

WHICH SHALL WE CHOOSE—BONDS OR BAYONETS?

ONLY AVALANCHE OF DOLLARS WILL ASSURE LIBERTY LOAN'S SUCCESS

Treasury Officials Declare That Subscriptions Are Below Expectations. TREMENDOUS DRIVE WILL BE NECESSARY Liberty Day Will Help But Will Not do All, Officials Say.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Treasury officials announced tonight that reports reaching the department of Liberty loan subscriptions throughout the nation today were not of a character to "warrant confidence that the \$5,000,000,000 maximum quota desired would be achieved." ... "Optimism is being expressed," the announcement continued, "in the belief that Liberty day and eleven one-hour sales will carry the total across the maximum quota mark, it is considered unlikely by careful observers, however, that these two elements alone will result in the larger total."

MANEUVERING BY COMMANDER SAVED DESTROYER CASSIN

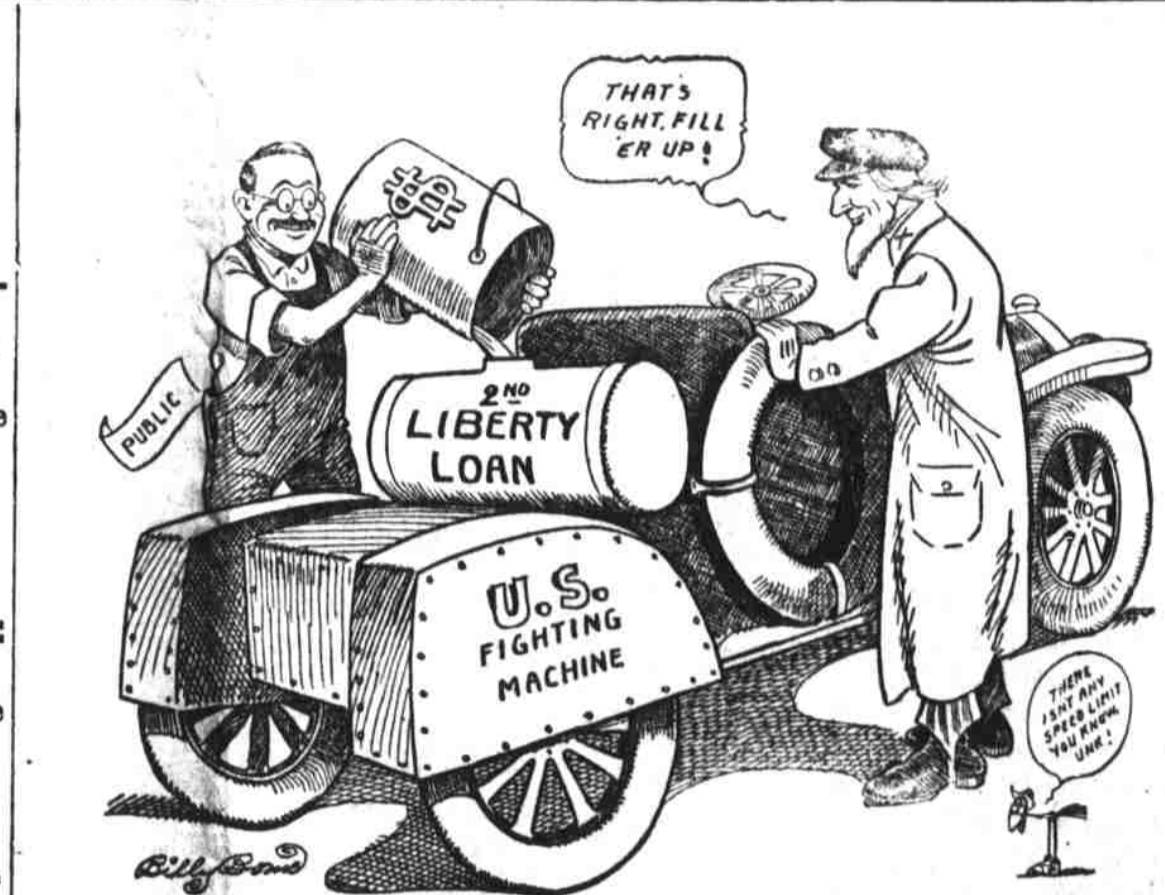
Officers of American Vessel Hit by Torpedo Are Highly Praised. CONTINUED SEARCH FOR THE SUBMARINE Fired Four Shots at Conning Tower but Failed to Hit.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Coolness and quick maneuvering by Commander Walter H. Vernou probably saved the American destroyer Cassin from destruction in an encounter with a German submarine in the war zone on October 16, the navy department was advised today by Vice-Admiral Sims in his full report of the fight, meagre details of which were received last week. ... Searching for Submarine. The Cassin had been searching half an hour for a submarine first sighted five miles away when Commander Vernou suddenly saw a torpedo 400 yards distant and making for the ship at great speed.

BRITISH LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMAN FORCES IN WEST

Aided by French, Capture and Hold Strong Positions Near Ypres. ALLIES MEET WITH SLIGHT RESISTANCE Bombardments Characterize Action on All Other Main Fronts.

