

IMPERIALISM DOOMED, SAYS WILSON

PRUSSIANISM MUST BE STAMPED OUT, PRESIDENT DECLARES

NIGHT EXTRA

The Seattle Daily Times

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS. THREE LONG BLASTS OF THE TIMES WHISTLE mean that Seattle has added another big ship to Uncle Sam's fleet. FIVE SHORT BLASTS OF THE TIMES WHISTLE, repeated at frequent intervals, mean that Germany has asked for peace.

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WAR TIME PATRIOTISM GRIPS CITY

Cheering Throngs Replace Artificial Explosions Throughout Seattle Today. SIX SHIPS LAUNCHED HERE Pageants of Democracy in Parks With Applauding Masses Feature Day.

SPIRIT of America at war today thrills more than 350,000 Seattle men, women, boys and girls, taking part either as participants or as cheering spectators in the greatest Fourth in the city's history. Fourth made historic by the launching of four great steel cargo ships and two great wooden ships for Uncle Sam, six ships that will help keep the men in France supplied with food, rifles and shells.

Community celebrations, including sports, military events and Pageants of Democracy, are filling five of the city's principal parks with applauding masses of humanity. The new parade ground on Pine Street to Yowler Way will be converted into a vast open air ballroom in which tens of thousands will dance the hours away.

Patriotism Grips City. Patriotism, enthusiasm for the flag, determination to strike down the sinister menace of Kaiserism for all time, joy over the gigantic progress made by America in her first year of the war, predominates—joy over the fact that Uncle Sam has a million men in France. The din of firecrackers is unknown today, but the city is full of a new noise, the noise of cheering throngs from every street, square, and building, in many places in thrilling uproar.

More than 40,000 deadweight tons in ocean bottoms is the port's contribution to Uncle Sam today. Thirty thousand shipyard workers keep the three plants from which the new ships come—the yards of the Meacham & Babcock Shipbuilding Company, the Skinner & Eddy Corporation and J. P. Duthie & Co.

Nine Ships in All. Today's six ships, aggregating 100,000 deadweight tons, do not tell the whole story of Seattle's Fourth of July contribution to the Liberty Fleet on which depends the very life of the army in France. Two wooden ships flashed down the ways yesterday, one of 3,500 tons for the Sams and one of 3,250 tons for New York interests. Tomorrow another 3,250-ton wooden ship will be launched into the waters of Elliott Bay, built for the Admiral Line of Seattle.

The ships launched yesterday and the ships to be launched tomorrow all belong to the Liberty Fleet of July 4, 1918. They are so classified by the United States Shipping Board. The three carriers could have been released from the ways today, but because of a number of reasons they were deliberately set for yesterday and tomorrow.

Contribution to Liberty. This Seattle's Fourth of July contribution to the great Liberty Fleet consists of nine ocean-going carriers—two steel steamships of 7,500 tons, three wooden steamships of 3,500 tons, one wooden steamer of 2,250 tons and an auxiliary-powered schooner of 3,250 tons, the latter being the ship that is to be launched tomorrow. The nine ships aggregate 50,900 tons.

In Salmon Bay Plant. In the half hour before noon, from the Meacham & Babcock plant in Salmon Bay, the wooden carriers, Dacia and Waycane, Ferris type carriers, speeded down the ways for Uncle Sam, while thousands of people, and others thousands on the new Ballard bridge and great throngs on the surrounding hills of Delight and the amphitheatre filled the air with a thundering din of cheers. Mrs. William M. Meacham christened the Dacia and Mrs. L. E. Meacham the Waycane.

From the plants of Skinner & Eddy and Duthie & Co. four steel steamships, Skinner & Eddy present the 8,900-ton West Gambo and the 7,500-ton Delight to the service. Public plant launches the 8,800-ton Western Star and the 8,800-ton Western Cross.

URGES WAR UNTIL VICTORY



Color cartoon by Martin from photograph copyright by Clineinst, Washington, D. C. President Woodrow Wilson.

HUMANITY BATTTLING FOR REIGN OF LAW

Past and Present in Deadly Grapple With Peoples of Earth Being Done to Death Between Them, He Asserts in Speech.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 4.—President Woodrow Wilson today answered all feelers for a compromise peace with a new and unqualified consecration of America to the struggle for cleaning military autocracy from the earth. At an Independence Day gathering on the gentle slopes of Mount Vernon, home and tomb of George Washington, and surrounded by

YANKS REPULSE THREE RAIDS BY FOE IN VOSGES

Germans Fail in Triple Attempt to Reach American Lines—Big Gun Fire Heavy.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 4.—Repulse of three enemy raiding parties which attempted to reach the American lines in the Vosges was reported today in General Pershing's communiqué. Yesterday, intense artillery activity on both sides northwest of Chateau Thierry was noted.

Counter Attacks by Enemy Repulsed by Americans at Vaux

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Thursday, July 4.—Heavy German counter attacks against the American positions at Vaux, launched yesterday, were repulsed, the enemy losing very heavily.

