

# U. S. FIRES \$5,000,000,000 WAR SHOT THIS WEEK

## CONGRESS WILL GET BIG BUDGET PLAN THURSDAY

Cash Aid for Entente to Be Passed With Vigor

HOUSE MEMBERS ASK  
DETAILED STATEMENT

Warn Against Danger of  
Destroying Nation's Fiscal System

TO REVISE INCOME TAX

Joint Committee of Both Houses  
May Handle Money Matters

WASHINGTON, April 10. Taxation legislation will be reported as soon as the members of the Ways and Means Committee are acquainted with the full demands of war. The fact that Representative Hull, income tax expert of the Ways and Means Committee, has been called into consultation by Secretary McAdoo, indicates there will be a radical revision of the income tax. Representative Hull, who wrote the inheritance tax and excess profits tax features of the more recent revenue law, will also be delegated, it is believed, to revise those revenue-producing features of existing law.

WASHINGTON, April 10. War legislation has begun to assume definite form in the House, with the announcement that the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue measure would be presented Thursday and the development that the Appropriations Committee, talking over by general consent certain of the supply powers of other committees, is to become the "war budget committee" of the lower body.

Simultaneously, it has developed in the House debate that while the leaders of that body are willing to give the Administration every dollar needed for war, detailed estimates must be submitted by the executive branch of the Government, and there is to be no destruction of our fiscal system because we are at war.

That the Appropriations Committee and the House purpose to keep a tight hold on the nation's pursestrings was disclosed when the general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying a Senate amendment putting \$100,000,000 at the disposal of the President for national defense, was sent to conference. Leaders on both sides of the aisle said "lump-sum" appropriations would not be made "blindly," and the legislative branch of the Government would

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## BRAZIL TO BREAK WITH BERLIN SOON

Government Awaits Only  
Formal Report on Sinking  
of Parana

READY TO SEIZE VESSELS

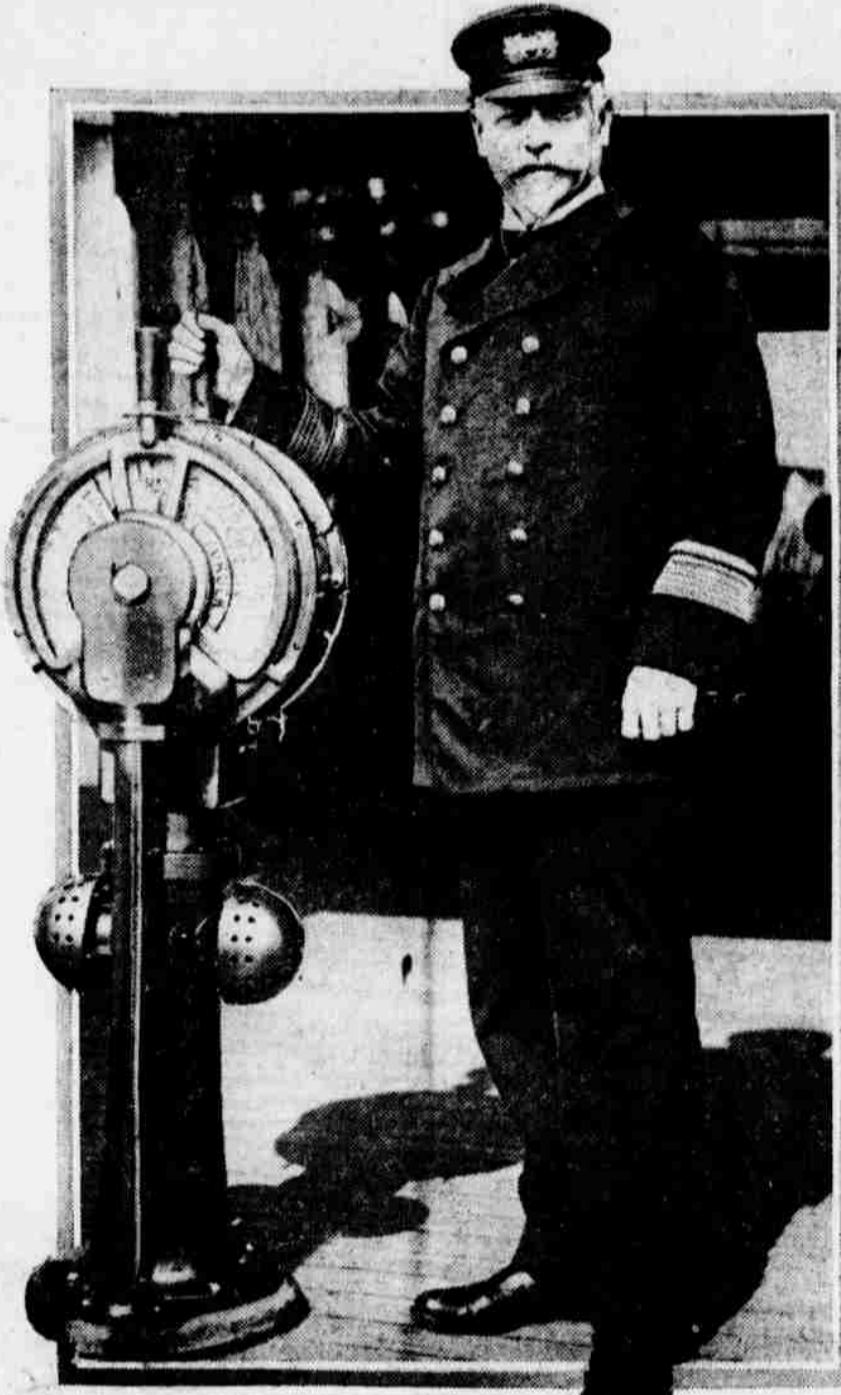
RIO JANEIRO, April 10.—A rupture of relations between Brazil and Germany is expected today at the latest. The break depends solely on the formality of the reception of the official report from Paris on the sinking of the Brazilian steamship Parana by a German submarine.

