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UNITED STATES PLANS THOUSANDS OF VESSELS

Campaign of Colossal Proportions to Break Down Submarine Warfare Unfolded by President Wilson—Whole Nation to Build Ships—Will Save Allies From Starvation.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—A campaign of colossal proportions to break down the German submarine blockade and bring the entente supplied with food and ammunition has been determined upon by President Wilson after a thorough study of the situation.

Unable now to send an army into the trenches, the president believes the United States can do an even greater service in the common cause against Germany by providing a great armada of merchantmen to invade the Atlantic coast of the enemy, about which have been notified the fading hopes of the German blockade.

For weeks it has been at work on such a plan, but not until today was it revealed on how great a scale the task has been projected and how the American government would support its object.

Quickly ordered wooden ships of 2,000 tons and upward are to be made up of the best of merchantmen and to insure maximum construction, the shipping board has enlisted the country's entire shipbuilding facilities, now the greatest in the world. For the first time the production will be 1,000.

Mr. General Geo. W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, has been selected to supervise the construction program which is expected to involve within the next year a total tonnage of 6,000,000 tons, or more than 50 building now in all the shipyards of the world.

Built for the most part of pine and fir, the ships will range from 2,000 to 5,000 tons. Most of them will be equipped with oil burners and will be armed.

An average cost of about \$300,000 per ship is estimated. Each will carry a crew of about 30 men.

The first of the vessels is to be ready in about six months and at the end of the first year the number is expected to pass 1,000. Such a number, officials estimate, will make it impossible to starve the entente.

In their calculation the president and the shipping board have had the advice of allied naval authorities and have had the benefit of their information on submarines.

They are convinced that by building ships of only 2,000 tons or 3,500 tons and forcing Germany to pay with a torpedo for each ship sent to the bottom, the United States can force Germany to dissipate her resources in a fruitless undertaking.

The German resources can further be dissipated by cutting the American merchantmen through hundreds of sea lanes in the ocean. If the submarine campaign is not given up after Germany has learned the hopelessness of starving the allies, other steps can be taken.

TO PRESERVE FOLK SONGS OF COUNTRY

(By Associated Press) New Orleans, La., April 12.—Preservation of the folk music of America, the songs of the vanishing types of people who are being destroyed by the music of the city, is the main object of the music festival of the general Federation of Women's clubs, at the annual meeting of the federation today.

The songs of the Louisiana creole, the plantation negro of the south, the three musketeers of the Mexican people and the wild songs of the western cowboy, the plaintive melody of the mountaineers of Tennessee and Kentucky, as well as the more familiar ballads of the North American and Mrs. Steele. "This is a work for the women's clubs as well as the department of education of the United States government."

Mrs. Steele advocated also a more intimate acquaintance with the music of American composers.

"The music club is the guardian of the music in its town, and should see that it is taught in every school, as an accredited study by the very best equipped musician in the community," declared Mrs. Steele. "The music club is also the guardian of the town musical records. The music played in the theatres, the picture shows, parks and sometimes, we realize, the type of music used in the Sunday schools, and church services might be improved."

"Community singing is sweeping the land. This is the great opportunity for the women's club, for, all our greatest musical educational work and development of choral societies and orchestras, the coming in of the home of more and better mu-

BULGARIA AFTER SEPARATE PEACE

(By Associated Press) London, April 12.—Reports from a Swiss source have been received in Rome that the Bulgarian minister at Bern has made overtures to the entente ministers with a view to the conclusion of a separate peace, says an Exchange telegram from Rome.

Similar advices regarding Bulgaria were sent by the Exchange Telegram representative at Lusanne. He reports that the Gazette of that city states it has learned that semi-official Bulgarian delegates are in Switzerland to get in touch with entente diplomats.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL (By Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—William F. Pitts of Birmingham, Ala., was nominated to be assistant attorney general today.

Call Issued for 500,000 Volunteers for Regular Army and National Guard

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—The war department prepared today to issue instructions to recruiting officers which will be in effect a call for 500,000 volunteers to fill up the regular army and the existing units of the national guard.

