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RUSHING COUNTRY-WIDE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

NATION'S ARMY AND NAVY MASS WAR STRENGTH

Wilson Prepares Call for Action on German Challenge

NAVY ISSUES CALL FOR 74,500 MORE MEN

Raw Materials and Munitions Marshaled for Actual Hostilities

PLANS FOR BIG ARMY

Steps Taken by U. S. for War on Germany

SECRETARY DANIELS calls for 74,500 recruits for the navy.

Construction begun on sixty $30,000 speed boats as anti-submarine weapon.

Expenditure of $115,000,000 emergency fund in "hurrying up" work in naval program.

Bids opened in Washington for building of U-boat chasers.

Daniels asks private builders to submit estimates for construction of destroyers.

Munitions committee organizes and discusses needs of army and plans standardization of all munitions.

Pennsylvania Legislature prepares emergency bills for placing National Guard on war basis and providing ready defense action when necessary.

Plans for construction of destroyers on Pacific coast under way.

New Hampshire will appropriate $500,000 for State and national defense.

Many medical colleges decide to instruct in military medicine.

New York Assembly goes on record as favoring universal military training.

Plans made to raise army of 500,000 men at once.

Navy Department pushes work on swift seaplanes and airplanes. National Aeronautics Association recommends fleet of 5000 huge aircraft for service.

Civil service is busy lining up nation's skilled workmen.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

The only limit to the extension of the United States navy to meet the submarine menace will be the capacity of American shipyards to turn out vessels.

This was indicated officially late today by Secretary of the Navy Daniels when he announced the department would immediately order all destroyers, submarines and submarine chasers which can be built in the United States in time to meet the present crisis.

WASHINGTON, March 22.

President Wilson today began work on his message to the "War Congress" of April 2, while the nation, its army and navy and its vast industrial agencies proceeded in haste with preparations for open hostilities against Germany.

Simultaneously Senators and Representatives of all faiths were wiring in pledges of support to the White House.

Among those who are responding to the demands for aggressive action against Germany are members of the "little group of willful men," charged by President Wilson with placing the United States in a "contemptible" light before the world, as a result of filibustering tactics in the last Congress.

Owing to the nature of the present situation, it is believed the fight for organization will be short-lived in the House. It is believed probable today that some course of action will be agreed upon by leaders before April 2.

The President can address Congress before the House organizes, but until it organizes no action could be effected on any resolution the President might ask. It is for this reason that efforts now are under way by both parties to make all possible speed, and some sacrifices, if necessary, to expedite organization of the House.

But even while the President was considering his "war address" the attention of officials and diplomats today was directed sharply to internal developments in Germany.

Comment of the Entente press was also read with an eye to distinguishing any earmarks of a great weakening all through Europe to the worldwide pressure for peace.

While confident that the entrance of the United States into the world struggle will probably serve either directly or indirectly to shorten the war, officials believe it prob-

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and warmer tonight, with lowest temperature about forty degrees; Friday fair and warmer; gentle shifting winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises....6:01 a.m. | Moon rises...5:17 a.m.
Sun sets.....6:14 p.m. | Moon sets....5:39 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

CHESTNUT STREET

Low water...12:38 a.m. | High water...1:08 p.m.
High water...7:45 a.m. | Low water...8:14 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

OFFERS HER SERVICES TO UNCLE SAM

Miss Rebecca North, of 1910 Arch street, who applied at a naval recruiting station today. She says she can act as a French interpreter or a nurse.

BATTLE RAGES BETWEEN LAON AND ST. QUENTIN

Nivelle Aims to Drive Wedge on the Aisne Front

GERMANS PREPARE TO MAKE STAND

BERLIN, March 22.

Two hundred and twenty-five prisoners, two revolving cannon, fourteen mine-throwers and six machine guns were captured by German forces in an attack and destruction of two Russian defensive establishments near Saberesina, east of Lida, today's official statement declared. The Germans advanced on a breadth of four kilometers (about two and a half miles) to the second Russian position.

PARIS, March 22.