The break probably will be followed by the seizure of German ships in Brazil. Dr. Lauro Muller, Foreign Minister, declared to receive the German Minister. Doctor Muller then gave urgent orders that a steamship in Rio Janeiro be made ready at once for a mission abroad. Doctor Muller conferred with the War Minister and Chief of Staff. He also urgently requested a report from the Brazilian Legation in Paris.

It is reported in political circles that President Bras intends to issue an urgent call for a special session of Congress. A note says the Minister of Marine has received a report from the commander of the destroyer Alajao, at Dostero, that he intercepted several mysterious wireless messages sent from an unidentified station. The commander also reported that he had received light signals flashing in the neighborhood of the Dostero forts, contrary to military regulations governing the forts.

The news that the Parana was shelled had been torpedoed had increased indignation here. In a special edition issued after the cablegram from the commander was received, a Note

## REFUSED TO PERMIT DEPREDATION



Captain Hans Ruser, of the Vaterland, the world's greatest steamship, forbade his crew to damage the vessel when its seizure by the United States became certain. He is now interned at Ellis Island.

## U. S. WILL NOT ENTER FORMAL WAR ALLIANCE

Gentleman's Agreement  
With Entente Powers  
Against Germany Likely

ENVOYS MEET LANSING

WASHINGTON, April 10. Opinion is strong in Washington that conditions will not arise that will make it essential for the United States to give a solemn promise that no separate or premature peace will be made by Washington.

There is reason to believe that the United States feels that it could not consistently enter into any arrangement with the Entente Governments with reference to the part to be played by this Government in the conclusion of a peace until it knew more definitely what sort of a peace the Entente Allies contemplated.

WASHINGTON, April 10. While there are indications of closer arrangements between the United States and the Governments of the Entente Allies for the purpose of bringing the war against the German empire to a victorious ending, nothing has yet taken place in any formal way to lay the foundation for official agreements. It is too soon to make any statement as to the ultimate outcome of the close-working compact into which the United States must enter with the Allies, but from what is known of the situation it is believed that there will be nothing approaching an alliance within the understood meaning of that term.

The Allied Governments have shown great delicacy in their attitude toward the United States in the new situation created by the entrance of this country into the European conflict. They have not made any definite approaches to the Washington Government with a view to the formation of a political or other arrangement that will insure complete concert of plan and action between all the nations engaged in trying to bring the German autocracy to an end. But it is expected that some exchanges will be instituted soon.

IN CLOSE COMMUNION  
An indication of the closer communion between this Government and its partners in the war has been given in the more frequent calls of the diplomatic representatives of the Entente Powers at the

## GERMANS RUIN FAIR LANDS OF FRANCE IN AISNE RETREAT

Wanton Destruction and Diabolical Devastation  
of Towns and Country Mark Teutons' Departure—Take Young Women With Them

By HENRI BAZIN

PARIS, March 22. The bare news in this story will be old when it is printed. But news is a thing intensely concerned with facts and dates and geographical areas; and while this writing covers these points it also concerns many more.

