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LIBERTY LOAN OVERSUBSCRIBED
U. S. TROOPS ARE FACING BOCHES

AMERICAN TROOPS FACE TO FACE WITH GERMAN FORCES IN FIRST LINE TRENCHES

Nation Thrills as Word Comes Over the Wires that Khaki-clad Boys Are Actually Taking Part In Developments on Western Front—Officials Silent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The nation was thrilled today by word that American troops at last were face to face with the Germans across No Man's land.

The absolute silence with which Secretary Baker and war department officials greeted the news, however, showed that although the movement into the trenches had been expected at any time, it was regarded only as the final phase of the men's training.

No Official Report. The silence of Secretary Baker indicated that no official report of the occupation of the trenches had been received.

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BRYAN DECLARES PEOPLE WILL STAND BEHIND THE PRESIDENT AND NATION

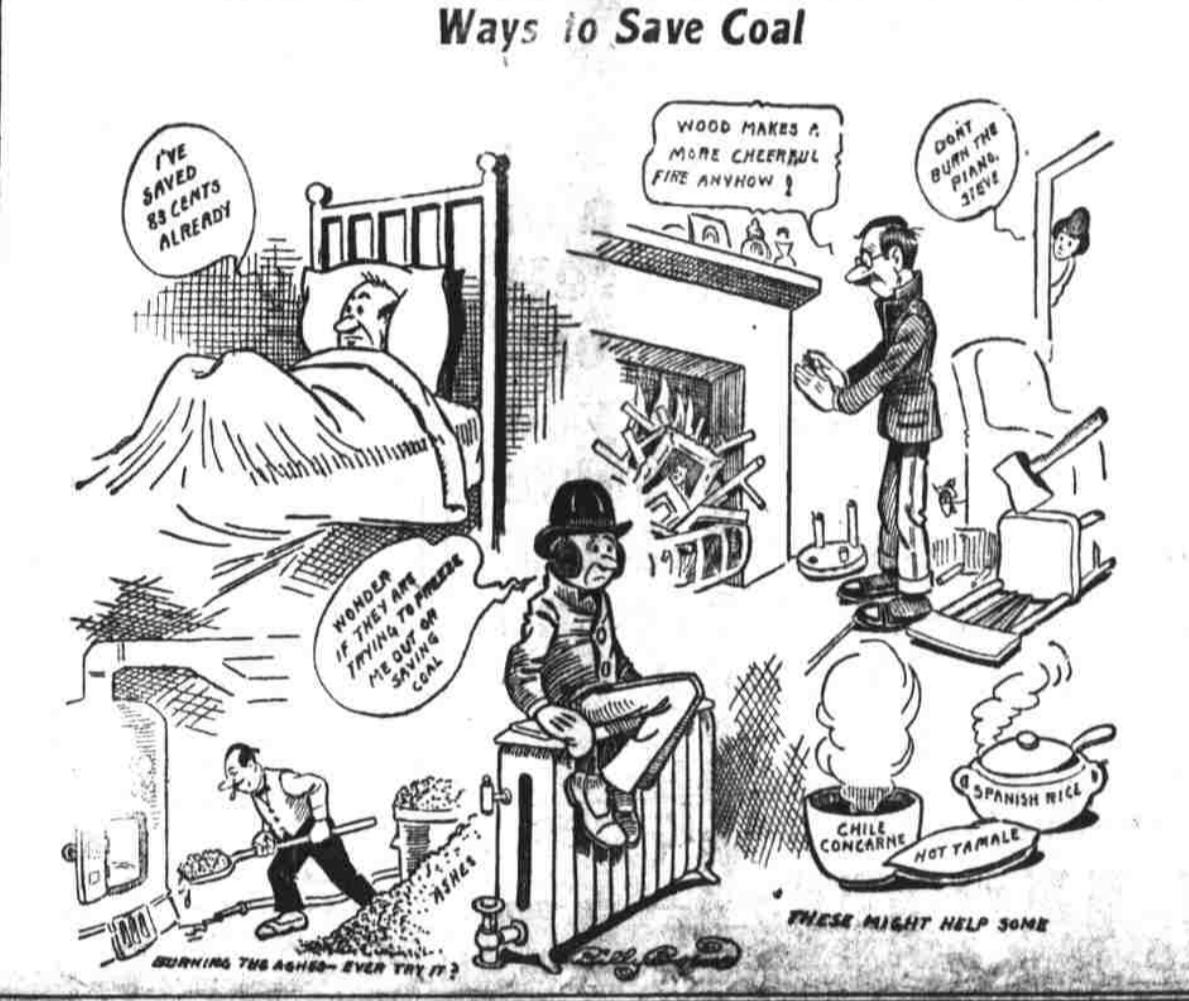
Nation Has Gone Into War From Sense of Right He Says. AT SPARTANBURG.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 27.—Speaking tonight to an audience which packed the big army Y. M. C. A. tent in Camp Wadsworth, William Jennings Bryan declared that the people of the country would stand behind the president and congress and support them in supporting the army.

