

ASTRIAN OFFENSIVE HAS FAILED IN ITS OBJECTIVE

In the Venetian Alps the Invaders Are Stalled By the Resistance of the Allies

ATTACKS HAVE BEEN QUICKLY REPULSED

The Allied Troops Have Delivered Counter-Attacks, Regained Lost Ground and Inflicted Heavy Casualties on the Enemy—All Along the Piave River From the Mountain Passes to the Adriatic Sea Fierce Fighting Is Going On—On the Montello Plateau the Italians Have Strengthened Their Positions Barring the Way to the Venetian Plains—Austrian War Office claims the Capture of 30,000 Men and 120 Guns—The Allies Have Taken 5,000 Prisoners—Infantry Operations on the Battle Front in France Continue Virtually at a Standstill—Several Attempts By the Germans to Penetrate the American Lines in the Marne Sector Have Been Smashed By the American Gun Fire.

The Austrian planers are not closing upon Italy with the precision of last October, when they forced back the Italian armies of General Cadorna from the Julian Alps to the Piave river and from the northern mountain regions almost to the plains of Venetia. In fact, they do not seem to be closing at all. The upper law in the Venetian Alps is stalled under the resistance of the British, French and Italian forces, and the netter one seems to lack the force necessary to bring it across the Piave river and push back the Italian troops which are clogging its path. In the Alps the Austrians have been unable further to advance their lines since their initial onslaught last week. Everywhere from the Asiago plateau sector eastward to the Piave river all their attacks have been quickly repulsed by the allied troops, who, in their turn, have delivered counter-attacks, regained lost terrain, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and taken a considerable number of prisoners. All along the Piave river, from the mountain passes through which the torrent winds its way southward on the road to the Adriatic sea, fierce fighting is going on, especially on the Montello plateau; in the region of the famous Zenson loop and further south from Fossalta to the marsh country around Capo Sile, some twenty miles east of Venice. The Italian war office announces that the enemy everywhere is being held along the Piave. On the crucial sector of the Montello plateau, the repulsed two enemy attacks on the northern border. Likewise to the south near Maserada and Candelo attempts by the Austrians to effect new crossings of the Piave were frustrated with heavy losses. From Vienna comes a variant report. It does not concede to the allies

Cabled Paragraphs

Admiral Paget Dead. London, June 18.—Admiral Sir Alfred Paget died suddenly last night. As given by the authorities, Paget was a son of the late General Lord Alfred Henry Paget and was born March 20, 1852.

ACCUSED OF STEALING FROM MUNITIONS PLANTS

Three Men and a Woman Taken Into Custody Had All Important Parts of Browning Gun.

New York, June 18.—Three men and a woman were taken into custody today and accused of stealing from munitions plants throughout the country plans and blueprints valuable to the American and allied governments. They were charged with violating the espionage laws.

THE REGULATIONS

The regulations will be: Roast beef whether hot or cold will be served only on Mondays at the midday meal; stewed or boiled beef or beef hash only on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the midday meal; steak in any form, including hamburger, on Thursdays at the midday meal. By-products of beef, such as ox tails, hearts, kidneys, brains and tripe, may be served at any time. The food administration does not want hotels and restaurants to advertise the days on which beef is served, or even the routine way of following the regulations. It does not want attention focused on these days on which beef is served and thereby increase the consumption of beef. Violators Will Lose License. Every public eating place is expected to comply with the regulations on a voluntary basis and in case of violation the food administration will give public notice through the newspapers and will notify dealers to stop supply. Any licensed dealer who does not comply with the notice will have his license revoked. A letter to all public eating places outlining the beef regulations will be sent out by Mr. Scoville tomorrow.

BROOKLYN ROAD CHARGED WITH "INEXCUSABLE NEGLECT"

In Employing Women Conductors as Young as 14 Years.

