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SLOGAN: "EVERY ONE FOREACH OTHER AND ALL TOGETHER FOR SCOTLAND NECK."

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LOCAL MEN TAKE PART IN BIG LOAN DRIVE

SCOTLAND NECK AND VICINITY DIVIDED INTO ZONES UNDER SEPARATE COMMITTEES TO SEE EVERY MAN IN DISTRICT

BANKS TO AID FINANCE \$50,000 QUOTA

Scotland Neck business men have been aroused to the necessity of co-operation and organization for the proper distribution of the Liberty Loan, which is now being floated.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the leading men of this community a central committee was appointed to work with the chairman, Mr. J. H. Alexander, Jr. composed of Messrs S. A. Dunn, Ashby W. Dunn, W. E. Smith, H. T. Clark, O. J. Moore and Hugh Johnson.

Last night this committee met and designated zones for the towns, with their respective soliciting committees, as follows:

- Zone No 1. From Strickland's store to Seventh street; committee, Messrs J. A. Kitchin and E. A. Walston.
- Zone No 2. From Seventh to Ninth streets; committee, Messrs. L. M. Pittman and J. L. Allsbrook
- Zone No 3. From Ninth to Eleventh streets; committee, Messrs. C. Frank Burroughs and R. P. Byrd.
- Zone No 4. From Eleventh to Thirteenth streets; committee, Messrs Ray Boyette and R. C. Josey, Jr.
- Zone No 5. From Thirteenth to town limits; committee, Messrs C. H. Herring and C. S. Alexander
- Zone No 6. All of East Scotland Neck; committee, Messrs C. A. Paramore and W. H. McDowell
- Zone No 7. West side of Church street; committee, Messrs N. B. Josey and Frank P. Shields.

For the county, Rural route No 1 will be covered by a committee of four composed of Messrs S. A. Dunn, Lewis B. Suttler, G. Hoffman and J. A. Kitchin.

Route No 2, is in the hands of a committee composed of Messrs J. B. Edwards, T. B. Wheeler, A. W. Dunn, J. D. Hall, R. L. Hardy and R. C. Josey, Sr.

Route No 3, will be handled by a committee composed of Messrs W. E. Smith, C. J. Shields, D. E. Josey and J. L. Josey.

Comocanara township will be handled by a committee composed of Messrs Cleo Vaughan, A. P. Kitchin, J. E. Shields and J. E. Bowers.

Palmyra township will be in charge of Messrs W. H. Newell and H. L. McDowell as committee.

It is the purpose for these country committees to make an intensive canvass of the territory during this week on Wednesday and Friday, and the following weeks of the drive on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Daily reports will be required by the chairman so that the thermometer may be registered in accordance with the amount subscribed daily.

On Friday night, if present plans materialize, a complete report will be tabulated by the chairman, after a meeting with the various committees, which will then be announced at a meeting to be held Saturday at (Continued on back page).

START CLEAN-UP WEEK TOMORROW

Tomorrow, weather permitting, the street force will commence cleaning up the town in accordance with state fire regulations, and also in keeping with sanitary requirements.

Providing rain does not prevent the force will start at Hancock's corner and work up behind the stores on that side of Main street, gathering all rubbish and refuse, and making the back lots presentable, after which the other side of Main street will be attended to in same manner.

The chief of police will notify all storekeepers to have gathered together all refuse behind their stores so that the street force may work expeditiously.

After the business portion of the town has been cleaned up the residential section will be put into zones and on certain days the wagons will appear to gather all refuse that has been placed on the edge of the sidewalk in sound boxes or barrels, not too full to spill over, nor must this refuse be put out until the people are notified through the Commonwealth.

Should the weather be such that this work cannot start tomorrow it will be done the next day and henceforth until finished.

GERMANS CLAIM 2000 PRISONERS

London, April 9.—The retirement of the French south of the Oise to the depth of two miles was reported last night in an official statement from the Berlin foreign office.

