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## DUTY CALLS LOCAL MEN INTO ACTION

NEED FOR EVERY MAN IN COUNTRY TO STAND BEHIND GOVERNMENT IN CRISIS REASON FOR SUNDAY SPEAKING

### FOUR ADDRESSES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

HEAD OF THE WAR BOARD



Mr. Bernard Baruch recently appointed head of the U. S. War Board.

Sunday afternoon at same hour of four o'clock four rural districts will be visited by local men and speeches made to the people in the interest of concerted action by all citizens of Halifax county to support the country to the fullest extent of their power and means.

This is no time to slack in anything, more especially in patriotism, when the foe is almost knocking at our doors. Every man or woman of our section must show their colors and the man who volunteers to go among the rural communities on Sunday are doing so because they feel it a solemn duty to acquaint the people of present conditions.

At Nahala, where Rev. R. A. Lapsley, of Tarboro, will hold service Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, Mr. Ashby W. Dunn will make an address at four o'clock followed by supporting remarks by Mr. Cleo Vaughan and Rev. Lapsley, who has consented to the committee holding this meeting.

At Dawsons, where Rev. George Johnson holds services, and who is ardently in favor of these addresses being made, Rev. R. A. McFarland will make a patriotic address, supported by Mr. R. G. Shackell and Mr. S. A. Dunn.

At Spring Hill, an address will be made by Rev. Reuben Meredith with supporting remarks by Mr. Frank P. Shields.

At Palmyra, Rev. M. Y. Self will make an address, supported by Messrs Charles J. Shields, Hugh Johnson and L. J. Baker.

All people within miles of any of these points should make a point of being at the speaking for it is not a question of hearing a speech but a duty you owe your country and your family that each should be safeguarded from the universal demon, and none can know the extent of the hazard until he shall know what is going on elsewhere.

The following endorsement of the Sunday meeting has been received from the national chairman of the speakers bureau, for Sunday speaking on patriotism.

"Many communities are holding successful and profitable Patriotic and Liberty Loan meetings on Sunday."

CHARLES F. HORNER

## RAW COTTON GOES TO SPAIN

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—The War Trade Board had granted licenses for raw cotton to Spain in quantity sufficient to load several Spanish vessels. This action provides cotton necessary to fill the normal requirements of the Spanish mills.

Under the agreement with Spain that nation permits free export to the allies of certain com-

## TRAINING MEN TECHNICALLY

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—A war emergency course to train selected men for machine-shop occupations, blacksmithing, sheet-metal working, and pipe fitting has been prepared by the Federal Board for Vocational Education and will be distributed to the schools throughout the country. It is known as bulletin No. 8.

The board is acting with the War Department in preparing these courses of study and in charge of the school work.

## HOBGOOD HAS PASSED QUOTA

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It is extremely creditable to the good people of our sister town, Hobgood, to hear that despite the inclemency of the weather this week they have gone out in their community and not only raised their quota of \$4,200 for the third Liberty Loan, but to time of going to press have obtained subscription to the amount of \$5,500.

"But we are not content with this" says Miss Hyman, the capable cashier of the Bank of Hobgood "our people are awake to awake to the necessity of supporting the government, and we shall double our quota."

## CARD RECORDS EXPEDITE PAY

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—There is being prepared in The Adjutant General's office a new "pay-card" which will be kept by the personnel officer and will show the pay status of the man at all times. Should a man be transferred or detached from his company he will carry his card with him. This is expected to eliminate the many causes for delayed payments of men so transferred and to do away with many of the annoyances that have heretofore existed.

## SCOUTS WORK WAR SAVINGS

Wiston-Salem, April 12.—The Boy Scouts of North Carolina are making good in the War Savings Campaign, as they have done in all of Uncle Sam's work, says today's bulletin from State Headquarters for War Savings.

They won their spurs in the Liberty Loan campaigns, and now they are proving that the Government's confidence in them was not misplaced. There are 3,751 Boy Scouts in North Carolina and with the pledge, "Every Scout to Save a Soldier" they have championed the cause of War Savings through their Chief Scout Executive, Mr. Jas. E. West who says, "The War Savings campaign has been planned to last throughout 1918. Scouts are expected to work for it every day in the year and to sell \$5.00 War Stamp and 25c Thrift Stamps to all who will save and lend their savings to their country."

## PUT CATTLE ON WHEAT LANDS

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—Recently there has been considerable discussion through the press and at public meetings in Australia concerning the advisability of producing more beef cattle and sowing less acreage to what according to a report to the Department of Commerce.