New York, June 18.—Charging the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company with "inexcusable neglect" in employing women conductors as young as 14 years and subjecting them to conditions of employment which are "injurious to the community in general and particularly as affecting many decent and self-respecting women now employed or desiring employment by the railway company," a grand jury here today urged the immediate enactment of legislation "to protect the respectable womanhood of the country." The grand jury, after an investigation covering several weeks, reported that the street railway company had hired women of questionable character and drug addicts and that they often were required to work more than ten hours a day. The conditions at the car barns the grand jury said, were "injurious to the community in general and particularly as affecting many decent and self-respecting women now employed or desiring employment by the railway company." Admitting that the war imposes industrial hardships on all classes, the findings stated that, despite them, these critical times advantage should be taken to improve the physical and moral character of the women employed. The grand jury said that the railway company should be compelled to provide for the health and morals of its women workers by thereby insuring the best of service. The opinion declared that while no violation of existing law had been found, the grand jury nevertheless would warrant the continuance of the conditions revealed.

Regulations For the Conservation of Beef Camps in Germany

ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD ADMINISTRATION AN ADDITIONAL LIST OF EIGHTY-FOUR REPORTED

UNTIL THE EARLY FALL 8 OFFICERS INCLUDED

Roast Beef on Mondays, Boiled Beef Wednesdays and Saturdays, Steak on Thursdays, All at the Midday Meal Only.

Hartford, Conn., June 18.—A plan to conserve beef until the early fall has been put into effect, a question arose as to uniformity of regulations. Today a message to federal food administration Robert Scoville, suggesting uniformity in the serving of beef at public eating places and hotels. The regulations will be: Roast beef whether hot or cold will be served only on Mondays at the midday meal; stewed or boiled beef or beef hash only on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the midday meal; steak in any form, including hamburger, on Thursdays at the midday meal. By-products of beef, such as ox tails, hearts, kidneys, brains and tripe, may be served at any time. The food administration does not want hotels and restaurants to advertise the days on which beef is served, or even the routine way of following the regulations. It does not want attention focused on these days on which beef is served and thereby increase the consumption of beef. Violators Will Lose License. Every public eating place is expected to comply with the regulations on a voluntary basis and in case of violation the food administration will give public notice through the newspapers and will notify dealers to stop supply. Any licensed dealer who does not comply with the notice will have his license revoked. A letter to all public eating places outlining the beef regulations will be sent out by Mr. Scoville tomorrow.

Adillard Barbeau of Danielson, August H. Chapman of Colchester and Arthur F. Johnson of Middletown Among the Number From Connecticut.