The French now hold a line along the north bank of the Ailette river from a point near Aniseyle Chateau northwestward along the river in the neighborhood of the confluence of the Ailette and Oise, near Laucamp, six miles east of Noyon.

The Germans claimed to have captured two thousand prisoners in this region. The Paris war office admits a retirement but declares the enemy were in greatly superior numbers though they suffered heavy losses in proportion.

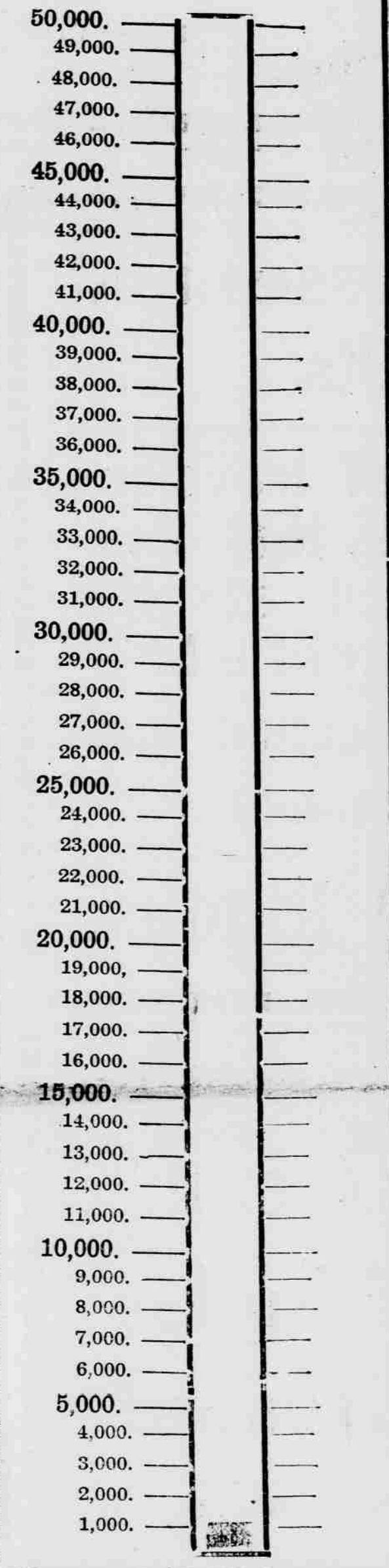
Aside from this front only artillery fighting along the Oise, between Noyon and Montdidier is reported by the French.

A British communique reports hostile artillery activity in different parts of the front especially in the neighborhood of Busquey.

It might be hinted to these patriots who are so patriotically holding onto their earthly possessions, that Liberty Bonds at 4 1/2 per cent will be much attractive than a direct tax.

SCOTLAND NECK'S LIBERTY BOND THERMOMETER

(This will be registered every day to indicate the amount raised as the drive progresses towards the honor mark of \$50,000.)



Cotton Market

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	33.58	33.63	33.58	33.63
July	32.84	32.98	32.84	32.98
Oct.	32.30	32.60	32.53	32.60
Dec.	32.30	32.31	32.30	32.31
Jan.	32.18	32.22	32.18	32.22

Local market 31 cents.

COUNT MIRBACH IN MOSCOW

(By United Press)
Moscow, April 9.—Count Mirbach, the German ambassador to Russia has arrived here this week.

U. S. GOVERNS RUSSIAN R. R.

(By United Press)
Tokio, April 9.—It has been learned that the Chinese eastern railway has negotiated an agreement for American supervision of the road.

FLYERS COLLIDE IN MIDAIR

Dallas, April 9.—Cadet John Insigger of Greenleaf, Colorado, killed, Cadet Earl Zimms, was also slightly injured when they collided in midair. Both men were American flyers.

GERMAN BIG GUN DISCOVERED

Paris, April 9.—The German long range gun which has been bombarding Paris has been located in Creepyntanonnis by French artillery aviators who are bombarding it continuously. Creepyntanonnis is located seventy five miles northeast of Paris.

