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RUSSIA WILL FIGHT AGAINST GERMANY

BOLSHEVIKI OFFICE DECLARES THAT RECRUITING OF SOCIALIST ARMY IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL ENEMY TROOPS

GERMANS MUST REVOLT TO GET FOOD

By Shaplen
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Petrograd, Feb. 19.—Russia will fight, the Bolsheviki foreign office told the United Press today. If the German advance against Russia they will be declared counter revolutionists and will be fought like Alexieff and Kaladine. It was stated the recruiting of the socialist army was enormous.
No trade relations with Germany was possible, the foreign office declared, and the Germans will get food only when they revolt and join the Russian proletariat.

WOMEN DESIGN NAVY SHIPS

(By United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—A revolution in marine history is threatened as a result of the Navy Department's need for ship, engine and boiler draftsmen.
"Women can now help design ships for the United States Navy," is announced by the Women's Division of War Work. Examination of women ship draftsmen has begun by the United States Civil Service Commission.

CONFERENCE ON SCHOOL SUPT.

This morning a number of leading business men met the school trustees to talk over the matter of school superintendent, and the discussion took more than two hours.

The entire discussion was agreeable, the trustees meeting the citizens in a fair and open spirit, and informally the question was discussed.

Many points were brought out of benefit to both of the parties, and the citizens were unable to speak of the situation as they saw it and emphasized wherein improvements could be made.

As the trustees were not asked to pledge themselves to any course of action it would not be becoming to report the speeches of either the members of the trustees or the various citizens, but it was felt by all that the discussion had done good inasmuch as the trustees were advised of the several points in connection with the school the past year that has displeased parents of the scholars.

It was not stated whether or not the trustees would vote on the school superintendent at tonight's meeting or not, nor did the people try to influence them except that the trustees might be informed as to the conditions that have existed.

GERMAN U-BOAT MENACE FIASCO

(By United Press)
New York, Feb. 19.—The German people realize that their submarine warfare has failed and are staking all in their army, according to Dr. N. Davis, of Piqua, Ohio, the Kaiser's personal dentist, who left Germany on Jan. 23.

WAINE PLANT WRECKED TODAY

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paterson, Feb. 19.—Three explosion shook Paterson and broke the windows here today.
It is reported that the explosion occurred at the Waine Powder Works near here, and it is stated that three men were injured, and the Waine plant destroyed.

THIRD AIRRAID OVER LONDON

(By United Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—No casualties and no damage occurred in the air raid last night over London, Lord French announced.
This is the third raid attack in England on successive nights.
The other two resulted in the total casualties of twenty-seven killed and forty one injured.

STRIKE LEADER JOINS BOARD

Washington, Feb. 19.—William Hutchinson, leader of the striking woodworkers of the eastern shipyards will be appointed to the shipping board wage adjustment commission.
This is the latest development today in the government's move to prevent further walkouts in the shipyards.

EIGHT INJURED ABOARD MOTANA

(By United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Eight men were injured when a cartridge case exploded on the U. S. Ship Montana during target practice, the navy department announces today. The names of the men and the date of the explosion was not given.

10000 MINERS OUT IN ALABAMA

(By United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Fuel Administrator Garfield ordered Rembrandt Peale, of Birmingham Alabama, to take action in the coal strike which is tying up mining in the Alabama fields.
Peale will personally represent Doctor Garfield there in trying to bring the miners and operators together.
The report to the fuel administrator indicated that ten thousand miners are on strike in these coal fields.

GET WOOD CUT FOR WINTER

Washington, Feb. 19.—The fuel administration has sent out a warning to the small towns of North Carolina, those town that have wood suitable for stoves, that they had better get to cutting wood this month and next as it was most unlikely there would be much coal allowed down in these sections, if any, for domestic purposes.
Labor is short, they say, and more and more demands are being made for coal with the immense munition plants and factories nearing completion, that there seems little possibility of any coal reaching the small towns of North Carolina, either this summer or next winter.

