

RIDGE CITIES FREQUENTLY BOMBED BY CALLED AIRMEN

At Present the Most Notable Feature of the War Is the Remarkable Work of the Airmen

AMERICAN AVIATORS TAKING PROMINENT PART

The German Plans For a Resumption of the Offensive In France Are Being Hampered By Sudden Blows of the Allies Here and There Along the Front—The American Artillery Is Battering the German Lines Night and Day, While the Infantry Is Raiding Enemy Outpost Positions

— A Night Gas Attack By Americans Drenched a Wooded Position of the Enemy With Poisonous Fumes — A German Attack Is Expected Soon, Either In the Somme Region Near Albert or On the Avre River.

In the past years of the war a period of extraordinary activity by the aerial squadrons of the contending armies in France has been considered as an indication that events were rapidly shaping themselves for an offensive by one side or the other. At the present moment the most notable feature of the war situation is the remarkable work of airmen in various sectors where a German attack is looked for.

This activity has not been restricted to the actual battle area, but far back of each front there have been daring raids. The Rhine cities are being frequently bombed, while Paris again has been in danger of a new German attack from the air.

American aviators have borne a prominent part in this fighting. In the Lunerville and Toul sectors they have given a magnificent account of themselves, while further north, and even to the defense of London, they have demonstrated their fighting capacity. The German plans for a resumption of the offensive in France have been seriously hampered by the sudden blows of the allies here and there along the front. The German lines have been forced back at numerous points and new lines which may be more easily defended have been established by the allied armies.

The American aviators have been given the enemy no rest. The artillery has battered the German lines night and day, while the infantry has raided German outpost positions and have proved themselves capable of outwitting and out-

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To Make July 4th Ship Launching Day

SHIPYARDS ARE ASKED TO SPEED UP PRODUCTION

GREATEST IN HISTORY

Chairman Hurley Is Disposed to Make the "Liberty Launching" a Series of Notable Celebrations in All Yards.

Washington, May 22.—Whether revenue legislation shall be undertaken at this session of congress depends on President Wilson's decision after a conference with congressional leaders who are strongly in favor of postponing the legislation until next December.

Today the president went over the arguments presented by Secretary McAdoo for enactment of a new tax law before adjournment and he will see Mr. McAdoo again before finally determining whether the administration should declare the legislation necessary to the protection of the nation's finances in healthy condition for the war.

All the advice which Secretary McAdoo got today from his advisors having direct charge of administering the revenue law and of planning to meet future financial needs of the government was to the effect that a new measure must be enacted by next fall. He was told that by December or January the government will need a definite assurance that it will be forthcoming, and that it will be next to impossible to collect taxes under a law which might not be completed before next February or March.

Regardless of government needs, Secretary McAdoo is represented as believing that the interests of the nation should know long before next February or March the nature and amount of taxes to be assessed on them for this year's business.

GERMANY HAD NO RIFLES STORED IN THIS COUNTRY.

Deputy State Attorney General Becker Declares the Report a Myth.

New York, May 22.—Germany's reported importation and storage in this country of large numbers of Mauser rifles and quantities of ammunition was declared a myth by Deputy State Attorney General Becker at the conclusion today of his inquiry into the existence of these munitions.

He expressed the opinion that the German plot to foment revolt against British rule in India.

This developed during the testimony of Herbert D. Forman, confidential agent of Captain Paris Tauscher, the erstwhile American representative of German munitions manufacturers. He said that in 1914 shipment of 7,000 old model Springfield rifles, which he now believes were intended for shipment to India, were stored in this country by the German government. A few months ago they were sold by the enemy property custodian to Francis Bapstman, a New York broker in connection with military paraphernalia, he declared.

"This is the only source to which I can attribute these absurd stories in the world," he said.

Chairman Hurley is disposed to make the "Liberty Launching" a series of notable celebrations in all yards as a peculiarly fitting way to commemorate the signing of the declaration of independence. President Wilson may be asked to participate.

Red Cross Fund

Total \$44,070,555

NEARLY ONE-HALF THE WAR MERCY FUND

FROM THE 12 DISTRICTS

In Connecticut \$1,118,000 Has Been Subscribed—In New York City the Total Now Is \$11,358,457.

Washington, May 22.—Nearly one-half of the American Red Cross section of \$100,000,000 war mercy fund had been subscribed on the date of return received at headquarters here tonight at the end of the third day's campaign. The total subscriptions from the twelve districts was \$44,070,555, but it was recognized that these figures were incomplete and did not represent the maximum of subscriptions up to this time.

None of the divisions yet has reached its quota, but many cities and towns today joined those that went over the top Monday and Tuesday. The subscription drive is still in progress.

AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATION TO BE THOROUGH

Charles E. Hughes Declares the Entire History Since the War Began Should Be Gone Over

ASKS ABANDONMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL PROBE

Attorney General Gregory Has Sent to Senate Military Committee a Letter From Mr. Hughes Stating That Department of Justice Investigation Should Not Be Embarrassed by a Parallel Inquiry—Mr. Hughes States That the Inquiry Should Be Followed by a Complete Statement of Facts Discovered Regardless of Whether Basis Was Found For Criminal or Civil Proceedings.

Washington, May 22.—Attorney General Gregory today to the senate military committee today a letter from Charles E. Hughes, who at President Wilson's request is directing the department of justice investigation of aircraft production saying the department's task should proceed unembarrassed by a parallel inquiry.

This development came after the senate had passed a compromise resolution authorizing investigations of various branches of war activities, including aviation, was passed by the senate after being stripped of language which the president had constructed as a virtually constituted committee to investigate a committee on the conduct of the war.

NO CONTROVERSY IN SENATE OVER MILITARY INQUIRY

To Grant Mr. Hughes' Demand For a Free Hand.

Washington, May 22.—There will be no controversy in the senate over the military inquiry, it was made plain today by a statement of Mr. Hughes' demand for a free hand was endorsed in a note of transmittal by Attorney General Gregory, who, it is reported, had discussed the matter with the senate's chief legislative officer member of each sub-committee.

HOW I. W. W. PLANNED TO PRACTICE SABOTAGE

Disclosed in Letters Submitted at Trial of Leaders in Chicago.

Chicago, May 22.—An assertion that he wore a fur on his coat to keep out plagues of the scent, was contained in a letter written by Alexander G. Bowers, a defendant in the trial of 112 Industrial Workers of the World for seditious conspiracy and introduced today as evidence.

The Cournois letter was written to his sister and in it he admitted that he registered "to keep from going to the front" and that he had changed his name and adopted a disguise to escape being drafted. At another point according to the letters, he had been advising his brother and others how to escape the draft.

In a letter to the I. W. W. publication, Cournois, who was an employee of the United States weather bureau at Huron, S. D., advised the organization to issue pamphlets opposing conscription and had urged that members of the organization seek employment in industries which would exempt them from active service.

"By gaining control of these industries," one letter said, "the members will be able to practice sabotage and destroy the war effort."

The I. W. W. can destroy the power of the American Federation of Labor and gain control over the important war industries of the country."

He said he had learned 25 ways to sink a boat and told of bombs made by gunmen to resemble lumps of coal and chemicals made to resemble tobacco.

All the evidence introduced at today's session consisted of letters by which the government hoped to prove that the I. W. W. had been active in seditious conspiracy and other war measures.

RIGHT TO KILL ALIEN

COMMITTING A DISLOYAL ACT

Edwardsville, Ill., May 22.—In a decision handed down today by Judge Bernreuter in the trial of eleven residents of Collinsville, Ill., charged with murder in connection with the death of Paul Prager, the court declared that "if an alien is caught committing a disloyal act any citizen has the right to kill him, but if he was only charged with disloyal utterances, he was entitled to full court protection."

SENATE PASSES NAVAL APPROPRIATION, \$1,610,000,000

In Record Breaking Time of Four Hours, Without Roll Call.

Washington, May 22.—In record-breaking time of four hours and 45 minutes today passed without a roll call the naval appropriation bill carrying \$1,610,000,000. The measure, increased about \$25,000,000 over the house authorization, now goes to conference.

FRED BENNETT OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT

Moody Man Is Charged With Criminal Assault.

Stokes Case Nearly Ready For Jury.

Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—President Wilson's order in the case of Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, on trial in federal court here, charged with violation of the espionage act, was completed late today and argument begins. Final summing up by both sides will take place tomorrow after which Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh will charge the jury.

What the Red Cross Is Doing

In France, it is furnishing relief in 121 cities and towns; in Italy, in forty-five cities and towns, with branches in 218 other places.

There are 3000 Americans abroad working for the Red Cross. In France, thirty-seven warehouses containing more than \$7,000,000 worth of goods, fifteen hospitals; in England, five hospitals; in Italy, two. In addition, supplies are furnished to 465 hospitals in 1509 cities and towns in France, and 431 hospitals in Italy. Ninety-nine Red Cross ambulances on the Italian front are operated by 123 American boys.

Fourteen rolling canteens at the French front have supplied 3,240,000 hot drinks to French soldiers. Canteens in the Paris district have supplied millions of meals and drinks to soldiers.

A factory has been established for manufacture of artificial limbs, and five splint factories are operating under Red Cross supervision.

This Is Work You Should Help

scriptions by divisions as announced tonight include:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS' OFFICERS.

Charles L. Taylor of Hartford Chosen One of the Vice Presidents.