PLAN FOR FIVE YEARS OF WAR

Chicago, Ill. April 9.—Five years, perhaps ten, is the forecast of business leaders here attending the sixth annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of United States. Counting on certain ultimate, though costly, victory over Germany the organization is planning for the great industrial channels it expects to follow after the war.

GERMAN PROPERTIES SUPPORT BONDS

A. MITCHELL PALMER, ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN HAS ISSUED ORDERS TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS WITH SURPLUS

FAILING DIVIDENDS MUST BE DECLARED

(By United Press)
Washington, April 9.—German properties taken over by the United States will take up a large slice of the Liberty Loan.

Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, has instructed the directors of these properties to either invest all available surplus funds in the bonds or to declare immediate dividends which may be put to such use.

CHATAUQUA MEETING HELD

This morning in the directors room of the Scotland Neck Bank a number of the guarantors of the Community Chautauqua met with the New York representative, Miss Jeanette Totten, elected officers for the ensuing year and the important committees, full details of which will be given in tomorrow's Commonwealth. The Chautauqua here this year as a distinctly patriotic organization, recommended and endorsed by President Wilson and all the heads of the departments of the government that are doing things in this war. The program is stronger in every way than last year, each one of the five days being named after big event of the war, and the speakers coming with spirit to awake our people to a patriotism hitherto unknown. The full program and the constitution of the local Chautauqua will appear in Wednesday's issue.

AM. GUNNERS BEAT U-BOATS

(By United Press)
Washington, April 9.—In twenty minutes of running battle two German submarines, during which many shots were fired on both sides, an American armed guard on the El Exxidente put both U-boats to flight. One of the undersea boats suffered a demolished periscope, which was shot away by American gunners. The fight occurred on Feb. 2

HEAVY FIGHT ON FRENCH FRONT

Paris April 9.—Heavy fighting is reported over a wide portion of the French front, the Paris war office cables. "North of Montdidier, between Montdidier and Noyon there has been a heavy mutual cannonading. Along the left bank of the Oise the artillery fire was intermittent. "South west of Loyoy Cuey, near the forest of Coney le chateau according to orders our troops with drew to organized positions inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Paris April 9.—Two enemy surprise attacks failed near Eparges northwest of Rhiems, in the Chemin des Dames sector where American troops are holding a portion of the line, the French office announces.

North of Bonhomme the German attacks were likewise unsuccessful.

FRENCH CUTS BREAD RATIONS

(By United Press)
Washington, April 9.—France cuts their bread rations by one third so that American wheat may stretch farther, Food Administrator Hoover announced today. The daily bread allowance ranges from three and a half ounces for small children to fourteen ounces for manual laborers. Bread constitutes over one half of the French diet.

RUSSIAN PRESS CONDEMN ALLIES

(By United Press)
Petrograd, April 9.—The Russian press condemns the Japanese landing at Vladivostok, charging that it is an attempt to destroy the Russian revolution and save for foreign economic interests, and prevent the spread of a revolution in Europe. Cadet papers ridicule the announced reason for landing, especially regarding England's participation. The Bolsheviks condemn the allied acquiescence.