Washington, June 18.—An additional list of eighty-four Americans reported in German prison camps by the American Red Cross was announced today by the war department. Most of the men named previously had been reported as missing by General Pershing. Eight officers, three of whom were serving with French and English flying squadrons, are included in the list. They are: Captain George C. Freeland, Westville, Conn.; Lieutenant Edward A. Koeneke, Rochester, N. Y.; Lieutenant Bernard J. Gallagher, Waseka, Minn.; Lieutenant William H. Jenkins, Leesburg, Va.; First Lieutenant Elmer D. Mackey, McKeesport, Pa.; Aviator Thomas Buffum, French aviation service, no address given; Lieutenant Hugh Guggan, British Royal Flying Corps, no address given; Lieutenant Herman Whitmore, no address given, French aviation service. The list follows: At Limburg, Captain George C. Freeland, Westville, Conn.; Second Lieutenant Edward A. Koeneke, Rochester, N. Y.; Sergeants Eugene F. Sharkey, 25 Root avenue, Ansonia, Conn.; Walter J. Reynolds, 502 Orchard street, New Britain, Conn.; Corporal Thomas F. Barry, Olive street and Grand avenue, New Haven, Conn.; Jack Bathing, Orange, Conn.; Harold A. Bergman, 31 Townsend street, New Haven; Melvin R. Carlson, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Sewall W. Rich, Dorchester, Mass.; Charles J. Szallinski, South Norwalk, Conn.; Gunnar Vincenzo LaBriola, Bristol, Conn.; Privates Adillard Barbeau, Danielson, Conn.; Lester Bigelow, 749 Dixwell avenue, New Haven, Conn.; Albert Rossi, Brookline, N. Y.; Antoine J. Gazon, Bristol, Conn.; Howard M. Garrison, Providence, R. I.; George L. Hawley, Hartford, Conn.; Raymond C. Kirog, 50 Wolcott street, New Haven, Conn.; John Knudson, 23 Reed street, New Haven, Conn.; Joseph P. Leary, 14 Warwick street, Middletown, Conn.; William J. Lilly, Southington, Conn.; Harold E. Masterson, Stamford, Conn.; John A. Murphy, Amesbury, Mass.; Claude J. Nelson, Bristol, Conn.; Michael M. O'Le, Pequabuck, Conn.; Herman Sherman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joseph A. Roach, Ridgefield, Conn.; Earl C. Rodgers, Danville, Vt.; Louis Sander, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl Sudock, 470 Oak street, New Haven, Conn.; Arnold D. Ulnax, Middletown, Conn.; August H. Chapman, Bristol, Conn.; Aviator Thomas Buffum (French aviation service), no address; Sergeants Harold W. Tucker, Providence, R. I.; Daniel Brandon Putnam, N. Y.; Mechanic John F. Cronin, 102 Main street, Portland, Me.; Harry Swanson, Vincent Allen, Norwalk, Conn.; Frank Antonik, Webster, Mass.; Percival S. Barnes, West Haven, Conn.; William Cardwell, Cranston, R. I.; Harry C. Casberg, 14 Elmwood street, New Haven, Conn.; Lee W. Lamere, Lakeside, N. H.; Lewis R. Lenhart, Somerset, Pa.; Thomas A. Lyett, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Leo A. Maher, Dorchester, Mass.; Eugene C. Mielowski, Providence, R. I.; Charles McGovern, Charlestown, Mass.; Theodore Novosel, 61 Crown street, Union City, Conn.; William H. Seaton, New York city, N. Y.; Daniel E. Sala, West Wareham, Mass.; William H. Seaton, North Providence, R. I.; Alex Stefani, Fairfield, Conn.; Frank Sutcliffe, Fairlee, Mass.; Harry Swanson, Waverly, Mass.; John L. Whalen, Springfield, Mass.; Ellis M. Young, Everett, Mass. At Giessen, Corporal George D. McHugh, 199 Tyler street, New Haven, Conn.; Privates Louis J. Goldman, Philadelphia; Lloyd W. Litchfield, Needham, Mass. At Villingen, Lieutenant Bernard J. Gallagher, Waseka, Minn.; William H. Jenkins, Leesburg, Va.; Elmer D. Mackey, 212 Bowman avenue, McKeesport, Pa. At Landshut, Lieutenants Hugh Guggan (Royal Flying Corps); Herman Whitmore (French aviation service). At Camps, Names Not Known. Captain Howard Francis Kane, March 18, Me.; Corporal Arthur P. Johnson, Middletown, Conn.; Private John J. Milan, South Boston, Mass.

NEW RATES ON EXPORT AND IMPORT FREIGHT

On a Basis of Over 25 Per Cent Increase to Become Effective July 25.

