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United States Will Be at War With Germany in April

Dispatches Say that the United States Will Arm Her Merchantmen at Once. This is Practically the First Step to a Declaration of War

It is claimed by an official of Washington highly up in the diplomatic circles that without the shadow of a doubt the United States will be actively at war with Germany before the end of April. This is an assertion made a few days ago at a luncheon given by the New Yorker to the official mentioned.

At this interview this official further stated that President Wilson was in possession of sufficient evidence to openly declare war at any moment but owing to the fact that certain diplomatic matters had to be straightened out first with other nations these evidences of Germany's treachery had to be overlooked temporarily.

It is a well known fact that the United States have been mining the harbors up and down the Atlantic coast for some time and that today a network of wire, protecting the cities from an invasion of submarines, now extend almost along the entire coast from Maine to Florida.

Besides this the sea for two miles from land along the coast, is planted with thousands upon thousands of mines. At regular stations, which are now overlooked by experts from the army, are men who can at a moment's notice fire these mines and destroy any vessels that come within their zone.

This same party stated that while the people of the United States were criticizing President Wilson for his seeming lack of attention that all the time President Wilson was taking advantage of the opportunity to prepare and practically "stalling for time" while his preparations were being made.

Washington, March 9.—An extra session of congress is to be called by President Wilson. The proclamation for this extra session is to be issued by the president today.

The president would not admit the real reason for this extraordinary session but in view of the grave situation that now confronts the president it is practically conceded that open war will be declared at this coming session.

President Wilson also announces that he will use the power invested in him and arm merchant vessels. The names of the vessels to be armed have not been made known but the usual vessels plying between the United States and England will undoubtedly be the first to be so protected.

The navy department are issuing a notice to the newspapers to refrain from any comment or news regarding the movements or plans of the government or the vessels.

If it is adhered to no official action will be taken by the government otherwise a censorship will be installed to prohibit newspapers from publishing news of the government's plans that might give the enemy an inkling as to the future plans of the army and navy.

WAR HERO RETURNS

Capt. M. Parry returned to Calgary the past week after serving his time at the front. Capt. Parry has multiple wounds as a result of his noble work in the trenches.

FOR CANADA COMING
Lieut. Col. Cecil G. Williams, chief recruiting officer for Canada, arrived in Calgary today. He is en route west on an inspection tour.