I have just returned from a two-day visit, by special permission, to the principal Allied fronts, for I was behind the French and English advance as it covered, the very center of a length of 160 kilometers, or about seventy miles, upon a front of thirty-five kilometers, or about twenty-three miles, in which it has reclaimed more than 119 villages, towns and hamlets for Prussia, the most important gains upon the western front since the battle of the Marne. And the end is not yet. It was full retreat still and full advance, too, when I reluctantly left at the expiration of my permission.

I have walked through the streets of Chaumes and Peronne, towns that, upon previous trips to this front, I had looked upon through the glass. Both were in ruins, deliberately and brutally destroyed by the Boche as leaving, for the French and English fire of the last seven months had not caused great material damage to the towns themselves. Each, as I saw them, was a mass of smoking cinder from fresh fire in all Peronne I did not see a sound house, and in Chaumes I could find but seven. All had been pillaged. I could not find a single piece of furniture, and the only crockery visible had been broken. Everything that could not be carried away had been smashed and destroyed.

There was not one standing fruit tree in what were once gardens. They had been chopped down, and in 50 per cent of cases left where they fell at the last stroke of the ax. Every village, en route upon the miles between the two towns was burned, pillaged, destroyed. In one instance I saw an orchard of apple and plum trees and stopped to count 160 stumps with ninety-two murdered trees lying beside them.

I went south to Nesle with the same constant vision of diabolical destruction before my eyes. And I entered Nesle with emotion, for there my father, and his father, and their fathers before them were born. I had visited it before, in the years of peace, and entered the old house in which many of my line saw the light, visited the ancient church of Roman architecture where my father and mother were married, laid a flower upon the tomb of

Free Princeton Men for Army  
PRINCETON, N. J., April 10.—The faculty of Princeton University passed a ruling permitting students who are planning to take the examination for a commission in the army to leave their homes and go to the

## BRITISH TROOPS TAKE 9000 MEN AND MANY GUNS

All German Counter-Attacks Crushed, Haig Reports

VIMY RIDGE ENTIRELY  
CLEARED OF TEUTONS

Continued Gains by English  
in Drive on St. Quentin Announced

FIERCE BATTLE RAGING

Kaiser's Forces Win Foothold  
Near Ypres, but Are Ejected

LONDON, April 10.

Bitter fighting marked the continuation of Field Marshal Haig's forward smash in the great spring offensive today. The British commander-in-chief reported 9000 prisoners and forty guns as yesterday's captures in the first day of his tremendous sledgehammer smash.

Repulse of all German counter-attacks in severe fighting on the Vimy ridge was also reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"There was severe fighting during the night at the northern end of Vimy ridge," he said. "The enemy was ejected and a counter-attack by them failed. The eastern slope was cleared and counter-attacks repulsed.

"In the neighborhood of St. Quentin," the report continued, "the enemy

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## QUICK NEWS

### FIFTY STATE CAVALRY HORSES SAVED FROM FIRE

Fifty horses of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry were rescued shortly after 9 o'clock this morning from a fire that swept the stable at Fifty-fifth and Vine streets. Firemen and stablehands succeeded in rescuing, it is believed, all the horses in the stable. The origin of the fire, which started in the hayloft, is unknown.

### FIRE IN FACTORY MAKING SHELLS FOR RUSSIA

TAUTON, Mass., April 10.—Fire started early today in the plant of the Michle Press Company. The plant has been manufacturing shells for the Russian Government.

### COUNCILMAN HEXAMER MAKES PATRIOTIC PLEA

Select Councilman William E. Hexamer, of the Fifteenth Ward, a brother of Dr. C. J. Hexamer, president of the German-American Alliance, urged all to support President Wilson in the present war, at a meeting at the Young Men's Republican Club. He also advocated opening part of the club as a recruiting station and that a roll of honor be drafted, on which the names of all the members who enlisted would be placed.

### BRIDGE SENTRY STRICKEN ON DUTY

Private High Clark, of Company D, First Regiment, is in the University Hospital recovering from an operation for appendicitis. He was stricken while on guard duty on a bridge over the Schuylkill River yesterday. Clark lives at 7412 Claridge street.

### HOME DEFENSE GUARD FOR HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Residents of Haverford township are organizing a home defense guard. The township commissioners passed an ordinance authorizing Edward T. Hallissey, chief of police, to swear in 100 picked men as emergency police. The men will undergo a systematic course of training.