Washington, June 18.—New rates on export and import freight on a basis of something over 25 per cent increase over existing rates was ordered today by the Federal Reserve Board to become effective next July 25. This modifies the recent rate orders which cancelled existing export and import tariffs and applied domestic rates to that traffic. It was found that domestic rates applied to exports and imports in many cases were unreasonably high. If carried out, the order would have resulted for many increases of 300 and 400 per cent. After investigation, the railroad administration has drafted a specific schedule of rates to apply on exports and imports. Most of these are about 25 per cent more than present schedules although many run far above that. Representatives of the railroad administration in conference this week at Chicago with passenger traffic managers will frame new regulations for universal passenger mileage, good for any line in the United States at the three cent standard rate. SENATE AMENDMENT DEFEATED IN HOUSE. Conferring Rank of Lieutenant General on Commandant of Marine Corps. Washington, June 18.—The house today by a vote of 13 to 44 rejected a senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill conferring the rank of lieutenant general on the commandant of the marine corps and creating the rank of major general for two of the corps staff officers. The amendment followed a spirited debate in which charges were made that Major General Barnett, commandant of the corps, had started a campaign for the amendment as soon as the bill was sent to the senate by the house several weeks ago. PERSONAL TAX OF STATE GUARDSMEN ABATED. By the City Council of Bristol—Also All Men in the Service. Bristol, Conn., June 18.—The city council here today voted to abate the personal tax assessed against all members of the two companies of state guards in service here. This follows the action regarding the personal tax of all now in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States, taken two weeks ago.

Condensed Telegrams A Reserve Army Officer Arrested

William C. Porter, of New York, was appointed to the Aircraft Board. King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, has accepted the resignation of his cabinet.

Secretary Baker submitted supplementary estimates of \$63,235,000 for June. The French Government at the request of the Pope reprieved three Germans.

Lieutenant Paul Baer, American ace, missing since May 22, is a German prisoner.

Sickness resembling that which swept Spain recently was reported as epidemic in Germany.

Henry Cohn, Pittsburgh, dealer in United States flags was arrested and interned as an enemy alien.

Great Britain's daily average expenditure during the current financial quarter was \$3,815,000 pounds.

President Wilson was elected to membership in the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences.

The Government has accepted W. K. Vanderbilt's Long Island home, called Idle Hour, for a war hospital.

Fire started in a woodyard in the tenement district of Lawrence, Mass., and eight buildings were burned.

Wisconsin Socialists in convention in Milwaukee went on record as favoring "an early peace without indemnity."

Nearly 200 successful candidates for admission to the First Naval District Officers' School at Harvard started work.

The bread ration for the city of Vienna has been lowered from 1250 to 830 grams (less than 1 1/2 pounds) weekly.

Epoch, of Rome, says the pope will shortly publish a white book on the attitude of the Holy See throughout the war.

Prince Ivesato Tokugawa, at the head of the Japanese Red Cross mission to allied countries, has left Japan for America.

Delegates to the fifty-second G. A. R. encampment at Ithaca June 25-27, will be exempt from the three-cent railroad rate.

Eugene V. Debs may be arrested. The Department of Justice is investigating his alleged seditious utterances at Canton.

The Railroad Administration abolished the rule of per diem charges for repair by one of another line's cars. All equipment is pooled.

One thousand boilermakers and ironworkers in the James Shevan and Sons' drydock struck because a non-union man was employed.

Three manufacturers of oleomargarine pleaded guilty in the United States Court of defrauding the Government of the 10 cents per pound tax.

Elmer Parker Howe, 68, one of the founders of the United Shoe Machinery company and for many years its general counsel, died at Boston.

Because they claim, they have not received promised back pay 500 car repairs in New York Central Railroad shops at Oswego, N. Y., struck.

Four ambulances were presented to the government in France at New York by the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Charles M. Schwab was present at the successful launching of the 6,450-ton ship South Pole, built for the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Baltimore.

John Durand, of Lowell, Mass., a hotel proprietor, was sentenced to three months in Greenfield jail for selling liquor to men in military service.

The Geological Survey reported coal production higher. An average of more than 12,000,000 tons a week is being maintained by the bituminous mines.

The House passed a resolution turning over to the President a fund of \$130,000,000 to be used for the relief of the unemployed. Part of it will go to supporting the Creel Bureau.

Firing thrice at Clarence L. Potter and believing that he had killed him, Arthur Markert, 30, turned his revolver on himself and committed suicide at Pittsfield, Mass.