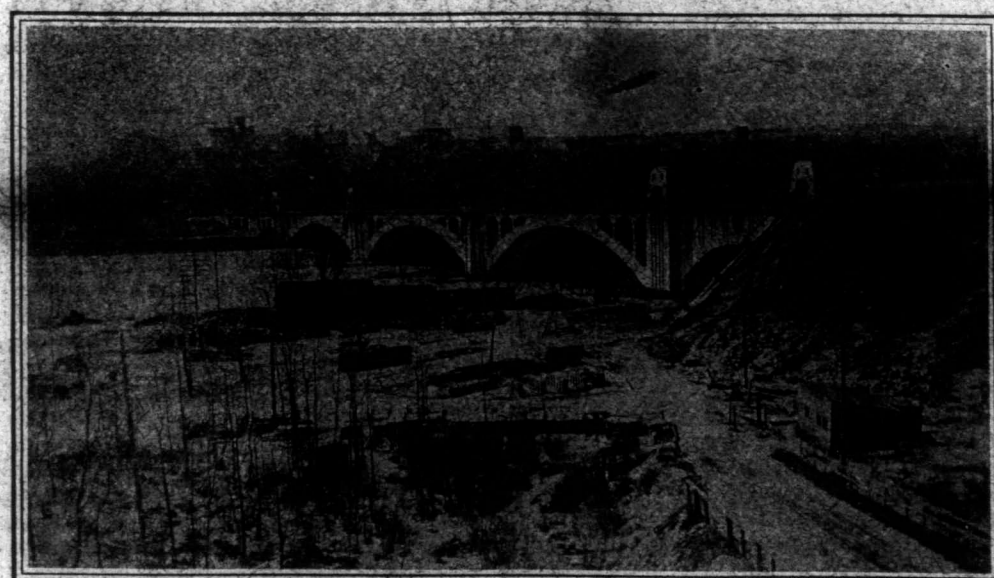
EXPLOSION WILL DESTROY ENTIRE BATTERY



Photo shows a new invention by an American. The cylinder is filled with poisonous gas and loaded with 100,000 rounds of shrapnel, a practical instrument of war that the experts of the U. S. government are trying out.

Sunday Standard

INDEPENDENT



THE NEW CENTER STREET BRIDGE
The bridge is one of the engineering wonders of Canada. It has just been completed at a cost of \$400,000, including improvements, being constructed within the amount appropriated by the city and erected in the specified time. A striking monument to the city and the engineer, G. W. Craig, who supervised the construction.

Potatoes are a Scarce Commodity

Before Spring Has Gone Potatoes Will Be Worth Their Weight in Gold, Says Commission Man.

Potatoes are going to be worth their weight in gold. Such is the remark of a well known commission man and although he does not mean that they will be worth, ounce for ounce, compared with the gold, they are going to be worth a great deal more than they are now being sold for.

The food director has issued special directions regarding the prices to be charged for this necessary product. At present indication potatoes in England will be impossible to be obtained the coming spring and summer at any price.

Potato crops throughout the whole country show a sad decrease in production for the year 1916. Evidences are now accumulating that point to the fact that the price of potatoes in this country will go to \$2 or \$3 a bushel.

Last year, somehow or other, the season over the most part of North America and western Europe was quite unfavorable for the potato crops. In the United States the crop was 70,000,000 bushels less than in 1915. In eastern Canada, the crop in Ontario was a partial failure, and in Quebec and the maritime provinces only a moderate crop. In western Canada the crop was generally good, but the acreage has never extended to much more than would supply local requirements.

In the United Kingdom last year's potato crop was the poorest for many years, and prices there are the highest on record. In France and Germany and other western European countries, the experience has been the same, a very poor season for the potato crop.

Recent prices for potatoes in the United Kingdom are equal to \$2.25 to \$2.40 per bushel of 60 pounds. In Montreal last week there were sales of car lots at \$1.85 to \$1.87 on track there for shipments to the United States, and in New York the price quoted was \$7.50 per barrel of 180 pounds, or \$2.50 per bushel. In Minneapolis, the wholesale price in small lots was \$2.35 to \$2.50 per bushel, and in car lots \$2.10 to \$2.25. In all these markets dealers expect to see \$3 per bushel. In London, England, the wholesale potato merchants predict a potato famine by May.

It behooves the local market to watch its potato crop or there will be a big scarcity this spring. Both the United States and the eastern Canada market are already making appeals for this delectable food to the local merchants.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ALBERTA KENNEL CLUB
HOLD SPECIAL MEETING
The dog show will be held this year in connection with the industrial exhibition on July 3 and 4. A large list of entries is expected this year for the interest is growing rapidly in the Alberta Kennel club.

POTATO SHORTAGE
BEGINS TO BE ACUTE
London.—The food controller reports that there is an unprecedented shortage of potatoes in the kingdom and that the people would have to go without this food during the coming summer.

CITIZENS MUST ORDER
COAL EARLY IN SUMMER
Ottawa.—The commission of conservation advises that to avoid a possible shortage of coal next year that every one should order their coal early in the summer. A possible shortage of labor may enhance the gravity of the situation.

AN OLD CALGARIAN
HONORED IN LONDON
An ex-Calgarian, Maj. Henry Blaylock, formerly associated with P. J. Bergeron, has been awarded the cross of the legion of honor, for distinguished service on the battlefield.