A gigantic battle, one that may prove a second Marne for the Germans and force their evacuation of all of northern France, has virtually begun on the "Hindenburg line," from Arras to La Fere. The main bodies of German troops retreating from the Somme-Aisne front have reached the new defense line chosen by Field Marshal von Hindenburg for the general engagement. Large German re-enforcements are being rushed to the new front.

French troops are within artillery range of St. Quentin and La Fere and General Nievelle is attempting to force a wedge into Von Hindenburg's line between Laon and Craonne, just north of the Aisne River. The success of this operation would turn the new Teuton front and the Germans and force them to continue their retreat.

The German retreat has been carried out by echelons, one section holding firm while the other fell back. The last of these sections, concentrated principally south of Arras, southeast and east of Peronne, east of Ham and the valley of the Ailette and north of Soissons, are still resisting in a desperate attempt to give the main German forces sufficient time to occupy their newly prepared positions. Despite their efforts to hold one of these sections, however, the Germans were compelled to retire. This section, considered to be of particular defensive value, lies east of Peronne and between the plain of Cambrai to the north and the plain of the Somme to the south, and runs to the east of Roisel and Vermand.

LONDON, March 22.

Three hundred French towns, villages and hamlets, formerly occupied by the Germans, have fallen into the hands of the British and French troops since the pursuit of the fleeing Teutons began between Arras and the Aisne River.

More than fifty communities have been taken by the Allies within the last twenty-four hours, according to dispatches from the western front today.

The British are between ten and thirteen

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SMALLPOX HITS 30,000 GERMANS; RIOTS GROWING

Reichstag Member Declares Disease Spreading Among the Poor

LACK OF PROPER FOODS THE CAUSE

WASHINGTON, March 22.

Thirty thousand cases of smallpox rage in Germany and the disease is spreading, according to the speech of Socialist Reichstag Member Hoffman, received by the State Department today in full.

Brief portions of the speech were received by the press in this country recently.

The full text showed that Hoffman charged that the rich were getting the fats while the poor had none; that the Government was actually hoarding sausages with which the poor ought to be fed; that smallpox was spreading rapidly and that the vaccination employed against it was proving futile.

The speech showed a far more distressing situation in Germany than reports thus far reaching the department.

It strengthened the belief, caused by recent rumors, that conditions were ripe for a real revolution in Germany.

GERMAN RIOTING GROWS TO SERIOUS PROPORTIONS

AMSTERDAM, March 22.

A situation of the utmost gravity is reported to be developing in Germany, due to the food shortage, strikes and general discontent over the heavy losses in the war.

Dispatches from the German frontier today quote travelers as saying that the garrisons in most of the important cities, especially Berlin, are being strengthened.

How much influence the Russian revolution exerted upon the German people is problematical, but the general opinion here is that it was deep and widespread.

It is said that many women and even children have taken part in food riots in Berlin, Munich, Dusseldorf, Leipsic and Hamburg. Shop windows were smashed and the police were stoned and hooted.

LONDON, March 22.—Several workshops in Leipsic are said to have closed, and serious manifestations and strikes occurred. Troubles are also reported from Dresden and Munich. Regiments of landwehr troops were sent to Leipsic and industrial towns where the situation was becoming acute.

MRS. BURNETT ON LIFE AFTER DEATH

An interesting interview with the distinguished author, in which she explains her views of what is possible, will appear in

TOMORROW'S EVENING LEDGER

PENNSYLVANIA LINES UP FOR U. S. DEFENSE

Preparedness Program Centering in Philadelphia

GOVERNOR APPOINTS SAFETY COMMITTEE

Man Power and All Assets of Commonwealth to Be Enumerated

TRADITIONS ARE HONORED

Immediate Measures Planned by Committee of Defense

1. A complete and systematic census will be taken to determine what share Pennsylvania can take in the equipment of an army of 1,000,000 men.
2. The names of all men and women in the State will be listed, together with addresses, occupations and capabilities. To be called upon in case of emergency.
3. An industrial inventory of the State to be taken to supplement that recently compiled by the advisory committee of the Council of National Defense.
4. A complete census of all automobiles and motortrucks in the State needed, together with their location and time necessary to press them into service.
5. A census of all chauffeurs in Pennsylvania will be taken.
6. All the "vulnerable spots" in State will be listed and guarded. These include bridges, railroads, docks, signal and wireless stations, armories, munition factories and public buildings.
7. A home guard probably will be formed of men too old for actual field service. These men will be used to defend the State's "vulnerable spots."
8. Mayor Smith names executive committee of city's home defense committee, which will direct all of Philadelphia's war preparations.