All recruits enlisted since the declaration of war and those to be enlisted hereafter will be notified that they will be discharged at the close of the war, putting them on the same footing as men raised for the duration of the war.

A total of 4,355 already have been enrolled in the regular army who will come under such a status. This number of recruits was accepted during the first ten days after war was declared.

By this plan, while absorbing the voluntary spirit of the country, the feasibility of depending entirely on volunteers will be demonstrated. Army officers are certain that it will show congress where there are some doubts as to selective conscription that volunteers will not fill the ranks.

Mass Meeting Tonight in Interest of Food Crops Will be Well Attended

Indications point to a large attendance at the mass meeting at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 tonight in the interest of food production in this section and every man and woman in Hickory and surrounding country is invited to be present.

Addresses will be made by Mr. Homer Mask, county demonstrator, the teachers of the Startown farm life school, Mr. W. J. Shuford, Mr. John W. Robinson and others. The importance of food production will be stressed by men who know what they are talking about.

Governor Bickett urges the people of North Carolina to utilize every available acre in the production of food crops. This state and other southern states have been drawing heavily on western states for supplies ever since the War Between the Sections, but next fall the demand for food will be so heavy in the east that prices will be out of reach unless the whole country does its part.

The United States must help feed its allies in the world war. If they are not fed, they will be beaten and the Prussian dream of world empire may be realized.

Every man and woman in Hickory and this section has an opportunity to serve humanity. Attend the meeting tonight and learn.

President Clark Issues Appeal in Behalf of Fair for Bumper Food Crops

To the Farmers of Catawba and Surrounding Counties: As president of the Catawba County Fair Association, I appeal to you to make every preparation possible to multiply the yield of your acres as much as possible. This should appeal to your patriotism as well as your self interest. The country at large will need all the food stuffs it can get, and you will get top notch prices for all you can produce. Whole salers have already contracted for next winter the stock of corn goods at the prevailing high prices so get ready to preserve all the extra grain vegetables you can raise for next winter's consumption. To illustrate this point I will point to this one fact that for the first time in the history of the growth of soya beans here that product has been brought up. That product has been marketed as canned pork and beans. Let your slogan be as green vegetables, (can what you can, and eat what you can't can.)

As an extra inducement if such be

BRAZIL WILL NOT ARRAS CONFLICT TO BE GREAT BATTLE

(By the Associated Press) Rio Janeiro, April 12.—It is believed here that the government will confine itself for the present to the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and that a declaration of war will not be issued for the immediate future. A decision as to the seizure of German ships in Brazilian waters has not been made.

(By the Associated Press) London, April 12.—The Arras conflict will develop shortly into the greatest battle of the war was the prediction made by Major General Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly interview with the Associated Press correspondents.

General Maurice declared the offensive was being conducted according to plans completed in February, thereby contravening German claims that their retreat had upset the British schedule and that the Teutonic military authorities controlled the situation.

The British losses during the first two days of the offensive were only half of those sustained during the same period of the Somme offensive, General Maurice said.

TWO ARE KILLED IN POWDER EXPLOSION

(By the Associated Press) Philadelphia, April 12.—An accidental explosion of powder in the government arsenal at Frankford, a suburb, where ammunition is being manufactured in great quantities, today killed two men. They were the only occupants of the small structure in which the explosion occurred.

WHEAT SOLD TODAY AT \$2.16 PER BUSHEL

Chicago, April 12.—Assertion that expert business was being done on a much larger scale than public announcement would indicate today led to a new high record in wheat. May delivery reached a new record, \$2.16, a rise of 7-14 to 7-12 cents above yesterday's finish.

100 MEN FOR GUARD; JOIN COMPANY A

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—Army department commanders have been ordered to resume recruiting national guard organizations to the peace strength of the regular army, 100 men.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES (By the Associated Press) New York, April 12.—There was a renewal of scattering liquidation in the cotton market today. The opening was steady at an advance of three points to a decline of six months. May and July sold off about 16 to 17 points net lower while October declined seven points under last night's close.

