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## AMERICA PLANS GREAT 1919 WAR PROGRAM

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL TOMORROW ADDRESS NEW YORK ON THE NEED FOR GREATER SACRIFICES IF THE WAR IS TO BE WON

### PLANS TO FOIL HUNS DESIGNS ON WORLD

(By United Press)  
Washington, May 17.—America must prepare for further great sacrifices to meet the demands of the gigantic effort now assuming shape in the war which the government is determined in frustrating the Teutonic designs on the world.

This message President Wilson will deliver tomorrow night when he opens the Red Cross drive in New York.

With the serious situation facing all fronts as Germany pursues her ruthless drain upon the conquered peoples of Russia and the Balkans America is preparing for a mighty stroke before the close of 1919. That this great participation demands greater sacrifice at home the president undoubtedly will show, at the same time he previously has assured the nation that he stands ready to listen to any honest proffers of peace.

### LASTING PEACE SAY NOTABLES

(By United Press)  
Philadelphia, May 17.—Determination to have permanent world peace, even at the cost of greater war sacrifices than any nation yet has made, was expressed by every speaker at the second and final session of the convention of the League to Enforce Peace, in Witherspoon hall today.

Dr. Henry Ven Dyke spoke on "Fighting for Peace," and Lyman P. Powell, Charles S. Medbury, and Charles S. Ward addressed the morning session.

That America should take the initiative in the formation of a world league of nations to keep the peace forever after this war is over, was the sentiment of this afternoon's conference, addressed by Helen Williams, Herbert S. Houston, John Sharpe Williams, Dr. Rev. E. J. Shaban, and William English Walling.

A conference of governors and former governors was presided over by C. E. Hughes, former governor of New York, at Independence Hall, today.

W. H. Taft will be toastmaster at the Allied war dinner which will close the convention tonight.

Among the speakers will be Lord Reading Great Britain; ambassador Jusserand, France; Viscount Ishii, Japan; Gen. Guglielmo, Italy; Alton B. Parker and Nicholas Murray Butler.

Swat the early fly, and then the late fly, but not the hatched one.

## FRENCH TAKE FORTY PRISONERS

(By United Press)  
Paris, May 17.—Violent artillery fighting in the Hailles sector southeast of Amiens is reported by the French war office.

A German raid was repulsed at Canny sur Matz, two miles northwest of Lassigny, during which French detachments took forty prisoners including one officer.

## WEKERLE ADMITS GERMAN ALIANCE

(By United Press)  
Amsterdam, May 17.—Premier Wekerle responding to a query of M. Karolyi in the Hungarian house of deputies declared that the new Austro-German alliance, discussed by Kaiser Wilhelm and Emperor Karl, does not affect the gary, according to dispatches from Budapest.

"The existing alliance has been strengthened and extended lengthily," Wekerle said.

## AMERICANS ON FOUR FRONTS

(By United Press)  
With the American armies in France, May 17.—American troops have arrived in the area of northern France controlled by the British.

The arrival of the Americans troops in northern France places Pershing's forces in at least three probably four sectors on the offensive front.

Already it has been officially announced as being brigaded with the French between Hailles and Dangard en Santerre, and at Montdidier. These sectors are southeast of Amiens.

## WILSON MAKES PURPOSE CLEAR

With President Wilson enroute to New York, May 17.—President Wilson today authorized Secretary Tamm to deny emphatically that he is opposed to any investigation of the government's aircraft program.

He is however opposed to the covert purpose of the Chamberlain resolution which he declared he knows and understands.

The president's direct statement at this point is designated to clear up conflicting interpretations raised in congress on his formal and informal communications to the senate on this point.

## RESNATI, FAMOUS ITALIAN ACE KILLED TODAY

(By United Press)  
Hempstead, New York, May 17.—Capt. Resnati, the famous Italian aviator, was killed today when his aeroplane fell.