New York, May 22.—After pleading devoted to the American flag and the authority and principles it represents, and listening to addresses on the government's activities in settling industrial disputes and establishing vocational schools to re-educate disabled soldiers, the National Association of Manufacturers elected vice presidents for eleven states and concluded a three days convention here tonight.

View presidents chosen included: Charles L. Taylor, Hartford, Conn.; Massachusetts, William P. White, Lowell; Rhode Island, A. J. Thornley, Providence.

John Nolan of Cambridge, Mass., spoke on re-education of men crippled in the war.

GUILTY OF STEALING GOODS IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

William J. Holmes of Springfield, a Fireman on the New Haven Road.

Boston, May 22.—William J. Holmes of Springfield, a fireman on the New Haven road, and his half brother, Fred Wilson, employes and baggage men at the Springfield station, pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to steal goods in interstate commerce. Federal officers checked two trunk trunks checked to New York to be shipped to Hartford, Conn. where Holmes claimed them, and sold the contents. Holmes was sentenced to two years in the Atlanta penitentiary. Wilson's case was continued indefinitely, the court accepting his statements that he had acted in the direction of the older man.

RAILROADS ASK "MORE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION."

They Are to Have Special Hearing Before Federal Railroad Commission.

Boston, May 22.—Negotiations are under way for special hearings before the federal railroad administration at Washington in behalf of certain railroads for "more adequate compensation" under the provisions of the railroad control bill N. L. Amster, of this city, chairman of a special committee on the investors' protective association, announced tonight.

The recent action of the director general of railroads in transferring the railroad operating executives to the positions of federal managers, thus making them virtual government employes, prompted the announcement, Mr. Amster said.

ORDERED INDUCTED INTO MILITARY SERVICE.

Flavio Ginguobbe of Webster Had Cast Aspersions on U. S. Army.

Boston, May 22.—After admitting that he might unknowingly have made statements detrimental to the army, Flavio Ginguobbe of Webster today declared he was willing to fight for his country and was ordered inducted into military service by Federal Judge James H. Morton, Jr. Ginguobbe, who had been indicted on charges of attempting to obstruct recruiting and enlistments, pleaded not guilty when first arraigned, but later changed his plea to guilty, and when the court's finding was announced stood up and saluted.

ELEVEN BILLION DOLLAR ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL

For Next Year Agreed Upon by House Military Committee.

Washington, May 22.—The eleven billion dollar army appropriation bill for the next fiscal year was agreed to unanimously today by the house military committee and will be reported to the house this week by Chairman Dent. Early consideration will be urged.

In addition to the regular army bill, a fortification bill carrying \$3,000,000,000 is under consideration by the house appropriations committee and today Secretary Baker asked for \$1,100,000,000 other war industries and ordnance supplies with authorization for the war department to spend \$7,118,562,466 additional for ordnance as in the discretion may be required during the coming fiscal year.

Of the more than seven billion authorization asked, \$4,160,000,000 is for armaments for the next fiscal year in mountain, field and siege cannon, and \$2,701,562,467 for ammunition.

REGISTRATION OF MEN ABSENT FROM HOME

Must Be Provided For by Draft Executives in All States.

Washington, May 22.—Draft executives in all states were advised today by Provost Marshal General Crowder they must be prepared to handle the registration of men absent from home. States having shipbuilding plants, munitions factories and other war industries were warned they must expect to take care of a large number of absentee registrants included in the large non-resident population.

Youths absent from home must register in sufficient time to have their registration certified to their home before June 5.

DEPARTMENT OF YEOWOMEN OF FIRST DISTRICT CENSURED.

Admiral Wood Warns Them to Pay Stricter Attention to Business.

Boston, May 22.—Yeowomen at the headquarters here of the First naval district must pay stricter attention to business if they wish to escape official censure. In an order issued today by Rear Admiral Spencer S. Wood, commanding the district, yeowomen were warned that no more "sitting on desks, loud talking, reading newspapers and idle conversation."

COPPER PRODUCERS ASK INCREASE TO 30 CENTS

Representatives of the Industry Appeal to War Industries Board.

Washington, May 22.—Declaring the present copper price fixed by the government at 23 1/2 cents per pound is insufficient owing to the high cost of labor and material, representatives of the copper industry today asked the price-fixing committee of the war industries board to grant an increase to 30 cents a pound for the three months beginning June 1.

It was indicated that a compromise probably would result after further discussion. Twenty-five cents was at eastern refineries was hinted at as the probable figure, leaving the producers, smelters and refiners to settle among themselves a division of the price.

LOOKING FOR ABLE RAILROAD OFFICERS

To Become Federal Directors to Succeed Deposed Presidents.