	Open	Close
May	20.35	20.65
July	19.85	20.27
October	18.64	19.00
December	18.73	19.06
January	18.78	19.06

HICKORY MARKETS Cotton -----20c Wheat -----2.40

CHICAGO WHEAT (By the Associated Press) Chicago, April 12.—Rains in Kansas and Oklahoma today temporarily eased down new crop deliveries of wheat. After opening, with May at 2.08 1-2 to 2.11 and July at 1.79 1-2 to 1.80 1-2, the market rose all around to well above yesterday's close.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers late tonight or Friday. Cooler Friday, moderate variable winds.

"KAISER RIGHT" BRITISH PRESS FORWARD DESPITE BAD WEATHER

Two Important Positions Stormed by Haig's Men - French Furnish Entertainment on Their End and at Same Time Straighten Out Line in Champagne

(By Associated Press) London, April 12.—Addressing the American luncheon club today Premier Lloyd George said that the entrance of America into the war had given the final stamp and seal to the conflict which is a struggle against militarism in Europe.

The premier said he was not surprised that America had taken time to make up her mind as regards the issue of the war, because Americans were cognizant that the monarchies of Europe had waged wars for aggrandizement and conquest.

Early in the war, Mr. Lloyd George continued, the United States did not comprehend what had been endured from the military east in Prussia. Saying that Russia was not a democracy and referring to the emperor's promise to reform after the war, Mr. Lloyd George said: "I think the kaiser is right."

IMPORTANT MEET AT SOUTH SCHOOL

The Parent-Teacher Association of the south school will hold an important meeting tomorrow afternoon in the school building and every member is urged to be present. Visitors will be given a cordial welcome. Dr. C. L. Hunsucker, city health officer, will discuss health conditions and give some valuable pointers.

This association has been doing good work and the members have found the meetings helpful, not only in respect to a better understanding in the teaching of children, but in those matters of caring for children, physically and spiritually.

RALEIGH TO STAGE BIG DEMONSTRATION

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, April 12.—Thousands of persons are expected to participate tonight in the first organized patriotic demonstration here. Patriotic organizations, Spanish-American veterans, 1,000 college students, including several hundred students of Shaw University, a colored school, will take part in the demonstration.

Arrangements have been made for the participation of negro citizens and organizations and negro leaders say their race will be well represented.

Governor Thomas Rye of Tennessee is to be the principal speaker at the parade.

CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN PROVES BIG SUCCESS

The city trash wagons are being worked steadily Wednesday and today hauling off the trash that has been placed in easy access and more than 15 loads had been removed by noon today. The wagons finished with the second ward this morning and started in on the third. The fourth will be visited Friday.

Everybody is cooperating heartily, City Manager Ballou said today, and the campaign that will end Saturday afternoon promises to be the most successful ever conducted.

Persons living in the fourth ward are reminded that the wagons will be around tomorrow. Trash should be placed on the sidewalk.

SECURING RECRUITS FOR REGULAR ARMY

Sergeant Roy Black, in charge of the United States army recruiting station here, has sent off 16 men since the station was opened a little more than a month ago. Yesterday he sent away to the army six young men, five white and one colored. Walter Medlock, Joe Moffett, Adlai Loderick and Clarence Faulkner of Morganton will join the field artillery and William Clark of Morganton the coast artillery corps. Pestus Crummer, a negro who came here from Alabama, has joined the infantry.

Private Vernon C. Elliott of the local station has arranged to spend most of next week at Morganton. He returned from there this afternoon and reported progress.

The local station was authorized yesterday to enlist colored men and it is believed that many applications will be received. The restrictions have been lowered and it is not so difficult to stand the examination as in peace times.

POST K WILL MEET AT HOTEL SATURDAY NIGHT

Members of Post K, T. P. A., will meet Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Hotel Hafford and all are requested to attend.

BIG WAR COUNCIL PROMISED IN CAPITAL

Washington, April 12.—Assembly in Washington within a few weeks of a great international war council was foreshadowed by an announcement from the state department that a British commission, headed by Arthur J. Balfour, minister of foreign affairs, is expected to arrive within 10 days to discuss with the government here questions connected with the conduct of the war. In addition to the foreign minister, the commission will include Admiral de Chair, of the British navy, General Bridges, of the Army, and the governor of the Bank of England, attended by a numerous staff.

