News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

U.S.—Teutonic War News

Captain Boy-Ed of the American steamship Mongolia, which arrived at a British port, said that the Mongolia had fired the first gun of the war for the United States and sank a German submarine. The naval gunners on board made a crash hit at 1,000 yards. The periscope was seen to be shattered.

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Twenty steamship rumors of Germany's submarine blockade, arrived in the U. S. and thus made available about 60,000 tons of space for cargo awaiting means of transportation to Europe. Four of these vessels are among the largest merchantmen afloat. One is a British craft on its maiden voyage.

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Lieut. William F. Gresham, U. S. N., and 11 American bluejackets were guests of the American Legion at a steamship later, destroyed on April 17 by a German submarine, which arrived in United States from a foreign port. Lieutenant Gresham declined to make the sinking.

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Secretary Mcdoo handed the British ambassador at Washington a treasury warrant for $250,000,000, the first loan made to an entente government by the United States under the $7,000,000,000 war finance measure.

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It was announced at Washington that the policy of over-subscription to the liberty loans of the new government security has resulted in having the treasury certificates maturing June 30, increased from $200,000,000 to $250,000,000.

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Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming, ranking Republican member of the committee on military affairs of the senate at Washington, is convinced the conscription bill will be passed by the senate without change.

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European War News

Dvinsk was bombarded by German aeroplanes. Retaliatory aeroplane ships engaged the Germans, one of the latter's machines being brought down according to an official announcement at Petrograd.

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An exodus of civilians from Petrograd is described in a dispatch to the London Express from the Russian capital. One permit office was besieged on Tuesday morning by 800 persons. The correspondent says the anxiety to leave the city is generally attributed to the fear of a German advance on the capital.

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The British, Belgians on patrol duty in the English channel on the night of April 20 were upon a flotilla of 40 German destroyers, says a statement issued by the admiralty. Then ensued an encounter which will live long in the history of naval engagements. The British destroyers were the Swift and Broke. Although damaged, they returned severe damage they returned to port.

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The Spanish government's note to Germany regarding submarine warfare in the Mediterranean contains a paragraph which is considered unfriendly to the entente, according to official circles. Its determination to sink all vessels in order to defend its life, Spain must act in the freest.

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A German battleship and cruiser have been sunk by British mines and submarines in the Baltic sea, according to official word to Petrograd from Berlin via Copenhagen. The battleship was one of the Deutschland type, and the cruiser was of the Gazelle class.

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The battle of Arras, which has been raging for a week, is the most sanguinary fury again. The British captured the village of Guemappe, together with all the hostile trench system of two and three lines which ran southward from it as the cemetery at Roeux, Gavrelle, Fampoux and as well as Tilloy and Beaurevoir.

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Fourth—The banks of this state are to be congratulated upon their splendid financial condition.

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County Assessments Raised.

Franklin county's assessment was raised 1 per cent by the State Board of Equalization, bringing the total assessment from $9,949,342 to $10,077,-945.35, an increase of $477,419.35, added $2,737.40 to the state taxes. The assessment was raised in 1916 and 1915, was $97,252 under the 1918 assessment. Other raises made in the various counties 1 per cent on farm lands and 10 per cent on city lots. Floyd, 5 per cent on farm land; Gallatin, Crittenden and Hancock, 5 per cent on farm lands. Fulton, 15 per cent.

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Food Committee Appointed.

Guy Stanley appointed the state food committee which is to have charge of the mobilization of Kentucky farmers, and which will give aid in the procurement of labor and in all otherways looking to increasing the acreage of the U. S. Bureau of Bowling Green, is chairman, and Professor George Roberts, and Joseph LeCompte, of Lexington, are members.

Governor Morrow Recovered.

A reward of $150 was offered by Gov. Stanley for the arrest and conviction of the unknown parties who killed Clint Thomas and Ben Hatfield.

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STANLEY'S WAR PROCLAMATION

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Insists Upon All Arable Land In Kentucky Being Cultivated This Year—Says Provisioning of Allies Must Be Carried Out.

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Quaint Theater Notice.

Surely the quaintest notice ever issued by the management of a theater for the benefit of the audience is the following, which is to be seen in the German town of Bruenstedt. It reads: "For the benefit of the public it is ordered that the front row of the pit shall be done, the second row of the pit shall kneel, the third shall sit, and the fourth shall stand. In this way every one will be able to see." Let it hastily be added that the notice was posted up in the Brunswick theater in 1794, and that is now one of the curiosities of the museum.—Christian Science Monitor.

