

DEMOCRACY TO WIN, SAYS PRESIDENT

BLOOD SACRIFICE IS TO COME IN THE WAR ASSERTS PRESIDENT

"This is No War For Amateurs." The President Also Told Multitude

SPOKE AT DEDICATION OF RED CROSS BUILDING

Admonished His Hearers That This War Means Grim Business and Declared That America is United and Democracy Will Triumph.

(By United Press.) Washington, May 12.—"This is no war for spontaneous impulse" President Wilson told a great gathering that witnessed the dedication of the \$500,000 home of the Red Cross here this afternoon, "this is no war for amateurs."

"This war means grim business on every side," the President said, "and it is the mere council of prudence that in our philanthropic, as well as in our fighting work we should accept the instrumentalities already at hand and already experienced in the tasks which are going to be assigned to them."

"This should be merely the expression of the practical genius of America itself, and I believe that the practical genius of America will dictate that the efforts in this war in this particular field should be concentrated in experienced hands, as our efforts in other fields will be."

The President made these significant remarks almost at the moment that the House was voting to permit Theodore Roosevelt to take an army of volunteers to the French trenches.

"The United States faces the future of the war with a united people and not one of divisions, as was predicted," President Wilson declared.

At the same time he warned the nation of the grim blood sacrifices that must come before democracy is world triumphant.

"Some day historians will remember these momentous years as years which made a single people out of the great body of those who call themselves Americans," said the President.

"The divisions which were predicted have not occurred, and will not occur."

"When effort and suffering and sacrifice have completed the union, men will no longer speak of any lines either of race or of associations cutting athwart the great body of the nation."

"I do not believe that it will be necessary for the Red Cross to appeal to the American people for funds, because the heart of this country is in this war. It would not have gone into the war if its heart had not been prepared for it. In such a contest, then, we shall not fail to respond to the call to service."

"The American people do not yet realize the sacrifices and sufferings that are before them. In comparison with (Continued on Page Two.)

THE BIG FIGHT ON OVER ONEROUS TAX ON NEWSPAPERS

The Proposed Tax Would Cause Suspension of Many Small Publications.

JUST PROPORTION OF TAX BURDEN

Not Opposed by Newspaper Men—Fairness Only Asked—Senate Rejects Censorship Provision

(By United Press.) Washington, May 12.—Advocates of an engaged press laid their lines tonight against what they termed "attack from another quarter."

The Senate today wiped out the gagging censorship clause in the Gregory espionage measure. The House is expected to do the same, although only after a bitter fight when that clause comes for a vote in the lower body. The Senate vote was 39 to 38.

The latest administration measure to be subject of attack by the un-muzzled press advocates is that provision in the government's \$1,800,000,000 war revenue measure which would increase the postage of second-class mail matter from 1 to 2 cents a pound and would also apply a "zone system."

Enemies of the provision say application of both suggested plans would practically increase the cost of carrying printed matter from 1 to 6 cents per pound.

They say such a tax would be strictly prohibitive; that it would tend particularly to stifle the publication of small newspapers and labor publications that have not the financial backing of larger contemporaries. These Senators who fought successfully against the Gregory press-muzzling section of the Attorney-General's espionage bill, said tonight they would vigorously battle against the press-gagging clause in the revenue measure. Those who are fighting the Espionage bill gag clause in the House will join those Senators in the fight against the trebling of postage rates on newspapers and similar publications.

The American Federation of Labor lined up strongly against the revenue bill muzzling provision tonight when President Gompers issued an appeal to the country to fight it.

"The public press, like every other individual, concern, or institution, should be required to pay its just proportion of war taxes," said Gompers' appeal. "This should be done, however, by increasing the income and inheritance taxes, a tax upon profits and upon land values. To place this triple tax upon the public press is without warrant and excuse, and simply means that many publications will be forced out of existence. Such a condition will seriously menace conditions of life and work of the men and women employed in the printing and kindred trades by throwing thousands out of employment."

URGED FARMERS TO ALSO PLANT FISH

(By United Press.) Washington, May 12.—Urging that farmers "plant" fish, as well as wheat, Secretary of Commerce Redfield today drew attention to the important part that seafood may play in increasing the world's food supply.

"With proper supply of fresh water and a small space for a pond an astonishing quantity of fish can be raised in two or three years," Secretary Redfield said.

The bureau of fisheries offers to furnish young fish with which to plant farms and to assist with advice.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK.

(By United Press.) Buenos Aires, May 12.—The Italian steamer Cavour, carrying 500 Italian reservists, has been torpedoed by a submarine, according to word received here tonight from Dakar. The Cavour sailed from Buenos Aires on April 23.

The Cavour was a twin screw steamer of 5,156 tons, registered at Genoa.

LOOKS LIKE FULL QUOTA FOR CAMP

Evidently North Carolina Will Be Called On For Its Full Strength.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Chattanooga, Tenn., May 12.—That the quota to be furnished the original draft of 500,000 men for the new army by the States of Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina will be mobilized and trained at Chickamauga Park was apparently assured today when the city water company announced that it had contracted with the War Department to lay mains 12 miles to that point with the guarantee that not less than 25,000 troops would be stationed there by June 15.