PRESIDENT GRANTS AN INCREASE IN PRICES OF COAL TO ALL OPERATORS

Designed to Offset Increases in Wages Granted to Miners. CONSUMER IS HIT.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Wilson tonight granted an increase of forty-five cents a ton in the price of bituminous coal at virtually all the mines in the country, effective at 7 o'clock Monday morning.



VIRTUALLY ENTIRE AUSTRIAN ARMY WITH HEAVY GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS FACING ITALIANS ON ISONZO FRONT

Field Marshal Von Mackensen in Command of Central Powers in Greatest Offensive Since the Beginning of the War—Ability of Italians to Hold Mountain Passes Will Decide Ultimate Fate of Rich Italian Provinces.

ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN FRANCE, Friday, Oct. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Virtually the entire Austrian army, reinforced by heavy German contingents, conducted by the redoubtable Field Marshal von Mackensen, is now facing the Italian army in the greatest offensive since the beginning of the war.

The Italian forces were comparatively small at these outermost limits of their lines and the advancing wave succeeded in crossing the Isonzo with comparatively little obstruction.

The whole operation now pivots on the possibility of Von Mackensen driving through these passes, where the city of Cividale is the first important place leading to the rich and level plain.

GERMANS SINK GUNBOAT EBER TO BLOCK SEIZURE

Brazilian Torpedo Boat Destroyers Had Been Ordered to Seize Vessel.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 27.—The Germans today set on fire and sank the German gunboat Eber, 984 tons, which has been lying at the port of Bahia, fearing seizure of the gunboat by the Brazilian authorities.

WHOLESALE PRICES ARE TO BE REGULATED

They Pay and Not by Market Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Wholesalers' profits in war-time, at least on non-perishable foods, should be governed by the prices they actually pay and not by prevailing market conditions, the food administration has decreed in special regulations.

DEMENTED MAN SHOTS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

Carl White Becomes Violently Demented and Commits Triple Tragedy.

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 27.—Carl White, aged about thirty years, becoming violently demented today, shot and killed his wife and two small children at his home eight miles from here.

NOTABLE SPEAKERS

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 27.—For the eighteenth annual session of the State Literary and Historical association in Raleigh November 20-21, Dr. Paul B. Barringer, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, will speak November 20, on "The Influence of Adverse Conditions on the Early History of North Carolina."

CAMP GORDON WINS

ATLANTA, Oct. 27.—The Camp Gordon football eleven easily defeated Camp Hancock (Augusta) here today, 26 to 0.

ASHEVILLE AND AMERICA OVERSUBSCRIBE QUOTA TO THE SECOND LIBERTY LOAN

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LIBERTY LOAN ARE OVER MAXIMUM

Five Billion Mark Will Be Passed, Treasury Officials Say.

BANKS ARE SWAMPED BY MAZE OF FIGURES

Indications Are That Subscriptions Will Go Well Beyond Maximum.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Liberty loan apparently has passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark.

DISTRICT AGAIN SMASHES RECORD ON LIBERTY LOAN

Subscriptions of \$1,666,800 Reported Through the Asheville Committees.

MILLION DOLLARS THE QUOTA ALLOTTED

Asheville District Oversubscribes Maximum by More Than Half.

There is great rejoicing today in Asheville and in all the loyal communities throughout the county with the realization that not only has the million dollar subscription requested by the government been raised, but in addition six hundred and sixty-six thousand, eight hundred dollars, to

OFFICIAL TOUR OVER THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY WILL START TUESDAY MORNING

Party Will Travel Eastern Route and Return by Western.

RICHMOND START.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The start of the official tour of the Bankhead highway over the eastern route through Richmond from Washington to Atlanta will be made Tuesday morning, it was announced here tonight.

MAJOR PETERSON WILL RETURN TO RALEIGH TO STRAIGHTEN SHORTAGE

Writes Governor Bickett That He Will Arrive After November 1.

HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 27.—Governor Bickett received this evening a letter from Major George L. Peterson, of the quartermasters' department, Thirteenth division, Camp Sevier, Greenville, to the effect that he will get to Raleigh just as soon after November 1, as he possibly can to straighten out the matter of the alleged shortage of Major Peterson's accounts as property and disbursing officer North Carolina National guards, recently resigned.

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