

AMERICAN TALK

AN AMERICAN FOURTH OF JULY

I have been many a good day since Americans celebrated a 4th with the same inspirations as this one.

More than a million Americans are in Europe and many more are en route to the front.

And "over there" these American boys are doing the big task in a big successful way.

And with this the American President is making a notable, stirring address to the American people.

We are on the eve of writing of the noiseless, the voiceless, the politicianless season which some think is ahead of us.

We must hold an election, and we must set up candidates and have campaign but we can do this and not forget that the first and one big aim of all of us is to support the government and win the war.

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AMERICA IS CELEBRATING THE FOURTH President Wilson Making a Notable Address at Mt. Vernon

GREAT PATRIOTIC RALLY WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS

CITY CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Beautiful Parade at Eleven A. M. and Exercises and Flag Raising at Court House.

DR. CYRUS THOMPSON ORATOR OF OCCASION

Patriotic Songs, Presentation and Acceptance Addresses in Connection With the Flag.

Answering the call of the President of the United States, made upon the people throughout the wide and breadth of this great country to fittingly celebrate this Independence Day, July 4th, Salisbury and Rowan county people responded nobly and in the proper spirit.

The festivities opened with a beautiful and imposing parade, which was witnessed by thousands of people packed on either side of Main street from the court house to Bank street, lining every window, perched on every point of vantage and crowding the hundreds of automobiles parked along the Main street and close in intersecting streets.

The parade was headed by Chief Marshal William Wands and then came Proctor's band, and a delegation of leading Salisbury, Spencer and Rowan citizens carrying in flat position the huge flag that was later to be hoisted on the 100 foot iron flagstaff, surmounted by a large gilded ball, standing on the court house lawn.

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LOCAL FIGHTING DURING THE DAY

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AMERICANS TENACIOUSLY HOLDING THEIR GROUND

Enemy Seems Disposed to Bombard Americans Heavily Rather Than Sacrifice Men in Assault

(By the Associated Press)

Strong local actions marked the fighting activities on the western and Italian fronts and neither the German and Austrian commands have shown any disposition to reply in great force to the harrassing tactics of the allies, through which they lost important points here and there during the past ten days.

The American troops are holding tenaciously to their newly gained ground west of Chateau Thierry and have repulsed strong counter attacks.

The enemy has seemed disposed to bombard the Americans heavily rather than sacrifice too many men in ineffectual assaults.

New positions have been strengthened and the American artillery is replying with good effect to the enemy fire.

North of the Aisne the Germans have made no attempt to strike at the French, who in taking new positions captured 470 prisoners.

South of the Aisne the French retained new positions unchallenged.

Against the British the Germans have been inactive since the successful thrust north of Albert.

German aerial activity has decreased but British aviators have accounted for twenty-two more enemy machines.

In operations around Vaux American aviators gave great aid to infantry and their artillery brought down seven German airplanes.

TWO SHIPS AND PLANT DESTROYED

Texas Ship Building Plant and Two Ships Are Burned in Today's Fire.

ORANGE, TEX., SCENE OF COSTLY FIRE TODAY

Near Million Dollars Worth of Property Including the Two Ships Lost.

(By Associated Press.)

Beaumont, Texas, July 4.—The plant of the Orange Maritime Corporation valued at \$1,000,000 and 3 half finished 2200 ton schooners, valued at \$225,000 each, were apparently wiped out in flames of unknown origin early this morning at Orange.

The charred bodies of two men who were sleeping in the sail loft of the plant have been recovered.

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FOUR MEN DROWNED.

U. S. Dredge Boat Went to the Bad Off Florida Coast and Men Drowned.

(By the Associated Press)

Jacksonville, Fla., July 4.—J. W. Sackett, former Brigadier General in the Florida National Guards and two members of the crew of the U. S. dredge boat, Florida, were drowned off Daytona, Fla., when the dredge encountered a northeaster.

Ten members of the crew fought their way to land and brought the news today.

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Managers of the Great Ship Programme



This photograph of Edward N. Hurley and Charles M. Schwab was taken in Chicago, where they went to make speeches to men in manufacturing plants to hurry along the building of ships for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

AMERICAN PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM PRESENTED TODAY

Never Before has the American Principles of Liberty Been so Fully Appreciated as Today When America and Other Nations Celebrate the 142nd year of American Liberty--Presidents Address the World Event

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, July 4.—American principles of democratic freedom and equal rights of all formulated 142 years ago in the Declaration of Independence were presented today to the world as never before in celebrations of the day held in lands where never before this year had there been any special interest in the great American event.

In England, France, Italy and Central American countries as well as in the United States the birthday of the American nation was most beneficently observed not only in every city and hamlet of the United States, but in many other lands as well the celebrators looked to Mount Vernon, the home and tomb of America's first president, where President Wilson will be the principal speaker.

President Wilson's visit to the national shrine is as the honored guest of a committee composed of thirty-nine nationalities and he had prepared an address to give all renewed hope and to the war wearied allies of America and to give the American people assurance of the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion.