Warlike preparations throughout the State centered today in Philadelphia when Mayor Smith announced the appointment of the executive committee of the Home Defense Committee.

The committee, named this afternoon, will direct the organization of the city's resources for war. Creation of this body, composed of Philadelphia's political and financial leaders, means actual work for war has begun.

Following are the members of the executive committee: Former Attorney General John C. Bell, the Mayor, Joseph E. Widener and George Wentworth Carr, officers of the Home Defense Committee and ex-officio members of the executive committee; Edward T. Stotesbury, chairman of finance; A. J. Drexel Biddle, chairman of home reserve; John Frederick Lewis, chairman of decorations and posters; William W. Roper, chairman of recruiting stations, and the following members-at-large: William Potter, former Minister to Italy; Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association; Mrs. J. Willis Martin, head of the Emergency Aid; Clarence Wolf, president of the Mercantile Club; Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and John B. Mayer, president of the German Society of Pennsylvania and the United Singers.

The chairman of the publicity committee, who will be a member of the executive committee, will be chosen tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at a meeting of the publishers of the eight daily newspapers in the city. The meeting, which will be attended by Rowe Stewart, president of the Poor Richard Club, will map out a publicity campaign also.

The executive committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Mayor's office.

Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon sent a letter to the 200 members of the State Committee on Public Safety which he appointed last night. In part it read:

"It is my hope that this committee shall immediately organize, and in co-operation with the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense and with the Federal naval and military authorities proceed to make an exhaustive inventory of the industrial resources of this Commonwealth for the purpose of determining definitely what in case of necessity this Commonwealth can supply to the national Government for the purpose of maturing plans for supplying any deficiencies which this survey may reveal, and for such additional action as may seem wise. The State Government will co-operate fully with you in this service."

Following Governor Brumbaugh's appointment of a Committee of Public Safety for the Defense of Pennsylvania, George Wharton Pepper, appointed the committee chairman, said that immediate steps probably would be taken to determine what

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Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE, four-year-olds and upward, selling, 5½ furlongs:
1. Josefina, 117, Zarate.....7 to 2, 6 to 5, 3 to 5
2. Kederis.....6 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 3
3. Utelus, 123, Carroll.....15 to 1, 6 to 1, 3 to 1
Time, 1:08. Sugar King, Minstrel, Nathan R., Bolala and Pontefract also ran.

SECOND RACE, four-year-olds and upward, selling, 6 furlongs:
1. Al Pierce, 105, Kederis.....9 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 3
2. Betterton, 111, Lyke.....6 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5
3. Freeman, 111, Molesworth.....
Time, 1:15 4-5. Nancy C., Dash, Jane, Sir Dyke, Dr. Kendall, Fathom, King R. and Ischgabible also ran.

THIRD RACE, three-year-olds, selling, 5½ furlongs:
1. Kultur, 117, T. McTagart.....12 to 5, even, 2 to 5
2. Rhyme, 109, Kederis.....8 to 5, 2 to 10, 1 to 20
3. Lydia, 106, Carroll.....8 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5
Time, 1:02. Bad Sam, Modding Miss, Matin and Fine also ran.

QUICK NEWS

BASEBALL SCORES

Phillies	4	3	6	0	5	0	—
Southern College	0	0	1	0	0	0	—

Craig, Lutz and Adams; Harvey and Johnson. Umpire, Bancroft.

Boston	1	2	—
Athletics	0	2	—

Tyler and Gowdy; Nabors and Schang.

Penn Varsity	0	0	0	0	0		—
Penn Second Varsity	0	0	0	0	0		—

Cromwell, Tetzel and Hoch; Hafner, Bernhardt and Gilmore.

BRITAIN TRIES AGAIN TO SETTLE IRISH PROBLEM

LONDON, March 22.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law told Commons today that the Government is making another effort to settle the Irish problem.