Without Petals.

Mary showy flowers have no petals, but their places are taken by the sepals, as in the case of the lily and the tulip, where the sepals are colored like another that are showy, but the sepals of the buttercup are green and the colored petals, poisonous, and daisy and sweet pea examples, also the milkvine sparks of the calla.

MEXICO WARNS THE GERMANS

FORBIDS THEIR CONCENTRATION NEAR AMERICAN BORDER—ARREST WILL FOLLOW.

Carranza's Government Pleases Officials in Washington With First Manifestation of Neutrality.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Official advices to the State Department said the Mexican government had warned Germans in Mexico that any concentration of Germans near the American border will be followed immediately by their arrest. In conveying this notice the Mexican authorities explained that they could do no less, in view of the fact that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. Officials of the American Government regard this as the first practical manifestation of Mexico's neutrality. Suggestions that the practical neutrality was only a ruse to get ready for a more friendly feeling for Germany, never have been accepted by the American Government, but the action of the Mexican government in this case is a measure to raise needed funds.

Tried Eight Times To Enter Town.

London.—Eight times in 72 hours Ypres was heavily shelled by enormous atombs of human flesh into the trenches of the British and Canadians in the battlefield east of Arras. Eight times the Germans launched infantry assaults, "the Hindenburg reserves"—the flower of the German fighting masses. This time Scated back like wolves that had been repulsed with battered their breast wall to bite. The Germans had massed their strength on the front far to the south, where they hoped to break through to victory in the supreme struggle on the bloodiest battle front of the world's history.

Get Dyes From Trees.

The older dyemakers and certain of the modern ones have been obtaining obtained many shades of yellow from the bark of the fustic tree, which grows in the United States, and which is found in the West Indies and Mexico. From this bark the dyemakers extract-ed the coloring matter, called "morin" vice," and from which they produced various shades of yellow and orange. Fustic was one of the dyes which was discovered by the ancient Egyptian dyemakers in producing certain yellows, and it was also used in producing red and old gold. This coloring matter is found in the heartwood of the fustic tree which long ago came to be known as "old fustic," because the tree which grows plentifully in the West Indies and Mexico is known as "young fustic."

Bakers Can't Be Drafted.

Washington.—Orders directing the country's railroads to give exemption certificates to their men of all other classes were issued by the provost general board of the Council of National Defense. Men who have been engaged by railroad heads to operate American railroads in time of war are entitled to exemption during the war. The board decided that the exemption should be left to the discretion of the railroads, and that the exemption depend on adequate supplies of labor. Men who receive exemption will be charged personally with responsibility for carrying the order into effect.

Missouri Jury Protects Women.

Kansas City, Mo.—A jury decided that a woman should not be cut off from $10,000 because her husband had been killed in a railroad wreck. Mrs. Josephine V. Bodes in the damage suit against the railroad company committed suicide March 17, 1916, after a jury in New York in the case had given her only $1,000.

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Asks T. R. To Decist.

Washington.—Joseph Leiter, grandson of the late Levi Leiter, telegraphed Col. Roosevelt asking him to decist which of the parties to a wrangle over the custody of the child should have it. Col. Roosevelt declined to act, saying he was not a court and could not refer to the enemy in Congress."

Does Not Aspire to Conquest.

Amsterdam.—Count Von Bernstorff, the Austro-Hungarian Government does not aspire to the conquest of Russian territory, according to the semi-official Fremdenblatt.

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Rivalry.

Small nature will always enjoy the rivalry between the sexes. Mother Nature supply the absence of good nature.—Boston Transcript.

GOOD DISHES.

The soup bean is being extensively used in the south and should be more crop to be used in variety. Many people do not have been largely used for human consumption, but it is worth trying, as it is more nutritious and proper than the ordinary navy bean.

Black Bean Soup.—Boil beans are of different varieties, but all contain a starchy substance which when cooked with food value. This soup is a little tough boil them until they are soft, then put through a sieve, add butter, pepper and salt, then put back in kettle, add one quart of milk, one cup of thick sour cream, cover and let come to a boil, then serve. Do not cover the last hour and add a half cup of sugar and a little soda to sweeten.

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Bread Beans With Sour Cream.—Soak three cupfuls of beans overnight, then parboil them until the skins burst in a fourth of a teaspoonful of soda, then drain off the water, add butter, pepper and salt, then put through a sieve, add one cupful of thick sour cream, cover and let come to a boil, then serve. Do not cover the last hour and add a half cupful of sugar and a little soda to sweeten.

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