The counter attack developed after the Germans had heavily bombarded Vaux and Bois de la Roche. When the infantry leaped from their trenches the troops came over in close formation. In some cases whole companies were allowed to approach close to the American line, then the American machine guns, from their hidden nests, let loose a perfect hail of bullets, mowing down the enemy ranks and piling the dead all over the ground where the Germans were trying to advance.

Shipbuilding Plant And Three Vessels Wiped Out by Flames

BEAUMONT, Tex., Thursday, July 4.—The entire plant of the Orange Marine Corporation, valued at \$100,000, and three half-completed 2,200-ton schooners, valued at \$225,000 each, were completely wiped out in fire of unknown origin early this morning at Orange.

Michael Proclaimed Czar of Russia, and Marches on Moscow

AMSTERDAM, Thursday, July 4.—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, brother of the former emperor Nicholas, has been proclaimed Czar of Russia, according to the Ukrainian telegraph bureau of Kiev. He is marching with the Czech-Slavs against Moscow.

Ukrainian Peasants In Sanguinary Battle

MOSCOW, Thursday, July 4.—(By the Associated Press)—A sanguinary battle between Ukrainian and Yekaterinoslav, between Germano-Ukrainian White Guards and peasants, completely wiped out in fire of unknown origin early this morning at Orange.

New Jersey Naval Barracks Destroyed

CAPE MAY, N. J., Thursday, July 4.—Fire of undetermined origin which started while the enlisted men were on parade today, destroyed the naval barracks at Sewell's Point near here. The loss is estimated at more than \$500,000.

AMERICA'S NATAL DAY CELEBRATED BY ENTIRE WORLD

WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 4.—American principles of democracy, freedom and equal rights for all men, formulated 112 years ago in the Declaration of Independence, were proclaimed today to the world as never before in celebration of American Independence Day held in lands where in previous years the day had no special significance.

In England, France, Italy and in South and Central American countries, the birthday of the American nation was observed, as well as in every hamlet, town and city in the United States, but those participating in all the celebrations looked towards Mount Vernon, the home and tomb of America's first President, where President Wilson was the principal speaker.

Look to President Wilson. Peoples of the European nations ranged against Germany in the war for the preservation of the principles outlined in the American Declaration of Independence, looked to President Wilson in his address at Mount Vernon for encouragement in the struggle. The American people after a year of war looked to the President for advice and renewed pledges of devotion to the cause in which they had enlisted.

President Wilson, visiting America's shrine as the home guest of a committee composed of thirty nationalities, had prepared an address calculated to give renewed hope to the war-weary Allies of America and to give to the American people renewed assurance of the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion.

Pledge Allegiance to U. S. Through their representatives, persons of thirty different nationalities pledged their allegiance to the country of their adoption at Mount Vernon. The President was accompanied to Mount Vernon and the presidential yacht Mayflower by all of the members of the cabinet now in Washington, by high officials of the Army and Navy and by a number of foreign ambassadors and ministers.

Soldiers and Sailors Join. American soldiers and sailors to the number of more than 1,000,000 are observing the Fourth of July on foreign soil or foreign waters. The 142nd anniversary also is being commemorated fittingly by the nations allied with the United States in fighting autocracy and militarism as well as by friendly republics in the Western Hemisphere.

France celebrates the day as a national holiday and throughout the war-torn country her citizens by themselves or joined with Americans are paying honor to America. In Paris and in every village and town patriotic celebrations are being held. The French army and the French fleet also are paying honor.

BIG LOCAL ACTIONS MARK FIGHTING IN FRANCE AND ITALY

ASSOCIATED PRESS SUMMARY
STRONG local actions mark the fighting activity on the Western and Italian fronts and neither the German nor Austrian commander has shown any disposition to reply in great force to the harassing tactics of the Allies, though they have lost important points, here and there during the last ten days, says today's Associated Press war summary.

FOURTH OF JULY OBSERVED TODAY IN MANY LANDS

MR. JERMANE'S DISPATCH
WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 4.—For the first time in history, America's Independence Day is a day of international observance. President Woodrow Wilson was the first to suggest that this year it be given a new significance and mark the rededication of the American people to the principles for which the fathers of the republic so gloriously contended.

YANKS CELEBRATE 4TH DAY AHEAD BY TROUNCING ENEMY

MR. LOVERING'S SUMMARY
ON the eve of the greatest Fourth of July celebration in the history of the nation, American troops yesterday smashed a German counter-attack directed at their positions at Vaux. The assault came on the heels of the brilliant Yankee thrust, which resulted in the capture of the village and the practical annihilation of the enemy regiment defending it.

THE WEATHER

EVERYBODY'S POINT IT!

EUROPE

AMERICA

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THE WEATHER

Tonight and Friday, fair; moderate westerly winds.

TEMPERATURE AT NOON TODAY, 58

Temperature during last twenty-four hours: Maximum, 66; minimum, 53; Relative humidity, 56 per cent. Sunrise, 5:15 a. m. Sunset, 9:11 p. m.

TIDES AT SEATTLE TOMORROW.

First low water... 8:38 a. m., 1.1 ft. Second low water... 8:27 p. m., 7.5 ft. First high water... 3:58 p. m., 10.0 ft.