Washington, May 22.—The railroad administration today began looking for the most able operating officers of each of the 290 roads under government control, to become federal directors of his line, to replace the president as chief executive for operations. As these officers are found and persuaded to resign their official connections with the government, they will be appointed, and until then the present managements will continue.

A survey today of available men for the positions indicated that many presidents would be chosen for the new positions, and consequently their companies will have to elect new presidents. "Virtual cabinet members" or executive employees who contribute to the actual physical operation of the roads will lose their jobs.

It was intimated that although the salaries of the federal directors would not be gauged according to usual government standards, by a billion members receive only \$12,000 a year, the present salaries of many railway heads, ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, would not be duplicated by the railroad administration. The salaries would be "adequate," it was stated, and would be of varying sizes comparable to each man's ability and duties.

ANOTHER NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH IN GEORGIA

In Connection With Murder of Hampton Smith—Wounded Three White Men.

Valdosta, Ga., May 22.—Sidney Johnson, a negro accused of complicity in the murder of Hampton Smith, a Brooks County farmer, was shot to death tonight in a fight with the police on the outskirts of Valdosta. Three whites were wounded, including Chief of Police Dampier. Four negroes already have been trampled as the result of the Smith killing.

DEATHS FROM TORNADO IN IOWA WILL EXCEED TWENTY

Estimates Place the Property Damage at More Than \$1,500,000.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 22.—Related reports tonight from the sections of central Iowa, swept by yesterday's tornado, indicated that the fatalities would exceed the twenty thus far reported.

The injured were believed to exceed 150, the property damage, latest estimates showed, is more than \$1,500,000.

COUNSEL FOR LA FOLLETTE CLOSES ARGUMENT.

Two Weeks Were Given to File a Supplementary Brief.

Washington, May 22.—Counsel for Senator La Follette closed today the argument yesterday before the senate privileges and immunities committee in support of a motion to dismiss charges that statements by the Wisconsin senator in a speech at St. Paul last September were disloyal and seditious. Gilbert M. Lee of New York, the senator's attorney, concluded with the declaration that Senator La Follette is not disloyal and that to say in his heart he desires to see the German cause succeed is unthinkable. Two weeks were given the attorney to file a supplementary brief.

RELATES STORY OF HER LIFE UP TO THE TIME SHE MET DR. ROBERTS.

Waukegan, Wis., May 22.—Grace Lusk took the witness stand late today in her own defense at her trial for slaying Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts.

Miss Lusk said that she first met Dr. Roberts at a dinner party which he attended with his wife late in January or early in February, 1912. Later they met at church societies which Dr. Roberts frequented with his wife. The witness described her husband during this period as poor, due largely to overwork and declares she was frequently unable to attend to her duties because of severe headaches.

During the early part of the day the defense introduced a score of "harsh" witness who testified to the high mental and moral character of the inmate of an insane asylum at one time.

THE POLICE AT TORRINGTON WERE NOTIFIED YESTERDAY FROM HARTFORD THAT ROBERT A. BEESE, ARRESTED THERE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AS AN ALLEGED spy, HAD ESCAPED FROM PORT OGLETROPE, GA.

Representative Rufus Hardy of Texas and a committee of Texas senators today sent to President Wilson the \$10,000 prize turkey that has been taken around the country for the Red Cross.

RECRUITING IS LIVELY FOR MERCHANT MARINE

Eighty-three Men Were Yesterday Accepted For Training.

Boston, May 22.—A new recruiting high water mark was set by the United States shipping board, when 83 men were accepted for training. The best previous mark was 75. New York state, in the lead with 25 recruits, followed by Massachusetts furnished 18, Pennsylvania 12, New Jersey 9, Ohio 6, Connecticut 5, Rhode Island 3, Maine 2 and New Hampshire, Virginia, West Virginia, Michigan and Illinois one each.

JAPANESE STEAMER ERMA MARU IS BELIEVED TO BE BOUND FOR AN AMERICAN PORT.

A Canadian Pacific Port, May 22.—The Japanese steamer Erma Maru today was reported on fire at sea. It is believed the vessel is bound for an American port. The steamer Macquinn was reported on her way to the Erma Maru.

WAR PLANS ON BASIS OF 5,000,000 FIGHTING MEN

Requested in Resolution Adopted by State Council of Defense.

Hartford, Conn., May 22.—A resolution urging that the government now base all its war plans upon a minimum of 5,000,000 fighting men was adopted today by the state council of defense and approved by Governor Holcomb. It will be sent to President Wilson, Secretary Baker and Daniels, Provost Marshal General Crowder and the Connecticut delegation in congress. The resolution points out that this will of necessity mean increased the auxiliary forces by several thousand men, but that the burden of providing such forces be distributed equitably and to persons increasing the age limit to 45 years.