SHOOTS SISTER-IN-LAW AND HIMSELF

Tony Volish, 3423 Mercer street, shot his sister-in-law, Mrs. Catharine Stanovich, same address, and shot himself in the jaw at Schiller and Almond streets late this afternoon, according to Tacony police. They were taken to the Episcopal Hospital.

ENGLAND CONGRATULATES NEW RUSSIAN REGIME

LONDON, March 22.—Premier Lloyd George tonight telegraphed his congratulations to the Russian Premier, Prince Lvoff, and expressed the hope that Russia would resolve to prosecute the war until the last stronghold of tyranny in Europe is destroyed and until the free people of all lands secure the blessings and fraternity of peace.

TEUTONS STILL HOLD 7000 SQUARE MILES IN FRANCE

PARIS, March 22.—Despite the big area of territory they have given up, the Germans still hold more than seven thousand square miles of France. Included in this are the great coal and ore fields. Before retreating from Noyon the Germans raided the banks, carrying off securities valued at more than $3,566,000. The military commissariat is sending great stores of food into the district evacuated by the Germans for the starving population.

RADICAL SOCIALIST HEADS PARTY IN GERMANY

BERLIN, March 22.—Doctor Mehring, radical Socialist, was today elected leader of the Socialist party in the Reichstag, succeeding Dr. Karl Liebknecht, recently sentenced to five years' imprisonment. (Liebknecht was sentenced for his persistent opposition to the Government, presumably on the ground of sedition. He started his sentence several months ago.)

U. S. SHIP FROM PHILADELPHIA POSTED AS MISSING

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The American steamship Maryland has been posted by Lloyd's in London as missing, according to a consular dispatch to the State Department today. The Maryland sailed from Philadelphia for London on December 23.

CRAMP GETS U. S. CONTRACT AT BIG PROFIT

The Cramp Shipbuilding Company has been awarded a contract for the construction of two vessels for the United States Government at a cost of about $6,000,000 each. That there will be a substantial profit in this business on the basis of 10 per cent profit is evident from the fact that the Cramp Company will net a total of $1,200,000, equal to $20 a share on the 60,980 shares outstanding. Distributed over a period of 2½ years, the time required to build the ships, would mean $8 a share annually on this Government contract alone. It is estimated Cramp Shipbuilding is now earning at the rate of $30 to $35 a share on its stock.

CITY GETS BIDS FOR BRIDGES AND SEWERS

Bids for the erection of three bridges and the construction of seven main sewers in different sections of Philadelphia, involving an expenditure of more than $700,000 of loan funds, were received today by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works. In almost every instance the amount of the lowest estimates received was in excess of sum estimated for the different operations.

COAST SHIP LINE FEARS U-BOATS; SEEKS INSURANCE

NEW YORK, March 22.—Fear that German submarines will soon be operating off the American coast has caused one of the large coastwise steamship companies to enter the insurance market for war risks between American ports. Rates to the United Kingdom are quoted by local underwriters at eight per cent flat. Rates to the Mediterranean range between ten and twelve per cent.

U. S. EXPORTS SHOW BIG DECREASE; U-BOATS BLAMED

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Further evidence of the manner in which the German unrestricted submarine campaign is interfering with American exports is shown in the report on the exports of foodstuffs for February, which were $115,549,674, a decrease of $70,240,311 from January. Part of this, of course, is attributable to the fact that February was a "short month."

PRINCE FRIEDRICH KARL MISSING WITH PLANE

BERLIN, March 22.—An aeroplane piloted by Prince Friedrich Karl of Prussia, a cousin to the Kaiser, has not returned from a raid over the Allies' lines, the War Office stated today. The raid had been made between Arras and Peronne, and the fate of the Prince is unknown. Three Allied aeroplanes have been shot down by the Germans the statement added.

GRAIN ELEVATOR BLAZE DEFIES FIREMEN THREE HOURS

A stubborn fire in the dust collector of the grain elevator of the Keystone Elevator and Warehouse Company, Park avenue and Clearfield street, kept firemen busy for three hours this morning. More than 75,000 bushels of grain are stored in the elevator, but at no time was it endangered, since the dust collector is fireproof and the blaze had no opportunity to spread. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

MEXICO RAISES 20,000 ARMY TO FIGHT BANDITS

MEXICO CITY, March 22.—The War Department has completed arrangements for the raising of an army of 20,000 men to protect the principal railway lines from raids by bandits, it was announced today. This is one of the chief features in the scheme for the pacification of Mexico. Henry P. Fletcher, new American Ambassador to Mexico, will hold a reception tomorrow to meet the members of the American colony.