## MARINES SOON AT VLADISVOSTOK

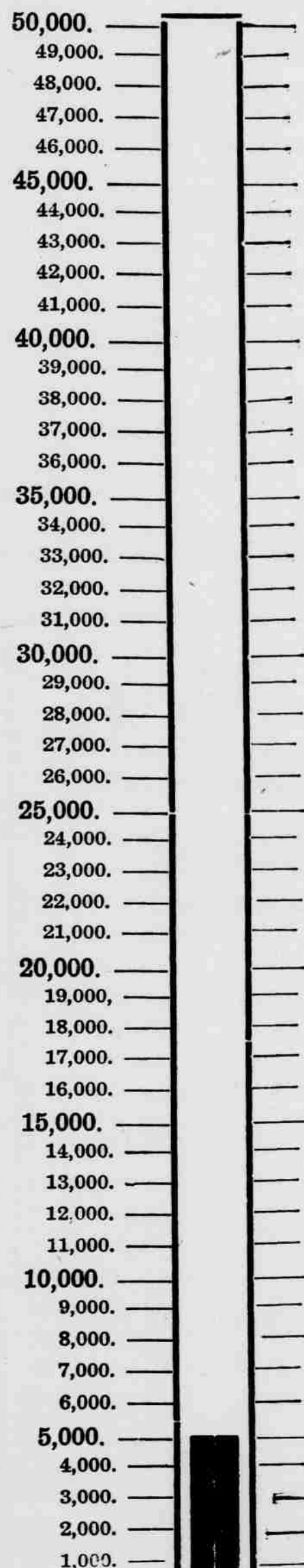
(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—State and Navy departments anticipated today that they would be advised before night of the reported landing of American marines at Vladivostok.

It has been known for some time, through confidentially understood, that the United States is represented in a squadron lying off the Siberian port, but officials suggested that Americans would not land there unless American lives as well as property were endangered.

### 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.)



## ENEMY PRESSING BACK ENGLISH FORCES

REPORTS FROM GENERAL HAIG AND BERLIN WAR OFFICE CONFLICT, BUT SHOW GERMANS ARE GAINING GROUND

### BRITISH RECOVER SOME LOST TERRITORY

NEW PHOTO OF GEN. BYNG



Latest photo of General Byng who commanded the victorious British forces at Cambrai.

London, April 12.—British commander Haig cables as follows: "The enemy captured Morville last night, and we fell back to new positions in the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise.

Between the Lys and Lawe river, and also north of this, hostile attacks were repulsed.

From Labasse canal as far as Hollebreke, three miles south east of Ypres, fighting continued. South of Arras strong local attacks, in the neighborhood of Vitasse, were repulsed.

London, April 12.—The British by counter attacks have regained their positions north of Festubert, one mile north of Givenchy, into part of which the enemy had forced his way.

"In the neighborhood of Morville and Neufeldt Quin severe and continuous fighting took place last night. The enemy's pressure is continuing its progress," states Field Marshal Haig.

With the British armies in France, April 12.—The battle around Armentieres has been resumed with redoubled fury. The enemy has passed the Loise and Lawe streams in the direction of St. Venant, seven and a half miles west of Estaires on the Lys canal, and are advancing beyond Steenweicks towards Baillet, seven miles northwest of Armentieres and three miles beyond Streenwerek.

Some ground has been lost in order to conform to the movement to the south.

Paris, April 12.—Successful surprise attacks north of the Aylette river and west of Butte du Mesnil, in the Tapur sector, where the American artillery is engaged, resulting some enemy prisoners, the French war office announces.

French patrol some prisoners at Noxon and Canoy sur Nats.

## HIGHER RATES ON COTTON

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—Modifying its original order in the New Orleans cotton case the interstate commerce commission today authorized the railroads to charge higher rates on cotton from all intermediate points than are charged from terminals.

In cases where routings are indicated roads may be also equalize their rates with water rates between points affected.

Cotton shipped from southern cities to seaboard and Ohio river points and cities in the east are affected.

The case was brought by the New Orleans Cotton Exchange against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which also includes all cotton carrying roads.

## HOME RULE FOR IRELAND DEMAND

London, April 12.—The Irish convention report submitted declared that the body voted four to seventeen that any conscription measure must be submitted to an Irish parliament before it can be enforced. This parliament will consist of a senate of sixty four members and a house of commons of two hundred members.

The senate will be representative of commerce, industry, labor country councils, churches, universities and the peerage.

Nationalists agreed to guarantee the unionists forty per cent of the membership of the house of commons. The question of the ultimate control of the customs and exercise has been postponed and will be controlled by the imperial parliament.

London, April 12.—The proposed plan of self government for Ireland was adopted by the Irish convention by a vote of one hundred to forty two.

The convention report provides for the establishment of a parliament for the whole of Ireland, with full powers for all internal legislation, administration and direct taxation. It is demanded that a law be passed immediately giving these powers to an Irish parliament.

The Ulsterites filed a dissenting and minority report.

### Cotton Market

May	33.55	33.55	32.55	32.55
July	32.32	32.32	31.55	31.55
Oct.	30.30	30.30	29.95	29.95
Dec.	29.95	29.95	29.65	29.65
Jan.	29.90	29.90	29.55	29.55
Local Market	31 1/2 cents.			