The arrangements had been made to have the address read simultaneously with the delivery at Mt. Vernon and copies of the address had been cabled for publication and reading throughout the country.

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SULTAN OF TURKEY IS CALLED HOME

(By the Associated Press)

Amsterdam, July 4.—Mohammed, the Fifth, the Sultan of Turkey, died last night at 7 o'clock, says a dispatch from Constantinople which comes by way of Vienna.

PRESIDENT WILSON MAKES NOTABLE FOURTH ADDRESS

Advises his Audience That There Can be No Half Way Peace, That Militarism Must be Crushed--Serves Warning That America and Allies Will Listen to No Peace Other Than a Just One--Address Delivered at Mt. Vernon Today.

AMERICAN SHIPS ARE BEING BUILT

Without Holding Back a Single Ship the Launching Shows Fine Progress.

GERMANS CANNOT DESTROY THIS NUMBER IN A MONTH

Hurley and Schwab Are Doing the Big Job in a Big American Way.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, July 4.—The United States celebrates Independence Day by launching, between sunrise and sunset, more ships than Germany's submarines can destroy in a month at their present rate of undersea piracy.

One hundred ships—perhaps more—approximately half a million tons of dead weight tonnage are expected to slip from their ways.

Without holding back a single ship in order to swell the number for Independence Day launching, the shipworkers by brawn and sacrifice have made ready at least 95 ships, and it is said to be not improbable that the number will be one hundred.

These ships, when completed at the same rate of speed which has made possible their launching today will take their places in the "bridge of ships to France" which will maintain the armies fighting to defeat Germany.

Today's achievement which probably will be accounted among the safest and sanest Fourth of July celebrations in the country's history has been made possible only by the loyalty and devotion of the ship yard workers themselves working under the organization of Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board and Charles M. Schwab, the new director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

The request of Chairman Hurley and Mr. Schwab that the day be celebrated by launching the greatest number of hulls ever put overboard in one day, specified distinctly that the war program was so pressing that it would not be permissible to delay launchings which could be made earlier.

Any ships put into the water must be the result of extra exertion to get them ready ahead of scheduled time.

The response of the workmen, the men who actually are building the merchant marine, needs no comment other than the list of vessels to be added today to the world's marine population.

Sacrificing their regular Saturday half holiday, accepting only straight pay instead of time and a half for that work, cheerfully working over time, the men speeded up production in a great drive for tonnage which has been so successful that the launchings today exceed by 42,050 deadweight tons the entire output in 1901, the best pre-war year in American ship building.

If an official communique were issued on the result of the day's operations, it might read thus:

"Our shipbuilders attacked the U-boat campaign today everywhere in America, achieving their objectives early in the assault and pushing far beyond. The result nullifies in one day all that the German underwater navy takes more than one month to accomplish. All our units behaved magnificently and it is expected that distinguished service medals will be awarded soon to some individuals by the Shipping Board."

Beginning in the east, because of difference in time, the launchings will continue throughout the day until the (Continued on Page 3.)

(By the Associated Press)

Washington, July 4.—President Wilson today answered all feelers for a compromise peace, with a new and unqualified consecration of America to the struggle for cleaning military autocracy from the earth.

At an Independence Day gathering on the gentle slopes of Mount Vernon, home and tomb of George Washington, and surrounded by scenes which looked upon the creation of this nation, the President addressed a small gathering of officials and of diplomats of the allied nations.

But he spoke to the world and he said to the logical sequel to his "force without stint or limit" declaration of several weeks ago. Unreservedly, the President declared that there could be no thought of a peace which did not mean the destruction of military autocracy or its reduction to virtual impotence.

"A reign of law, based on the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind," was the way he summarized in a singular sentence objects of humanity in the world war.

Whether the President was addressing his remarks directly to the recent speech of German foreign secretary von Kuehlmann, or to the foreshadows of a renewed German peace offensive or whether he merely took the occasion of a celebration of American independence to emphasize to the world the war aims of the nation, can only be divined. He did not deal with the progress of the war or any particular phase of it, but he spoke eloquently of America's attitude toward Germany's so-called peace treaties in the East by grouping the people of Russia "for the moment unorganized and helpless," among the peoples of the world standing against the enemies of liberty.

"The past and the present are in deadly grapple and the peoples of the world are being done to death between them," said President Wilson.

"There can be but one issue. The settlement must be final. There can be no compromises. No half-way decision would be tolerable. No half-way decision is conceivable. These are the ends for which the associated peoples of the world are fighting and which must be conceded them before there can be peace:

1. "The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can arbitrarily, secretly, and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world; or if it cannot be presently destroyed, at least its reduction to virtual impotence.

2. "The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of economic arrangement, or of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other person or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influences or mastery.

3. "The consent of all nations to be governed in their conduct towards each other by the same principles of honor and of respect for the common law of civilized society that govern the individual citizens of all modern states in their relations with one another; to the end that all promises and covenants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracies be hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with impunity, and a mutual trust established upon the honorable foundation of a mutual respect for right.

4. "The establishment of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of (Continued on Page 5.)