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the United States into the war. In it were companies of soldiers from Camp Johnston, home guards, workers in the shipyards, city departments, civic and patriotic organizations of every character, forming a line estimated to be five miles in length.

April 11: Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo visited Jacksonville; marched on foot in a parade held in connection with the third Liberty Loan.

April: City of Jacksonville invested \$120,000 in Liberty bonds and \$1,000 in war-savings stamps—bond money held inactive by request of the Government not to carry on municipal improvements. Jacksonville was the first city in the United States to invest as a corporation in Liberty bonds.

April 26: An ordinance of the city council went into effect requiring all traffic to stop for one minute upon the sounding of "Big Jim", the waterworks whistle, at 6 p. m., and all persons to stand with bared heads for the same length of time, in honor of the American flag.

November 11: From the first blast of "Big Jim" (the waterworks whistle) at 3 a. m. of the 11th, announcing the signing of the armistice, until early morning of the 12th, Jacksonville reveled in continuous celebration. Parades without number formed and marched, merged with other processions and disbanded from exhaustion, only to rest and form again. Every noise-making instrument in the city worked over-time. Whistles of the mills, the river craft, Big Jim, and the South Jacksonville siren rent the air at irregular intervals; automobiles tore through the city streets each dragging from one to six garbage cans, dish pans, tin buckets—anything to heighten the clatter. The 11th was declared a holiday by the city, county, and every business firm in the locality. Throughout the day enthusiastic crowds thronged the streets. Soldiers from Camp Johnston were everywhere, as a holiday had also been declared by the commander of the camp. A great organized patriotic parade was held on the 12th. Companies from Camp Johnston, the Duval County home guards, civic organizations, shipyard workers, any body of people that could be assembled, joined in. There may have been larger demonstrations in the centers of greater popula-