## MURPHY MAN AMONG DEAD

(By United Press)  
Washington, May 17.—Tolays casualty list contains one hundred and six names including fifteen killed in action, six deaths from wounds, four from disease, one from poison gas, twelve wounded severely, sixty slightly wounded and eight missing.

Fred R. Harshaw, of Murphy, North Carolina is among the six who died of disease.

## HAIG REPORTS ARTILLERYING IS DEVELOPING

(By United Press)  
London, May 17.—Both allied and German artillery developed great activity in Flanders, reports Haig, as follows:

"Great artillery action developed on both sides in the Picaut woods sector and north of Hinges," the statement said. "Increased activity has been shown by the artillery between Locon and Haiges and from Nieppe forest to Meteren. "Hostile raids were repulsed last night near Moyentville, south of Arras."

### COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	25.40	25.40	25.22	25.22
July	25.35	25.59	25.06	25.06
Oct.	24.45	24.80	24.12	24.12
Dec.	24.35	24.65	24.08	24.08
Jan.	24.26	24.38	23.92	23.92

Local Market Normal

## LIVES WEEKS IN SHELL-HOLE UNDER FIRE

### LURID EXPERIENCE OF A WOUNDED SOLDIER WHO, WITH BROKEN LIMB, MANAGED TO SUBSIST AND FINALLY CRAWL TO SAFETY

### FEIGNING DEATH HE AVOIDED CAPTURE

(By United Press)  
London, May 17.—If you have been thinking that "distinguished service", on the battlefield means one grand dash, and then a quiet room, an attentive nurse, and pleasant recuperation, consider the case of Private J. Taylor, whose valor is briefly recited in a late issue of the official "Supplement" to the London Gazette.

This official list of soldiers cited for decorations always carries a short description of the act of valor for which the citation is made.

These two paragraphs accompany announcement of the award of the distinguished conduct medal to Private Taylor:

"Having been cut off with his company, he received a bullet in the thigh, causing a compound fracture. To avoid capture he crawled into a shellhole, where he remained for a period of over seven weeks, during the whole of which time the surrounding districts were subjected to a severe bombardment by our artillery. He subsisted on tins of bully beef collected at night from dead bodies and water he obtained in a waterproof cape.

"After some weeks three of the enemy visited his shellhole, but by feigning death he avoided capture and eventually succeeded in crawling back to our lines a distance of 900 yards."

In a hospital near London where he is recuperating Taylor diffidently amplified the story of his terrible experiences.

"It was during one of our attacks upon the Hindenburg line, he said. "We had gone over the top, two companies of us. We were met by shell fire and the fel-

lows were dropping like ninepins. I was knocked out. It must have been a couple of days before I recovered consciousness. I found myself in a shell-hole, with another man who was wounded but could move freely. During the day and part of the nights the bombardment kept up. Shells fell all around us but none happened to drop in our shell-hole. At night Peters crept out and foraged among the dead for scraps of beef, iron rations and their waterbottles. After two or three days it rained. We collected water in our caps.

"That sort of existence lasted for over five weeks. I was getting weaker. One night Peter crawled out and did not come back. That left me without aid. Next night a party of Germans came into my shell-hole. One lifted my leg—luckily not my broken one or I'd have yelled—but they thought I was dead. I was covered with mud and looked like the other bodies covering the ground. During the next fortnight I managed to live on the reserve beef Peter had collected. Then, feeling that nothing worse could happen I resolved to try to get to our lines.

It was an inky night. First I crawled by mistake into a German line. They didn't hear me, so I turned back and inched along for an hour. Then I got into some barbed wire. I was a mass of cuts blood and rags before I got through. Just then a Verey light shot up. I saw a man peering over a trench. He was about to shoot when I shouted. Three of them came out and dragged me into our own trenches."