WAR TIME LABOR CONFERENCE BE HELD

(By United Press.) Washington, May 12.—A war time labor conference of international scope, destined to outline the policy of American labor during the crisis, will get down to work here Tuesday.

VILLA FORCES NOW CONTROL PARRAL

(By United Press.) El Paso, Texas, May 12.—A Villista force in possession of the city of Parral, in Chihuahua State, after having defeated a Carranzista garrison under General Garcia, May 10, according to an official report reaching here tonight.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING.

(By United Press.) New York, May 13.—Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was done early today by fire which destroyed the plant of the Brooklyn Coopersage Works, the largest of its kind in the world, attracting such a crowd that the Forty-seventh regiment of State troops were summoned to preserve order. Simultaneously fire broke out in the warehouse of Archibald & Lewis, spice dealers, in the heart of the munitions warehouse district. It was prevented from spreading.

Nine firemen were overcome by smoke at the coopersage blaze and one policeman injured.

The origin of the flames is unknown. Five alarms brought all available Brooklyn companies and 15 companies from Manhattan. Guards from the Home Defense League and a volunteer police auxiliary were called to help control the crowds.

Declares Government Must Control The Food Situation



HERBERT C. HOOVER

Expert who sets forth that the price of flour is being kept up by food speculators and who advocates the American government promptly taking a hand. He has appealed to Congress to act in order to save suffering by the American people and to better help the Allies in the great war.

BRITISH AIRMEN SWEEP DOWN AND TURNED THE TIDE

(By United Press.) Chicago, May 12.—All wheat speculation may be stopped on the Chicago Board of Trade—the grain market of the world. This was the consensus of opinion among traders tonight. The government will fix grain prices, it is believed, or the board will take action forbidding speculative deals in July and September futures, similar to that which put a quietus on May trading.

TWO TAR HEELS FOR ROOSEVELT MOVE

Congressman Pou Made Speech Against It—Not a Partisan Vote.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., May 12.—Congressmen Weaver and Doughton, of North Carolina, voted in the House of Representatives today in favor of the plan to permit Colonel Roosevelt to lead an expeditionary force of 80,000 volunteers to France, and Congressman Kitchin, Hood, Pou, Stedman, Godwin and Robinson voted against it. Congressman Webb did not vote. Mr. Small was absent.

The Roosevelt amendment carried 215 to 178. It has already passed the Senate. It was not a strictly party vote as 45 Democrats voted for the Roosevelt plan and 30 Republicans voted against it.

Congressman Edward Pou, who spoke against the Roosevelt expeditionary volunteer force plan, was the only North Carolinian to address the House on the proposition. Mr. Pou said: "I supported the volunteer proposition. I have always respected Colonel Roosevelt very highly. I am not influenced by political convictions in voting on this matter. I cannot support this proposition to allow Colonel Roosevelt to take a division of 80,000 men to France. Though I have had no military experience, I can imagine the demoralization and injury that will follow such a plan."

"Sooner, or later, we shall send a large American army abroad. Now, it is proposed to send two armies abroad, one raised by Colonel Roosevelt, the other through the regular channels. It is hard to imagine the rivalry that will surely exist between them. The soldier in the regular army will be constantly reminded of the glittering possibilities which would have been his if he had been a member of the Roosevelt division.

"Why is it we must have so much discussion in the House and Senate in the interest of one man? Why is everything must give way at his behest? He is not the only patriotic American. Why could not Roosevelt offer his services as any other man? Why must he have his separate and distinct establishment? It would have been a splendid thing if Colonel Roosevelt had offered his services in the regular way without having a separate section written in this bill for his benefit. I am for the regular army."

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BULLE COURT HAS AT LAST BEEN CAPTURED BY BRITISH TROOPS

WILL CALL A HALT IN SPECULATION WHEAT MARKET

Chicago Board of Trade to Take This Action As to All Months.

THE MARKET FACED TEN DOLLAR WHEAT

When Board Stopped May Speculating—Wild Trading Caused Soaring Prices—Sensational Rumors.

(By United Press.) Chicago, May 12.—All wheat speculation may be stopped on the Chicago Board of Trade—the grain market of the world. This was the consensus of opinion among traders tonight. The government will fix grain prices, it is believed, or the board will take action forbidding speculative deals in July and September futures, similar to that which put a quietus on May trading.

When board officials, following a conference with Federal officials and representatives of the allied governments, forbade trading in May wheat speculators turned to July and September futures, sending those deliveries kiting. July went up 28 cents to \$2.75 and September 31 cents to \$2.46.

The high wheat prices here were having their effect on other grain markets and flour prices, which in turn affect bread prices.

The sensational market of the past week has bred innumerable rumors of fortunes made and lost, millions of bushels of wheat "sold" that never existed, and impending failures.