A strike of 40 doffer boys forced the closing of the spinning mill of the Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company at Salem, Mass., throwing nearly 700 employees out of work.

Permanent increase of the enlisted personnel of the navy from \$7,180 to \$11,435 provided in the naval appropriation bill as it passed the senate was approved today by the house.

Chairman Taft and Walsh, of the War Labor Board, will try to adjust the threatened strike of 20,000 employees of the General Electric Co. who demand higher pay and shorter hours.

Modification of railroad embargoes where necessary to facilitate the movement of wool, particularly to Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York and New England manufacturing centers was announced by the railroad administration.

Mrs. Frank L. Briggs, wife of the pastor of the Union Evangelical church at Springfield, Mass., has been invited by the parish to fill the pulpit and assume the other pastoral duties while her husband is abroad in the Y. M. C. A. war service.

Loot valued at more than \$4,000, said by the police to be a part of nearly \$60,000 worth of men's and women's wearing apparel stolen from stores in and about Boston has been recovered in New York, Washington, Baltimore and Detroit.

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50,000 WORKERS IN STATE FOR W. S. DRIVE

60 Per Cent of Adults Will Give Towns Perfect Enrollment.

Hartford, Conn., June 18.—Throughout the entire length and breadth of Connecticut, enthusiastic responses are in evidence everywhere regarding plans for this week a force of approximately 50,000 patriotic War Savings workers will begin taking the most thorough and comprehensive house to house canvass ever undertaken in the state of Connecticut. Everywhere wage earners are being urged to invest one day's wages each week in the next six months in War Savings Stamps. Factories, stores, business firms, insurance companies and other commercial organizations are lending enthusiastic support. The state director has set a quota of 60 per cent of the adults in each community as a perfect enrollment and effort is being made therefore, to secure 1,000,000 adult war savers in Connecticut. 1,000,000 pledge cards have been distributed in every city, town and rural community. These pledges will be taken by the house to house canvassers and everywhere assurance has been given that the quota will again go over the top. The quota of the state assigned by the treasury department of War Savings Stamps is \$25,000,000. Up to the present time over \$4,000,000 have been sold. The state director is confident after the results of Registration Day will be reported today that the quota amounting to many millions of dollars will be secured.

A U-BOAT DESTROYED BY AN AMERICAN SUBMARINE

Passengers Reaching Port On Steamship Bring Report.

An Atlantic Port, June 18.—A German submarine was destroyed by an American submarine off the Virginia coast several days ago, according to a report brought today by passengers aboard an American steamship. The crew of the U-boat perished, according to the report. Officers of the vessel admitted they had been told the story of the combat by members of the American submarine's crew. The American liner had put into the mouth of Chesapeake Bay for shelter in response to warnings, and anchored near an American submarine, officers of the vessel stated. An interchange of wireless messages followed in which the submarine crew is reported to have told of its victory. The U-boat was sighted while the American craft was patrolling with only her periscope visible, according to the story. When within range, torpedoes were released, and twenty seconds later microphones recorded a terrific explosion. Rising to the surface the American submarine circled about on the lookout for survivors, but coming to the surface was the only trace of the vanquished raider.

PERIOD FIXED FOR MILITARY REGISTRATION IN ALASKA

For Men Who Have Reached Their Majority Since Sept. 2, 1917.

Washington, June 18.—President Wilson in a proclamation today fixed the period between 7 a. m. July 2 and 9 p. m., September 3rd for the registration for military duty of men in Alaska who have reached their majority since Sept. 2, 1917. The error in Alaska is authorized to establish registration places and to appoint officials to carry out the provisions of the selective service law. The wise prophet lays up an explanation for a rainy day.

ATHENS, GREECE, JUNE 18.—General Franchet d'Esperey has been appointed commander-in-chief of the allied forces in the near east in succession to General Guillaumat, who has been made military governor of Paris. General Franchet d'Esperey was tendered a luncheon today by Premier Venizelos of Greece.