This was as far as the announcement made by the state department goes, but it was learned authoritatively that a French commission composed of officials and officers equally as distinguished as the British representatives also will be in Washington about the same time. This commission will be headed by M. Viviani, the present minister of justice in the French cabinet and formerly premier.

It is not known definitely whether any other of the allied powers will send commissioners to Washington, but it is assumed that, owing to the difficulties in passage and the probable delay, the interests of these governments will be confined to their resident ambassadors.

Beyond the statement that the object of the commission is to discuss generally questions of policy connected with the war, no information was made clear that in no way will the United States government depart from the traditional policy of avoiding anything in the nature of political alliances, though, of course, that does not include full and intimate military and naval cooperation in the prosecution of the war.

While it is by no means certain there will be a joint meeting of the visiting commissions, if the state department should desire to avoid the appearance of an alliance, there is certain to be concert of action in some way.

The conference is stated to have been sought by the allied leaders themselves in order to discuss every phase of the war. The caliber of the men sent, particularly Foreign Secretary Balfour, who is remembered here most warmly for his earnest endorsement of President Wilson's plan for world federation to insure peace, and Minister of Justice Viviani, one of the first half dozen statesmen of France, is very gratifying to officials.

One of the first questions to be taken up will be the distribution of the \$3,000,000,000 loan to the allies for which President Wilson has asked congress to provide.

The great problem before the conference is stated to be the maintenance of the flow of American munitions and food supplies to Europe. This will be sought first by naval cooperation to fight the German submarine; second, by construction of a huge fleet of wooden merchantmen to negate its destructiveness, and, third, by ways and means to increase American manufacture and the allies' ability to pay for the products.

Naval cooperation is understood to contemplate the policing of all North and South American waters by the return of the British and French vessels engaged in that work, and the safeguarding by American ships of at least part of the sealane to Europe.

MORE TRENCHES ARE TAKEN BY BRITISH

(By Associated Press) London, April 12.—About 1,000 yards of trenches south of Farnbus woods in the region southeast of Vimy were captured by the British this morning, the war office announced. The British yesterday took 11 additional guns.

WILL GIVE BANQUET FOR GRAND INSPECTOR

The visit of Mr. R. C. Dunn of Enfield, inspector general of the grand commandery, will be an occasion of interest for the large number of Knights in Hickory and vicinity and a Masonic reception and banquet will be held for his honor tonight. Hickory commandery, No. 17, Knights Templar, never does things by halves and the convales tonight will be an occasion of much interest.

EXPERTS CONTINUE WORK ON ANALYSIS

(By the Associated Press) Chester, Pa., April 12.—Experts today continued analysis of powder in the shrapnel shells at the works of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation with the hope of establishing the cause of the explosion which killed 122 persons Tuesday.

There is a theory that if the plant was destroyed by enemies, a tiny capsule must have been dropped into one of the shells.

TO PLAY DAVIDSON HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Lenoir College will play Davidson College here next Tuesday afternoon at 3.30, definite arrangements having been completed today. The game originally was scheduled for Monday, but as the university team has abandoned part of its contests, Davidson desires to play that team in Charlotte on Monday and the Lenoir authorities selected another date. It is expected that the game here Tuesday will be the best game of the season.

WEBB IS CAPTURED AT BADIN TODAY

(By Associated Press) Charlotte, April 12.—H. Grady Webb, train robber who was transported to the Atlanta prison from West Virginia and who escaped from the officers in the yards here one night last week, was captured today at Badin, near Salisbury. Webb will be taken to Atlanta today.

NEW YORK PLANS EXACT WAR CENSUS

(By the Associated Press) New York, April 12.—New York state next month will take a careful census of all women and men between the ages of 16 and 64 to ascertain their availability for war service. Citizens will be directed to enroll at 6,000 offices to be established in the state.