## DIRECTOR ROONEY SPEAKS HERE SUNDAY

OPENING GUN TO BE FIRED SUNDAY NIGHT AT DIXIE IN LOCAL DRIVE FOR PRO-RATA OF RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

### SPEAKER IN UNIFORM OF CAMP DIRECTOR

## QUEER ACCIDENT UNCOUPLES SPINE

Yesterday afternoon a very strange accident occurred just out side of Palmyra wherein Mrs. William Thompson, while picking chips had her spine dislocated by a Ford car.

The circumstance was one of pure accident and yet so serious that the injured woman has been taken to the Rocky Mount Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Thompson was in the yard of her house, which is opposite Mr. Enoch Cherry's place, Palmyra, and bending down picking up chips, when her husband, not knowing of her close proximity backed his car onto her, dislocating the spine.

Dr. Smith was hurriedly called and he gave instant relief, and advised taking the lady to the hospital, which would have been done last night, but they missed the train by about ten minutes. She was conveyed to the hospital this morning however, and it is anticipated that she will recover.

## 100 TRACTORS FOR N. C. FARMS

Raleigh, May 17. In response to a suggestion by the Federal Food Administration for North Carolina reinforced by a personal letter from Governor T. W. Bicket, Henry Ford allotted 100 Ford farm tractors for distribution in North Carolina. In harmony with Mr. Ford's personal policy of using all manufacturing utilities under his control for the furthering of war measures, the entire output of Ford tractors, for the present, is being handled through governmental agencies, without profits, to dealers, in order to best provide efficiency.

Mr. F. J. DeTamble, of Winston-Salem, formerly manager of Charlotte Branch of the Ford Motor Co. has been assigned to supervise the distribution of the allotment of tractors in North Carolina, upon recommendation of county food administrators and county farm demonstration agents, those who are in best position to accomplish the largest possible result, not only by work upon their own farms, but, when circumstances permit, by plowing and doing other work for neighbors. The new Ford tractors will be sold direct to North Carolina farmers at \$750, the price at which the British aid Canadian governments and a number of American states have paid for the tractors which have already been turned out of the Ford plant. Great Britain having taken 6,000 and the Canadian Government having taken 2,000 of the output to date.

Sunday evening at eight thirty the people of this and surrounding community are requested to be present at the Dixie theatre to welcome and hear Mr. J. F. Rooney, the uniformed Red Cross Camp Director of Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. who comes at the earnest desire of the local chapter to give us knowledge of the great things the Red Cross has accomplished in the war.

The purpose of the meeting and address is to elicit the interest of the people in the second Red Cross campaign for Scotland Neck's part of the hundred million dollars which will carry on this work for the coming year.

So multitudinous is the work of the great society for the alleviation of suffering that it is impossible to epitomize what it has accomplished and how far reaching is its work, but will be the story brought to us by Director Rooney.

Mr. Ashby W. Dunn will introduce the speaker to the audience since he has kept in close touch with the affairs of the society, both local and national, and he is best fitting to introduce a man who is being brought here to familiarize us with the vast organization which has more than two hundred and fifty local members, most of whom have little idea of the honor it is to be thus associated.

The members of the choirs of the different churches will render music, and committees will be in charge of the various features of the meeting.

What is specially needed is that all the people should lay aside everything for this one evening and make a point of being present so that in the future they may assume their individual part in the local body that has so much to do in helping those who have gone across the seas.

## JOHNSON TRIAL ON IN RICHMOND

Richmond Va., May 17.—The trial of Dr. Charles Lemuel Johnson, the alleged murderer of Alice Knight Johnson, his young wife, began in earnest this morning in the Hastings court.

Mildred Katherine Taylor, a chum of the dead woman, was the initial witness called to the stand. She stated incidents in the life of Johnson prior to the death of his wife.

Cloyd Gill, representing the Washington Times, was barred from the court room on account of being a material witness in the case as a character witness. His testimony has not been ascertained through it is stated he interviewed Johnson in the City jail.

Russia is at present "the bourn from which no travelers returns."