RAID BY AMERICANS WAS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL

Dozen Captured Seventeen Germans and Two Machine Guns.

Paris, June 18.—Under the heading "American Pop," La Liberté recounts a incident on a "quiet" sector occupied by American troops. After a few days training in the trenches, it was decided to carry out a little raid under the direction of a French sub-lieutenant. The raid was completely successful, all the enemy being killed or taken prisoner. The raiding party devoted itself for some time to the destruction of machine gun emplacements and dugouts. But when the time came to return it was discovered that a dozen Americans were missing. They could not possibly have been captured, as the leader of the party decided to wait a few minutes. Soon the missing men reappeared, escorting seventeen Germans and carrying two machine guns. They explained that the raid was a sort of lesson which they had mastered so quickly that they had gone on and entered the German second line and brought back some samples of prisoners, to demonstrate their aptness.

ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$10 A WEEK FOR 400 WEEKS

Widow of Charles W. Cranney, Who Was Murdered in a Hotel in Boston.

Boston, June 18.—The widow of Charles W. Cranney, formerly head waiter at the Hotel Essex, who was murdered in the dining room of the hotel in August, 1916, by Stilianos Zacharich, a discharged waiter, is entitled to receive the benefits of the workmen's compensation act, by a ruling of the industrial accident board today. The board finds that as the shooting did not arise out of a personal quarrel, but solely by reason of Cranney's employment as head waiter, his widow is entitled to receive a payment of \$10 a week for 400 weeks.

ARMY LABORATORIES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO YALE

Training Will Be Mainly in Chemistry and Bacteriology.

New Haven, Conn., June 18.—An announcement was made by the Yale Corporation today that, at the request of a surgeon-general's office, the training of the personnel for all the mobile laboratories in the American army will be transferred next month from Leavenworth, Kansas, to Yale university. About 20 men are expected. Training will be mainly in chemistry and bacteriology.

SHOE OPERATIVES REQUEST 20 PER CENT WAGE INCREASE

Petition to Be Presented to the Brockton Shoe Manufacturers.

Brockton, Mass., June 18.—A request for a 20 per cent increase for nearly 12,000 operatives will be presented to the Brockton Shoe Manufacturers association within a few days. A committee of business agents of several labor unions announced today that they would tender the request in behalf of all classes of operatives except the cutters whose interests are being looked after by their own executive board. Contracts for more than 2,000,000 pairs of army shoes are being filled by local manufacturers.

SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR M'CALL

By the National Institute of Social Sciences.

Boston, July 18.—A Liberty service medal was presented to Governor McCall today by the National Institute of Social Sciences. A statement accompanying the medal said it was given in recognition of the foresight of the governor in making ready for war, in calling a conference of New England governors, when war was declared and in supplying means of communication between the soldiers and their families. Former President Taft is honorary president of the institute.

GRACE LUSK SENTENCED TO NINETEEN YEARS

For the Murder of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts.

Waukesha, Wis., June 18.—Grace Lusk, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree for slaying Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, wife of Dr. David Roberts, former state veterinarian, today was declared by a board of aliens to be sane and was sentenced by Judge Martin Lueck to nineteen years imprisonment.

IN COMMAND OF THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE NEAR EAST

General Franchet d'Esperey Succeeds General Guillaumat.

Athens, Greece, June 18.—General Franchet d'Esperey has been appointed commander-in-chief of the allied forces in the near east in succession to General Guillaumat, who has been made military governor of Paris. General Franchet d'Esperey was tendered a luncheon today by Premier Venizelos of Greece.

LIEUT. JAMES C. STALEY

Arrest Was Made By Federal Agents Who Had Followed the Officer During Inspection of Plant of the Trust Rainscoat Company.