CHINA WOULD STOP BOXER INDEMNITY PAYMENT

PEKIN, March 22.—The Foreign Office has under consideration the questions of removing the head of the Pekin branch of the Deutsche Bank and the stopping of the payment of the Boxer indemnity. A decision is expected very soon. According to the view of certain Government members, the break with Germany requires immediate action on both issues. It is understood, however, that as the indemnity was fixed by a protocol signed by half a dozen nations, the Entente has advised that it would be illegal to discontinue the payment of it at this time. (China agreed to pay $330,000,000 to the Powers whose troops were used in China during the Boxer rebellion. Japanese, Russian, British, American, French, Italian and German troops took part in the march on Pekin.)

CZARINA'S PLOT AGAINST RUSSIA BEFORE DUMA

Evidence of Separate Peace Conspiracy Is Discovered

END OF WAR NEAR, KERENSKY ASSERTS

Says Russia Favors Internationalization of Constantinople

POLAND WILL BE FREE

ACCUSED IN PEACE PLOT

Petrograd dispatches report discovery of correspondence between the Czarina and former Minister Protopopoff, proving an attempt to conclude a separate peace with Germany.

PETROGRAD, March 22.

The former Czarina of Russia, before her marriage a German princess, plotted in correspondence with former Minister Protopopoff to force Russia to make a separate peace with Germany, it is charged by the Bourse Gazette. The newspaper alleges it has documents to prove its accusation.

The Royal Palace was found to be a nest of German spies, it is claimed by the Russkaya Volia. In league with them was the Monk Rasputin, who was recently assassinated. A special committee has been appointed by the provisional Government to investigate the espionage activities.

"We would have lost the war under the old Government," today declared the former Grand Duke Cyril, of Russia, now simple Admiral Romanoff under the democratic regime.

"Just now," he said "my house porter and myself are alike.

"It was useless," he continued, describing attempts to ameliorate conditions of the the autocratic regime, "to discuss the matter with the Czar. "We simply could not break down the wall interposed by Sturmer, Protopopoff, Scheglovitoff and others."

It was learned today that the Grand Duke Cyril, foreseeing an uprising, had deputed his wife, the Grand Duchess Victoria, to attempt to influence the Czarina, hoping thus to reach the Czar and persuade him to adopt wider reform measures. To all of the Duchess's pleadings that certain noble-born Russians should be granted power to institute reforms, the German-born Czarina replied:

"But those people are enemies of our dynasties. There is only a handful of ignorant, bridge-playing aristocrats against us. I know Russia and know the people of Russia love our family."

Minister of Justice Kerensky, a Socialist deputy in the Duma, and one of the foremost leaders of the revolution, said in an interview today that he is sure the setting up of a new government in Russia will shorten the war.

"The soldiers are overwhelmingly in favor of the new regime," said M. Kerensky. "There is a better understanding between them and their officers, and, as for the officers, they are in better spirits, knowing that the pro-German sentiment and Government graft are being eliminated swiftly.

"Workingmen are going back to their toil, as the future holds good things in store for them. They know that they will get just treatment, that their wages will be fair and that the food which has been stored up and dealt in by speculators will be thrown open to the people."

As to the war aims of the new Government, Mr. Kerensky said that it favors the internationalization of Constantinople rather than the Russianization of the Turkish capital and autonomy for Poland and Armenia.

Free Russia is democratizing every possible feature of her governmental machine. Virtually all the members of the former dynasty have pledged their support to the new regime.

Announcements from Duma leaders today indicated that the constituent assembly which will decide the exact form of the future Government will be held as soon as possible. In the meantime the leaders of the Duma believe favors

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Lost Records Found

BOSTON, March 22.—Records of the postmaster of Cambridge, Mass., lost in that town for years, were found today in a barrel of [illegible]