridges ordered for him. He had no pistol in his hand near the time of the shooting. He did have earlier when Wiseman was in the store, but it was a 32 "own head," which belonged in the store and not either of the ones exhibited in court.

He inquired several times about the train for Wiseman. He said Garfield went to the train to see if any one wanted livery service, and that if the train had been on time, Garfield would not have been there on time. He went into the store while the shooting was going on. Garfield came in later and said some one told him Dr. Hennessee had been shot. He had his pistol about a month. He did not see Wiseman and his brother at the time of the shooting. He was afraid to go up to the station while the shooting was going on, and did not know it was over. He had had feeling against Dr. Hennessee five years. He had not heard of Hennessee's being away. He told his father when he got home that Hennessee was killed, but he did not know by whom.

Many exceptions were taken by attorneys and several clashes occurred during the testimony of the Pitts boys.

(By Associated Press.)

An Atlantic Port, March 21.—Major General Leonard Wood and Major General J. Franklin Bell, commanders respectively of the 89th and 77th divisions of the national army, arrived here today from France on a French steamship. General Wood went abroad last December to study war problems at first hand.

(By Associated Press.)

Today, March 21st, is the first day of spring, the winter season, according to the almanac and calendar, having expired at midnight last night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cates have returned from a stay of a week at Hillsboro. Mr. Cates expects to resume his run on the road soon, after several weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parks leave this week for Erwin, Tenn., where they will reside in the future and where Mr. Parks has a good position.

Mrs. F. S. Cain returned today from Macon, Ga., where she visited friends for the past two weeks.

## GERMANS BEGIN A BIG BOMBARDMENT

London Officially Reports a Lively Bombardment on Very Wide Front by the German Troops.

## GERMANY INCREASES HER DEMANDS ON RUMANIA

Emperor William Says the Decisive Moment of the War is at Hand for Germany.

(By Associated Press.)

Big German guns opened up a terrific bombardment on a front of approximately 50 miles in northern France this morning and the long heralded German offensive in the west is under way.

"We are at the decisive moment of the war," Emperor William declares in a telegram given out today. His declaration follows many others of a similar nature from the emperor and his generals.

These utterances seemingly of concerted nature lead to the belief that a German offensive on the Franco-Belgian front was imminent or at least have made it apparent that German leaders had strong reason for desiring such belief to prevail.

The front under artillery attack stretches south from the Scarpe river in the vicinity of Arras to a point south of St. Quentin. All of this line is held by the British whose war office today reported the opening of the bombardment. Nearly all of this ground has been fought over in engagements of the past two years, the areas of Somme, Arras and Cambrai battle being included in the limits of the front attacked.

Concession Felt in England.

London, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front, according to an official announcement made this morning.

The artillery action on the western front could be heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. The doors and windows of houses in Dover were shaken by the heavy concussions. The firing which was the heaviest heard on this district from such a distance began at 3 o'clock this morning and lasted at brief intervals until 7 o'clock this morning.

(By Associated Press.)

American Raid Germans. With the American Army, Wednesday, (By the Associated Press.)—American troops in the sector east of Toul and Lunville participated in a raid tonight on the Germans, penetrating the enemy line for some distance. There was some hand to hand fighting.

The raiders returned to the American trenches in about 40 minutes. Further details at this hour (10 A. M.) are not to be had. The raid was carried out in conjunction with the French after a brief but terrific barrage. The Germans retaliated by a shell and gas fire.

(By Associated Press.)

Moscow, March 21.—Germany has increased her demands on Rumania and now asks that Rumania turn over to her all of her own munitions as well as those left by her allies. All entente ministers are still at Jassy, but will leave in case Rumania surrenders the munitions to the Germans.

"The Hour Has Come," Says German Kaiser.

London, March 21.—"We are facing the decisive moment of the war and one of the greatest moments in the history of Germany," declared Emperor William, in a telegram to the Rhenish provincial council, according to a Central news dispatch from Amsterdam.

(By Associated Press.)

Many a man possessing a Liberty button carries it in concealment while the income tax duty is about.

(By Associated Press.)

In Multnomah county, Oregon, which includes the city of Portland, nearly 40,000 women voters have registered for the coming primary election.