The committee selected by the board to fix the settlement price of May deliveries decided on \$3.18—yesterday's closing price.

It was confidently stated that if the board had not taken this drastic action May wheat might have been forced to \$10 a bushel, to the ruin of scores of "shorts" and exposure of probably the biggest "wheat scandal" in history.

May wheat closed a week ago today at \$2.78 1/2. Monday it closed at \$2.83 1/4. It rose successively to \$2.97, \$3.11, \$3.15 and \$3.18, attaining its high mark of \$3.25 yesterday.

July and September soared in sympathy with May. July was quoted at \$3.24 1/2 on last Saturday's close. Today it opened at \$2.47, but at the close had jumped to \$2.75.

September was quoted at \$1.89 3/4 last Saturday. Today it jumped from \$2.15 at the opening to \$2.46 at the close.

Corn and oats went right along up with wheat. May corn closed last Saturday at \$1.53. It climbed to \$1.61 1/2 at today's close.

July and September were quoted at \$1.44 3/8 and \$1.36 3/8, respectively, last Saturday. They closed today at \$1.49 3/4 and \$1.42.

Secretary Houston's admonition to the Nation to "eat more corn" is expected to have its effect on the corn market next week.

Flour reflected the antics of wheat today by going to \$17 a barrel, wholesale, for the best grades. Some retailers are selling it at \$18 and \$18.25. The climax to a long day of sensations came when the Illinois State Council of Defense adopted resolutions urging Congress to regulate the production, distributing, transportation and price of foodstuffs, grain and fuel.

The resolutions were signed by the entire council, including J. Ogden Armour, the greatest distributor of food products in the world.

Haig's Troops Break Four-Day Deadlock and Capture Important Point.

GERMANS HURLED BACK BY THE RUSH

Furious Hand-to-Hand Fighting Marked The Day and Teutons Lost Heavily—Berlin Claim Enemy Repulsed, Greeks Fighting.

(By United Press.) London, May 12.—General Haig's British troops broke a four days' deadlock today and in a violent attack occupied Bulle Court village. They also took 1,200 yards of trenches on the Arras-Cambrai road and stormed and carried German positions over a mile and a half front around Roeux cemetery.

Bulle Court lies about 9 miles southeast of Arras. For the past week it has been the center of fierce fighting. The Hindenburg line runs close by and the Germans, feeling the menace of the British thrust, have been continuously striving by counter attacks, to press Haig's troops back. Two days ago the British official report declared the village was practically surrounded, but the fighting continued unabated.

The Arras-Cambrai main road is about three miles north of Bulle Court.

Guemappe, Monchy, Wancourt and Fontaine are all penetrated by this highway and the fighting for positions around these towns has been fiercely proceeding for a week. Three miles to the north of the road in Roex, on the River Scarpe.

Germans Say British Were Repulsed, Berlin, (Via London), May 12.—"British attacks along the River Scarpe this morning failed with heavy losses," declared tonight's official statement. "Around Holux the fighting still continues."

Hand to Hand Fighting. (By United Press.) With the British Armies in the Field, May 12.—In the last few hours of daylight today British forces made important gains on both banks of the River Scarpe.

About 600 Germans have so far been taken prisoners in this movement.

It was nasty fighting all night and today around Guemappe, particularly Cavalry farm, near the town, was three times the scene of a struggling mass of men, in fierce hand to hand fighting. The British finally succeeded in throwing the enemy back on a trench running nearly half a mile to the north.

The same swaying sort of battle (Continued on Page Two.)

A SILVER LINING TO THE WAR CLOUD

Efforts to Make Confederate Reunion Joint Gray and Blue Demonstration.

(By United Press.) Washington, May 12.—To give ominous war clouds a silver lining and at the same time set an object lesson before the youth of America, the Blue and Gray are laboring unceasingly to make the United Confederate Veterans' reunion here in June an epochal occasion.

Prominent figures on the "Union side" in the Civil War are entering heartily into the spirit of the reunion. Many are devoting their entire time to make the gathering a success, only to drop into the background during the actual week of the festival.

Graves of Confederate dead at Arlington will be honored during the week and a special fund for the purpose is daily being swelled. Subscriptions to the general reunion fund are exceeding expectations.

BRUTAL MURDER IN CRACKER STATE

Head of Ferryman Beaten to a Pulp With an Axe—Robbery The Motive.

(By United Press.) Augusta, Ga., May 12.—Information reached this city this afternoon of the brutal murder, early this morning, at Browns Ferry, which crosses the Savannah river, about 65 miles above Augusta, of Mr. Will Pierce, who was ferryman there.

Pierce's head had been beaten into a pulp with an axe, which was found nearby. He was known to have about \$15 on his person, the disappearance of which leads to the belief that robbery was the motive.

Tom Jordan, a white man, about 45 years old, has been arrested and held for investigation.

Pierce's body was found near the ferry boat, which he had operated for three years. He was about 40 years old.