TROOPS CALM AWAIT IMPENDING BATTLE

BRITISH ARMIES ON WESTERN FRONT RESOLUTELY STAND READY FOR THE AWFUL IMPACT WHICH TREATENS THEM

MEN WITH JAWS SET ARE UNAFFAID

PEOPLE OF STATE ARE NOT SAVERS

That something is wrong with North Carolina in that she has the lowest per capita wealth of any State in the Union, except Mississippi, is the conclusion reached by Gilbert T. Stephenson, Director of Service for the War Savings Committee of North Carolina, after a close study of the figures which represent North Carolina's total accumulated wealth compared with the value of her annual production. According to Mr. Stephenson, North Carolina's wealth is \$2,000,000,000 while she produces every year the sum of \$500,000,000. This means he says, that the state produces every four years as much wealth as she has been able to accumulate in 250 years.

That we are a people who waste and spend unnecessarily Mr. Stephenson doesn't hesitate to say. He has facts to prove it. The average wealth per family in North Carolina, he says is \$845., or \$169 per capita. Recent surveys show that a fair standard of living calls for \$709 per family or \$142 per capita. This leaves a surplus of \$136 per family or \$27 per capita, which is far above that required by an efficient standard of living.

"If every individual," says Mr. Stephenson, "will save his \$27, this year and lend to the Government only \$16.72 of that amount, which he has been asked to do by the Government by purchasing War Savings Stamps, United States Government Bonds, North Carolina then will have no trouble in raising her \$50,000,000, the amount apportioned her for financing the War." This, Mr. Stephenson thinks the people will do, and believes that from this year on North Carolina will become a State of savers and will leave her unenviable position at bottom of the list of savers.

CONGRESS SPEEDS UP R. R. BILL

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Speeding up has been insisted upon by war leaders in congress, who demand that full steam be applied to get the railroad control bill passed by the senate which will vote on the bill on Thursday in spite of Senator Poindexter's objection which blocked an agreement setting five o'clock as the time for the final voting.
Poindexter withdrew his objection when he was assured that time would be given to the debate of the amendments.
The house takes up this bill today.