### LANSDOWNE MAN, ALLEGED DESERTER, HELD

ATLANTIC CITY, April 10.—Jacob Litzer, twenty-four years old, of Lansdowne, Pa., accused, the police say, of being a deserter from the Second Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, was arrested on the Boardwalk and sent to jail pending an investigation. The police said Litzer told them he was wanted at Fernwood, Pa., in connection with thefts from gas meters. He said he had been here for two weeks, and admitted he knew his regiment had been ordered to mobilize. He saw service on the Mexican border.

### HIS FLAG STOLEN, HE PAINTS ONE ON HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 10.—Edward Armrein, an employe of the Neverslip Manufacturing Company, nurtures a sturdy loyalty to the United States, although born in Germany and not yet a naturalized citizen. Armrein hung out an American flag from the porch of his home and it was stolen. Determined that no vandal should get the better of him in showing his patriotic spirit, Armrein painted the red, white and blue on the weatherboards of his home.

### FLAGS OF IRISH REPUBLIC APPEAR IN DUBLIN

LONDON, April 10.—Excitement was caused on O'Donnell street in Dublin by the hoisting of the republican flag on the ruins of the postoffice, while a small party waved a similar flag from the Nelson pillar, says a dispatch to the Star from Dublin. The police removed the flag from the postoffice and dispersed the crowd without making arrests. Here and there in the city, the dispatch reports, a small reproduction of the proclamation of the provisional government of the Irish republic was seen, with a footnote reading: "The Irish republic still lives." The Sinn Fein revolt broke out in Dublin on Easter Monday of 1916, a little more than a calendar year ago.

### ROOSEVELT IN WASHINGTON; MAY SEE WILSON TODAY

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived here from New York, and although he declined to make a statement, it was reported he would confer today with President Wilson and offer his services for the war.

### "BE AMERICANS ONLY," ROOT TELLS REPUBLICANS

NEW YORK, April 10.—Elihu Root, addressing a meeting of the Republican Club, called upon all Republicans to support President Wilson and "to submerge all partisan feeling, forget they are Republicans until the war is over, and to be Americans only."

### FORMER SAILOR DIES IN FIGHT OVER INSULT TO FLAG

BALTIMORE, April 10.—Refusal on the part of the proprietor to permit an orchestra to play the "Star Spangled Banner" and the interjection of the remark "Damn the Stars and Stripes," led to the killing with a billiard cue of Ijorne Holland, formerly a sailor in the United States navy, in a saloon conducted by Stanislaus Kinkowski. At the time Holland was going to the rescue of Frank Atkins, gunmaster on the coast guard cutter Apache, who was being beaten by several men. Kinkowski and four other men in the place were arrested.

### SHORE HOTEL MEN DROP TESTING RANGE SUIT

ATLANTIC CITY, April 10.—Hotelmen announced that a suit brought by representatives of \$10,000,000 worth of hotel properties to challenge the closing of twenty-two roads upon the testing range of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, near Mays Landing, has been abandoned. This is in accordance with an agreement reached at a conference here between Charles M. Schwab and a committee of hotel owners, at which Schwab gave his word that nothing detrimental to Atlantic City would be permitted in connection with the new range.

### ITALY PUTS RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The Italian Government, dispatches to the Commerce Department say, has put rigid restrictions on importations. Only these goods will be admitted: "Commodities imported by the Government; foodstuffs and raw materials to be designated by the Government; such large quantities of merchandise of known origin as may be admitted by special decree, and goods for which special permits will be issued."

### AMBASSADOR PENFIELD AT ZURICH ON WAY TO U. S.

PARIS, April 10.—The arrival at Zurich of Frederic C. Penfield, American Ambassador to Austria, Mrs. Penfield and three members of the embassy staff, is reported in a Havas dispatch from St. Gall, Switzerland.

### CHESTER RECTOR ENTERS NAVAL RESERVE

CHESTER, Pa., April 10.—The Rev. Francis M. Taitt, dean of the Convocation of Chester and rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, has enlisted in the Naval Reserve. With their rector a dozen young men of the congregation signed enlistment papers. Herbert Wright, son of City Councilman H. D. Wright, prominent in amateur automobile racing, has enlisted in the army aviation corps and will leave for a training school.

### PRIEST OFFERS \$1000 TO HELP TRAIN BOYS

SCRANTON, Pa., April 10.—The Rev. William P. O'Donnell, pastor of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, offered to give \$1000 toward the training of boys in the Bellevue section for military duty. Father O'Donnell declared he would draw his check, payable to the State Committee on Public Safety, if provision is made to have a competent military man appointed to train the boys in army tactics so that these boys will be fit to take up arms just as soon as they are called by the Government for military service.