WELL KNOWN PRIEST OF TABER PASSES AWAY
Rev. Father van Tighem, parish priest of Taber, and one of the most conspicuous pioneers of the province, passed away the early part of the week.

MILITARY GENERAL IN QUEBEC WILL RESIGN
Quebec.—Brig. Gen. A. O. Fages, officer commanding in this military district, will resign shortly. It is reported. He has had more than 30 years service in the Canadian militia and was the officer commanding the Royal Canadian regiment when the war broke out. His successor will be chosen among local officers.

JOE STECHER, WRESTLER,
BEATS AD SATEL IN FRISCO
Joe Stecher, of Nebraska, defeated Ad Sate, Pacific coast champion, for the heavyweight wrestling championship in two straight falls. The match took place in San Francisco. Stecher got his second fall in 11:54 with a double wrist lock. The first fall was won by Stecher in 38:17 and was obtained with a body scissors and a double wrist lock. The attendance was about 14,000.

The gate receipts totaled \$12.43. Of this, 30 per cent. went to Stecher and 35 per cent. to Sate. Stecher's percentage was cut down because he insisted on a guarantee of \$2,500.

Municipal Golf Club Holds Annual

Ald. Marshall is Elected President—New Rates Are to Be Charged to Players

The Municipal Golf club has been a big success. The annual meeting, which was held on Thursday, was attended by many golfers interested in the future of this sport in Calgary.

The meeting decided to recommend to the city commissioners that the scale of fees for play over the course be awarded as follows:
Twenty-five cents be charged for 18-hole play on week-ends and holidays, and that the charge be 50 cents for play on the above days for non-members playing more than 18 holes.

The following officers were elected for 1917: Honorary president, Mayor M. C. Costello; honorary vice-presidents, Commissioner A. G. Graves and Commissioner A. J. Samis; first vice-president, E. E. Mitchell; second vice-president, J. A. Gorman; secretary, J. M. Miller, city clerk; treasurer, W. R. Reader, parks superintendent; executive committee, F. C. Child, George Gibb, Mr. Ballantyne, M. Whittleton, J. M. Rudolph.

Mr. Field was named as captain of the club for the season, Mr. Rudolph, Mr. Orbach and Mr. Scott as the greens committee, and Mr. Ballantyne, Dr. Scott, Mr. Woodley and Mr. R. H. Beavers as the handicap committee.

MANITOBA PARLIAMENT JOB AT LAST AWARDED

Winnipeg.—The successful tender for the principal work on the completion of Manitoba's new parliament buildings is that of the J. McDiarmid company, representing a sum of \$1,785,681.17. The plumbing, heating and electric wiring tender will bring the total to be spent by the government on the buildings to \$2,097,717.17. The Mundy Rowland company, of Vancouver, put in a bid of \$10,036 for electric conduit and wiring.

Three firms put in bids for the principal portion of the work, these being the McDiarmid company, the G. A. Fuller company, Montreal, and W. Cowlin company, Toronto.

LIEUT. FRED PUE
PROMOTED IN LONDON
London.—Lieut. Fred Pue, a well-known Calgarian who went overseas with the 12th Mounted Rifles, has been promoted to the general headquarters staff.

People of Alberta will Enjoy Season of Greatest Prosperity

The Year 1917 Promises to Eclipse all Former Years for the Big Yield in Crops and Prices Will be Far Above the Average

Unheard of prosperity is on the ascendancy for the farmer and breeder of Alberta the coming year. The top-notch prices of the present are nothing to compare with the prices for products of all kinds that will prevail before the present year expires.

This will mean that farming will come into its own in 1916. The numerous instances where farmers have made sufficient profit the past year to pay off the price of the land in one year are so frequently spoken of that Alberta farming is bound to have an influx from the United States of those who are seeking easy methods of acquiring wealth.

Many instances have come to note of farmers who bought their lands 12 months ago, and with their first crop were enabled to pay the whole cost of the land and still have sufficient left to carry them through the year until another crop.