The British and French forces in Belgium have delivered another attack against the German front north-east of Ypres and have captured all their objectives, consisting of many strong positions. ... The offensive was launched south-east of Poelcapelle and northward along the southern border of the Houthout forest. The fighting front covered a distance of about a mile and a half, with the French operating on the northern and the British on the southern end. ... The attack began as usual early in the morning, after a heavy bombardment of the German positions and apparently the allies met with only slight resistance.



MILITARY EXPERTS DO NOT EXPECT WINTER TO HALT GREAT OFFENSIVE OF ALLIES AGAINST GERMAN FORCES

Do Not Believe That Forces in the West Will Seek Winter Quarters This Year, But Believe That Haig and His Allies Will Continue Their Drive Against the Huns—American Forces in France in Splendid Fighting Trim, Is Declared.

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SPECIAL AUDIT OF MAJOR PETERSON'S ACCOUNTS TO SEEK ALLEGED SHORTAGE

Preliminary Audit Indicates Shortage of Over Seven Thousand Dollars. CHANCE TO EXPLAIN.

NORWEGIAN NEWSPAPERS BITTERLY DENOUNCE THE ATTACK ON MERCHANTMEN

Characteristic of German Brutality and Cowardice, Says Verdens Gang. MURDEROUS ATTACK.

CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 22.—The Norwegian newspapers bitterly denounce the "murderous attack" of the Germans in the convoy action last week in the North sea. ... "It was the most dastardly deed any navy can boast of," says The Tidens Telegram "it outrivals all other German crimes."

COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL RE-OPEN RATE CASE FOR EASTERN RAILROADS

Is Response to Plea of Eastern Roads for Some Relief. OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The interstate commerce commission tonight responded to the plea of eastern railroads for financial relief by re-opening the fifteen per cent. rate advance case, so far as these carriers are concerned. The first hearing was set for November 5 here. ... In so doing the commission acted practically on its own initiative dismissing as "in error" a suggestion made by the carriers at the conference here last week to the effect that the fifteen per cent. case be "continued for at least six days."

COASTWISE SHIPPING IS FORMALLY OPENED

Shipping Board Authorizes Licensing to Practically All Registered Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—America's coastwise trade was formally opened to foreign shipping today by a resolution of the shipping board ordering the licensing for such trade of both foreign-built vessels under the United States flag and vessels of foreign register. ... This action, taken upon authority to suspend provisions of existing law granted by congress during the closing days of the war session, will serve the double purpose of replacing American tonnage withdrawn for overseas service and of relieving many foreign ships of the wasteful necessity of moving between American ports empty or partially laden.

DECISION RESERVED IN THE LIVINGOOD CASE

Court Martial Hears Evidence Against the Young Aviation Student.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The court-martial at the headquarters of the department of the east reserved decision today after listening to evidence in the trial of Samuel O. Livingood, twenty-four years old, an aviation student at Princeton, on a charge of having in his possession poison with intent to injure others. Livingood denied the accusation and affirmed his loyalty to the United States. ... Livingood testified he tried once to commit suicide while a clerk at the Panama canal, but failed. This cost him his position, he said, and he returned to the United States and began a course in chemistry at the University of Michigan. ... NO MEAT ON TUESDAYS.

FIVE HUNDRED MECHANICS VICTIMS OF BIG SWINDLE

Paid Employment Bureau \$3 Each for Place in Airplane Factory.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—Police were called out tonight to take charge of 523 mechanics who arrived here today on a special train from Newark, N. J., and a \$3 fee each to get jobs in an airplane factory here. ... It is understood that the Mexican government is contemplating obtaining the \$5,000,000 in gold which it would have received in payment for the silver pesos in another manner, not made public. Gold is badly needed in Mexico, where the minted gold coin is scarce, and the plans now understood to be under consideration involve relief from this situation by a wider margin than the \$5,000,000 which would have been exported from this country.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEXICAN PESOS DECLARED OFF

Market Price of Silver Now Below That to Have Been Paid. MEXICO NEEDS GOLD.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Negotiations under which this government had agreed to purchase six million Mexican silver pesos from the Mexican government, to be melted and coined into subsidiary silver, were declared off today. ... It is understood that the Mexican government is contemplating obtaining the \$5,000,000 in gold which it would have received in payment for the silver pesos in another manner, not made public. Gold is badly needed in Mexico, where the minted gold coin is scarce, and the plans now understood to be under consideration involve relief from this situation by a wider margin than the \$5,000,000 which would have been exported from this country.

SENATOR OVERMAN SAYS AMERICA IS GOING TO WIN WAR

Urges People to Aid the Cause by Buying Liberty Bonds Now. DENOUNCES KAISER IN SCATHING TERMS North Carolina Senator Charms Great Audience at Court House.

For fifty-five minutes last night Senator Lee S. Overman held his audience at the court house "in the hollow of his hand," stirring its emotions to unfeigned depths and arousing in it a spirit of determination to stand fully behind the government in its present crisis. ... Mayor Rankin, chairman, opened the meeting with a brief, though fitting, outline of the purpose of the meeting. He said that the meeting had been called to arouse a little more enthusiasm in the interest of the bonds. ... During the course of his remarks Mr. Britt stated that when he read in the morning paper of the sinking of (Continued on Page Two.)

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