SUPREME TEST STILL TO COME

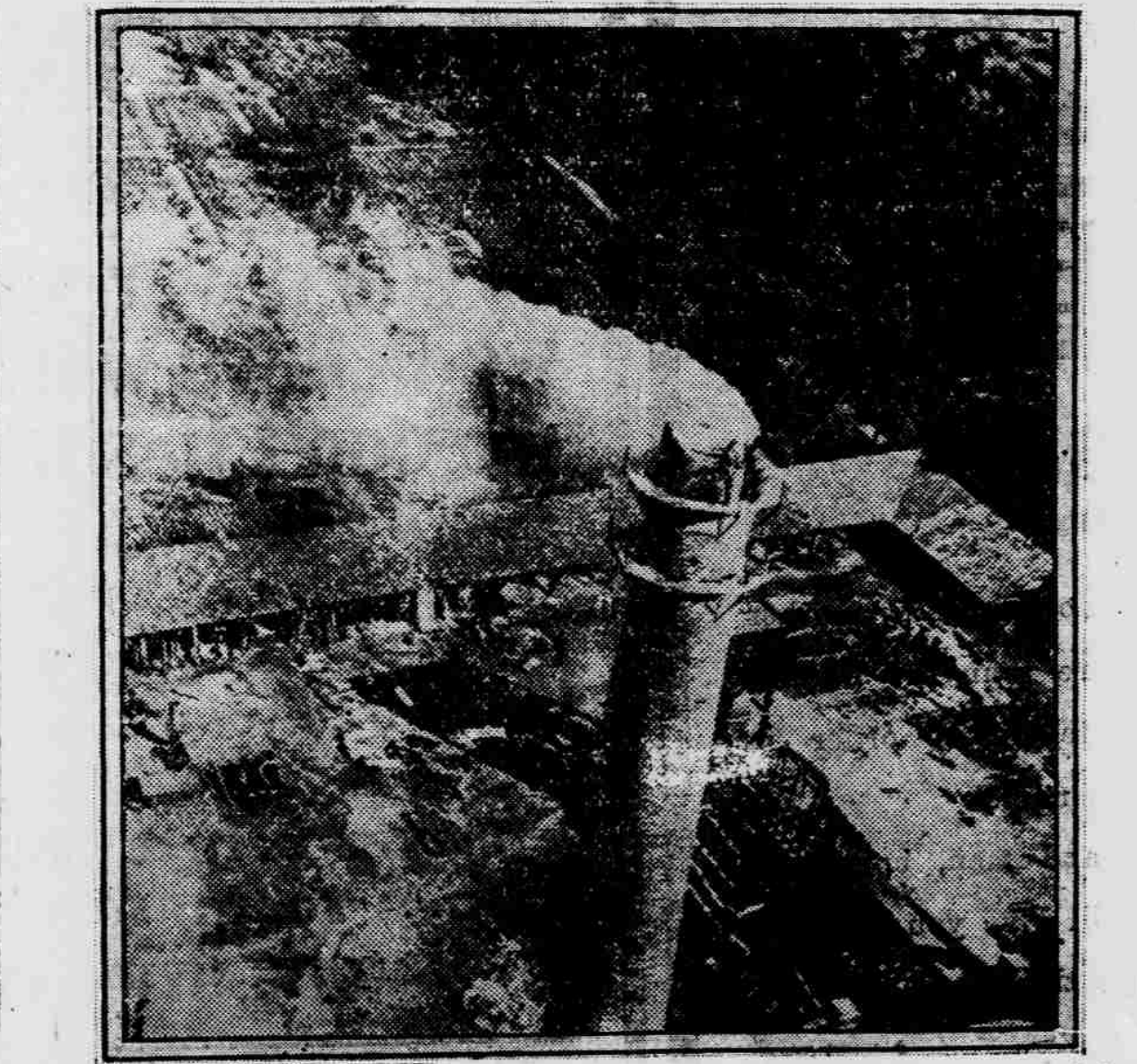
London, April 9.—Premier Lloyd George declared in the House of Commons this afternoon that while the most critical phase of the war is now lull the hurricane is not yet over. "The fate of the British empire of Europe and of Liberty will depend on the success with which the final attack is resisted, which probably will involve extreme sacrifices by the people.

"Until the strain is relieved it will be difficult to ascertain exactly what happened at the beginning.

The German strength on the west front is now about equal to that of the allies."

A New York man has appealed to the courts to compel his wife to keep silence. But where is he going to find a judge with nerve enough to undertake to impose such a sentence?

HOW ALLIED FLYERS BOMB ENEMY MUNITION PLANTS



One reads constantly of Allied flyers raiding German munition factories and that in many cases the airmen were able to drop bombs on the objectives. Often it has happened that, in spite of the heavy firing by the German anti-aircraft gunners, the bombers have been able to bring back positive reports of direct hits.