Land that was bought for from \$15 to \$30 per acre has produced crops worth from \$40 to \$75. The prevailing high price of wheat particularly, and other grains as well, has of course been responsible for this to a great extent.

When it is known that many farmers produced an average of over 50 bushels of wheat to the acre it will be easily understood how they made such vast profits this year. These high averages were not confined to any one area, but were reported from all over Alberta and many parts of Saskatchewan.

Stories are common of farmers who have more than paid the original cost of their land from the proceeds of this year's crop. Many of the automobile firms are unable to get sufficient cars to supply the demand, as practically every farmer is buying at least one of the smaller cars and many of them are purchasing the larger cars. One firm in Calgary sold \$200,000 worth of cars during one month of this year, which was a record. Almost every small town now has its garage where all repairs can be made and new parts bought. This, and the general prosperity which it indicates, instigated considerable building activities, and carpenters and builders have been unable to keep up with the amount of work ordered. A great many new elevators are being built this year and this, of course, has also had its effect on the building trade.

Irrespective of the high prices that the Calgary people will have to pay for their own commodities this influx of new business is bound to have material effect on the growth and progress of the province.

England Proposes to Farm at Night

London.—"We want 2,000 American tractor plows for the use of a civilian army of night plowers which we are about to enlist throughout the British Isles," says Sir Arthur Lee, director general of food production. This new department, which is the outgrowth of Germany's submarine campaign, aims at the enlistment of several hundred thousand civilians to cultivate every available bit of soil.

"We hope to make the tractor plows fill the gaps caused by the shortage in labor," continued Sir Arthur. "Laborers can only work eight hours, but tractors can work 24 hours. They will be driven by taxicab drivers and chauffeurs.

"Behind every plow will be a skilled farmer. They will be assisted by prisoners, conscientious objectors, members of the home defense forces and women. This way we hope to produce enough food to make us independent of outside help so long as the war lasts. We do not believe we will be able to produce sufficient to feed the population in time of peace, but are confident we will be able to grow enough to stave off starvation during the war. For this we thank the German submarines. They already have given England an agricultural policy which is destined to make us to a large extent self-supporting. The submarines also have revived rural life, given the farmers a minimum wage and generally made our national defense more effective than a thousand speeches in parliament."

QUEBEC FORGER

EXTRADITED FROM U. S.
Montreal.—L. Henri Charlebois, former secretary of the Quebec streamers' commission, recently arrested at Chicago, on charges of forgery amounting to \$14,500, has been brought back here in custody. He is alleged to have forged the name of the Hon. S. N. Parent to checks on the Bank of Montreal.

BALL PLAYERS BEGIN

PLAY ON APRIL 24
Spokane.—Northwestern league magnates decided to open the 1917 season on April 24. The final games will be played on September 9.

HARDSHIPS FOR AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS



To secure water for washing in the snow covered Carpathian mountains it is necessary to uncover the frozen streams, and be exposed to the cold while bathing.

The Standard's Tribute to the Soldier Boys

THIS GOOD CHEER ISSUE of The Standard is sent forth to the boys in khaki, wherever they may be, as a tribute to their valor and an appreciation of their efforts on behalf of the great cause which the Allies are waging for right and justice.

To those brave lads who have answered their country's call, and who are now fighting with might and main in foreign lands, we send Greetings of Good Cheer.

To those who have passed to the great beyond and whose names will live for ever in the archives of the world's history we dedicate this edition as a

lasting tribute to the service they have rendered to their country and their King.

The entire aim and purpose of this issue is to do honor to the brave boys who have donned the khaki and to show through the columns of this edition the goodwill and good fellowship that all Calgary feels for the soldier boys.

If in one instance we have brought cheer to the heart of the brave lads in the hospitals, or a kindly remembrance to the boys in the trenches, then our mission has been fulfilled, and we shall feel that our work has been well done.

THE EDITOR.