UNCLE SAM WANTS 18 BILLION

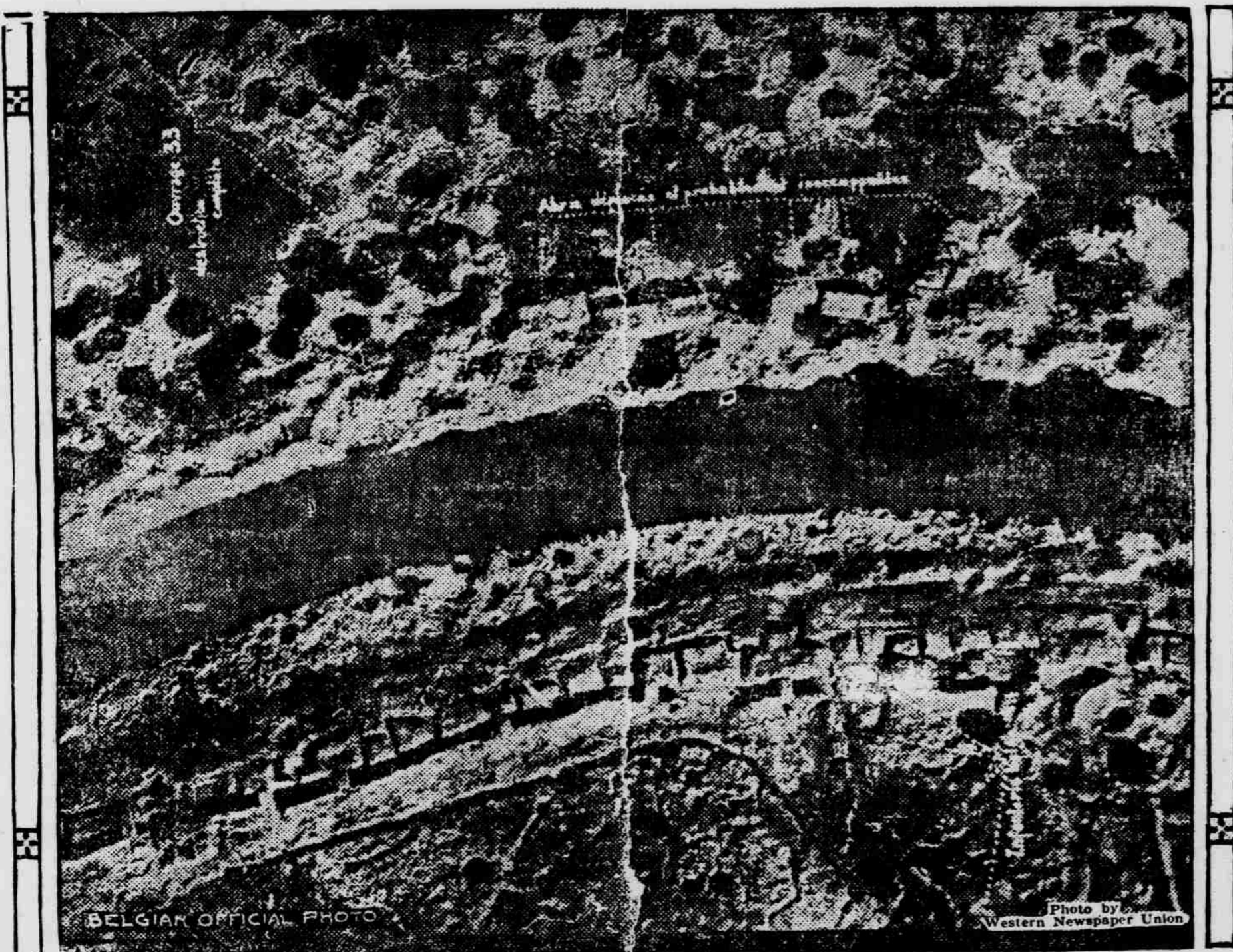
Washington, Feb. 19.—The greatest financial drive in this country's history is underway today to obtain today to obtain over eighteen billion dollars for government expenses this year.
According to the estimates of the Treasury department, the United States will spend over \$53,000,000 every day during 1918 the greatest portion to be spent to run the war.
It is expected that the third Liberty loan will net the government far above four billion dollars.

INTERNAL REVENUE RETURNS FOR 1918 WILL SHOW \$3,400,000,000 AS COMPARED WITH THE \$809,393,640 COLLECTED DURING 1917 ACCORDING TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

The total internal revenue returns for 1918 will equal one third of the total revenue of the entire world two years ago.
Excess profits will bring in \$1,200,000,000. The next largest amount \$650,000,000 will come from the personal income tax. The pennies that are paid with nickels and dimes for admission to movies and from dues paid to club treasurers will net \$50,000,000. The picturesque Virgin islands, lately acquired, will furnish its share of the revenue—\$20,000.

Out of this vast sum to be raised by internal revenue only \$750,000,000 represents the revenue of the commodities taxed under the old law. The remainder will be the tangible results of the revenue act of October 3, 1917.

AERIAL VIEW OF DESTROYED GERMAN COMMUNICATION TRENCHES



This photograph shows a view of destroyed German communication trenches after a successful bombardment by the Belgian infantry and artillery. This picture was made by a Belgian aerial observer from a height of several thousand feet.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	30.23	30.77	30.23	30.77
May	29.82	30.40	29.82	30.37
July	29.32	29.87	29.32	29.87
Oct.	28.11	28.66	28.11	28.66
Dec.	27.85	28.42	27.85	28.42

Local Market 29 Cents.

COTTONSEED MARKET.
\$1.08 per bushel in wagon loads.