### \$50,000,000 LOAN BILL FOR ROADS IN STATE SENATE

HARRISBURG, April 10.—The Sproul amendment to the State Constitution, providing for a loan of \$50,000,000 for good roads, was introduced in the Senate last night by the Senator from Chester. Senator Sproul also sponsored the measure two years ago, after it had been defeated at the polls in 1915, and it was passed. The amendment, should it pass, would be subject to the action of the voters at the next general election.

## WOMEN HELP OFFICERS GET 450 RECRUIT

Enthusiasm Brings Biggest Day Since Spanish War

800 PATRIOTS SEEK TO FIGHT FOR FLAG

Wireless Stations in City Taken Over by U. S. Inspector

MAY BE SEALED BY NIGHT

Mrs. Martin Leads in Movement to Care for Dependents of Enlisted Men

Another rush for enlistment began today with an early promise of equaling or exceeding yesterday's high mark for recruiting since Spanish-American War days. Lieutenant R. Y. Cadmus, United States Chief Wireless Inspector, will assume charge today of all wireless stations in the city, and it is expected that before night all will have been sealed by the Government. There are many receiving stations and a few sending stations in Philadelphia that will be closed.

MORE NAVAL MILITIA  
Fresh detachments of Naval Militia are arriving at the Philadelphia Navy Yard to augment the force already there. Philadelphia's two divisions of citizen sailors have been assigned to their ship. The two Erie divisions and the Lancaster division are expected today or tomorrow.

A committee representing several relief organizations will be formed within the next few days to provide for the maintenance of the dependents of Philadelphia soldiers and sailors. The committee, which will be under the supervision of the Red Cross, will be financially independent, and the funds will be raised by popular subscription. Distribution of the funds will be in charge of Mrs. J. Willis Martin and Mrs. John C. Groome.

About 800 men who applied for enlistment in the several branches of the Army and Navy yesterday made that day a record one for enlistments, exceeded by none since the day President McKinley called for volunteers for the war with Spain. Between 450 and 500 men were accepted and enlisted.

WOMEN GET CREDIT  
Not a little of the credit of enlistment for the navy is due to the work of the women.

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## CITY INSURANCE OF ENLISTED MEN

Idea Suggested by Evening Ledger Indorsed by Councilman Walsh

WILLING TO FRAME BILL

A proposition that the city of Philadelphia insure the lives of young men who enlist was enthusiastically indorsed today by James E. Walsh, Select Councilman from the Thirtieth Ward, and a widely known insurance expert, with offices at 6 Walnut street. Mr. Walsh said he was willing to frame an ordinance which would provide for the payment by the city of \$1000 to dependents of young men who die in the service of their country. He urged that Councils immediately appropriate a sufficient sum to guarantee payment of premiums to relatives of Philadelphia soldiers who are killed while fighting. The "enlistment-insurance" plan was first conceived by the EVENING LEDGER.

"We should have an appropriation," said Mr. Walsh, "that would more than cover the premiums liable to be paid to the families or dependents of enlisted men. I would suggest that the enlisted men be insured by the city under a group policy, payable under orders from the Mayor or Chief of the dependents of men who die in the service."

A group policy would be far preferable to separate policies for each individual soldier going from Philadelphia. Individual policies would require the services of a large clerical force, and there would be a lot of unnecessary red tape and confusion under the group policy plan the Mayor would be very simple. One clerk, acting under orders from the Mayor could attend to the payment of premiums.

"I consider the insurance-enlistment plan a splendid one, and I am willing to take such an ordinance and work hard for its passage. I will cooperate with the Mayor in every way possible in putting the plan through."

"Adoption of the EVENING LEDGER plan would show that Philadelphia has the interest of her young men of military age at heart. It would be establishing a decidedly patriotic precedent that would make its influence felt throughout the nation. Other towns and cities would follow Philadelphia's lead, and the result would be a great stimulus in enlistment over the United States."

Mayor Smith, when presented with the plan, enthusiastically declared the idea feasible and practical.

### THE WEATHER

FORECAST  
For Philadelphia and vicinity  
day and probably tomorrow  
perature.

LENGTH OF DAY  
Sun rises... 5:31 a.m. Moon sets... 7:28 p.m.  
DELAWARE RIVER  
High water... 8:30 a.m.  
Low water... 1:30 p.m.