Washington, June 18.—The trail of the government's pursuit of illegal profiteers on war contracts today led to the arrest in New York of Lieutenant James C. Staley, a reserve army officer on a charge of accepting money from the Trust Rainscoat Company of New York for a contract which he promised to procure.

The arrest was made by department of justice agents who had followed the officer during his inspection of the plant of the rainscoat company whose promoters acted in co-operation with the government to detect the fraud.

Had Received Money. The secret agents arrested him immediately after he was said to have received a sum of money from Joshua Rosenthal and Louis Wener, proprietors of the plant. It was charged that he had told them he would expect more money as soon as they got the contracts which they sought for \$5,000 rainscoat costing nearly \$25,000.

Lieutenant Staley is about 50 years old and came originally from Iowa. After being arrested today he made a complete confession of his part in the transaction department of justice officials said, and gave much valuable information which may lead to the detection of other cases of fraud. He will be tried by court martial.

An Extensive Scheme. The shadow of complicity in the allied scheme by which commission agents made millions out of government war orders by acting as middlemen in obtaining contracts for manufacturers today extended to scores of business men attorneys in Washington, New York, Boston and other cities, and even to a few secretaries of members of congress.

Many of the Men Were Amateurs. These men, many of whom were amateurs in the game of soliciting war contracts, promised to use their influence with government officials, army officers or members of congress to assure the awarding of contracts to special concerns, and in turn were to receive compensation if the contracts were landed.

A large proportion of these cases, disclosed by correspondence and other documents seized in the simultaneous raids yesterday on offices of several hundred manufacturing plants and forwarded today to the department of justice, were not prompted by sinister motives, officials believe, and prosecutions will not follow. Many others, however, appear the result of carefully planned plots to snare millions from contractors who in turn were to add the contingent fee to prices which the government was required to pay.

Other Arrests May Be Made. Officials intimated that other arrests may be soon made in connection with the charges of snatching millions are now under indictment here—conspiracy to violate federal laws forbidding the sub-letting of contracts and payment of contingent fees.

Special agents of the department of justice, treasury, war and navy departments were at work today on new phases of the disclosures in Washington and elsewhere, while a corps of investigators followed the direction of assistant Attorney General Huston Thompson digested the evidence contained in the thousands of seized documents.

Attorney General Gregory took the latest information on the raids to the cabinet meeting, and cabinet members and heads of all executive departments making contracts received the attorney general's commendations, approved by President Wilson, for inclusion in future contracts of a clause binding the contractor not to pay contingent fees to any middlemen in negotiating a war order.

PLANTS IN SEVENTY CITIES ARE INVOLVED

In the Government's Crusade Against War Contract Grafting.

New York, June 18.—More than 300 contracts involving plants in 70 cities throughout the country are embraced in the government's nationwide crusade against war contract grafting, according to a statement issued here tonight by Dr. John E. Demund.

In connection with the department of justice, Dr. Demund and Dr. S. D. B. Pfeiffer, special agents in charge of the war department, are looking into army and navy contracts in New York city and vicinity.

"Yesterday we visited more than thirty manufacturing plants and have gathered up all their books of record and other important papers," he said.

One person, an army officer, has been arrested already, and others are pending as a result of information obtained in the inquiry, Dr. Demund declared.

HINDENBURG SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS DISEASE.

He is Reported as Confined in a Private Sanitarium.

Geneva, June 18.—The Tribune says it learns from a reliable source that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is suffering from an acute nervous disease, that his mental capacity is much affected and that he is confined in a private sanitarium. The newspaper adds that Hindenburg took no responsible part in the recent offensive on the western battle front, the work being chiefly done by General Ludendorff.

OBITUARY.

Frank S. Allen.

Hartford, Conn., June 18.—Frank S. Allen, an outstanding inspector of steam boilers for the state and was known in engineering circles throughout the country, died at his home here tonight. He was born at Lyme, N. H., in 1843.

He worked for the state as inspector for a local steam boiler inspection and insurance company.