

AMERICA'S TREASURY PART COMES NEXT YEAR

So States Major General Brackner, Comptroller General of Equipment for British Air Council—Says More Planes Built, Sooner War Will Be Over.

Speaking to a crowd of 3,000 men and women at the North Elmwood plant of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corporation, Major General W. S. Brackner, the comptroller general of equipment for the British air council, declared that next year's fighting will be much more intense than the campaigns of 1918. America, he said, will play a tremendous part through her army and navy but particularly through her aviation programme.

"The more airplanes you build and the quicker you build them, the sooner will the war be over." He himself is prepared to see three years more of conflict.

"We've got to go beyond our past achievements," the famous soldier of 22 years service said as he leaned over the platform around which were assembled the workers and several hundred jacks in uniform. "We must be prepared to send great airplanes, equipped with four, five or six motors, if necessary, on bombing expeditions into the industrial centers of all Germany and into Berlin, too. We ask America to help us in that work of carrying the fighting behind the lines. We have been able this year to bomb the industrial centers along the Rhine but we must do more.

"Over in England, we've put into the aviation and other work pretty well all we've got. The message of Great Britain to you workers is this: Push On—Work Harder and Make More and More Airplanes.

"By next summer, we will have got in England about as far as we can go in the development of aircraft facilities. Then we shall have to give attention to the development of new types rather than the expansion of production. America comes in to meet that condition with her unlimited resources of men and factories, such as this, for the building of airplanes and engines."

Major General Brackner is making a trip to the airplane centers of the United States. He is accompanied by Sir Henry Fowler (the man who reorganized the Royal Aircraft Factory) and who is the chief assistant to Sir William Weir, air minister of Great Britain) and Colonel the Master of Semple, one of Great Britain's foremost experts on aerodynamics.

"At the beginning of the war," he said, "England was even less unprepared than America. We had never made an airplane engine and our production did not exceed 100 a year. Today we have about 3,000 planes in action every day. That doesn't appear to be much to you who are so accustomed to great numbers. But, consider that 50 per cent. of this total is done up every month in service and that an equal number must be held in reserve and an equal number again kept behind for training purposes and you see that we have reached a very high production."

"We owe you a debt of gratitude. Before you entered the war, you produced for us 1,000 Curtiss biplanes and they filled in splendidly in our great emergency. The Curtiss JN4 and the Curtiss OX5 motor made the most reliable of machines from the start. "I must mention the Curtiss flying boat for we have depended largely on the flying boat to keep down the submarine. Your navy is co-operating in a great naval programme with the British Grand Fleet. Your flying boats are patrolling the coasts of Great Britain and France and just before I left England I saw the latest you are sending over and they were doing splendid work indeed.

GERMANS DENY U-BOAT SANK HOSPITAL SHIP

Assertion Believed False, In View of Statements Made By Survivors.

Amsterdam, July 3.—The sinking of the British hospital ship *Llandovery Castle*, announced by the British admiralty to have been sent to the bottom by an enemy submarine off the Irish coast on June 27, with the probable loss of more than 200 lives, was due to her striking a British mine, in all probability, says a semi-official note from Berlin received here today.

"Like all similar assertions of the British admiralty," the note reads, "the assertion in this case that a German submarine was responsible for the fate of the *Llandovery Castle* probably is incorrect. It appears from the later news that no one on board the steamer saw a submarine or a torpedo. In all probability the case of the loss will be found to be attributable to a British mine."

The British admiralty's account of the sinking of the hospital ship said that after she was torpedoed a submarine appeared, the commander of which hailed the captain's boat, ordered him on board the U-boat and questioned him sharply, accusing him of having eight American aviators on board, which the captain truthfully denied. The captain, two others of the ship's officers and a Canadian medical officer, who also were interrogated, finally were allowed to go. Survivors reported that the submarine later was heard shelling an unseen target.

REV. DR. GLADDEN NOTED MINISTER IS DEAD AT 82

Congregational Leader Also Widely-Known As Magazine Writer-Editor.

Columbus, O., July 2.—The Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, nationally known Congregational minister and author of this city, died this morning following a second stroke of paralysis suffered last Sunday. He was 82 years old.

Distinguished in the religious world, Dr. Washington Gladden also was widely known as a magazine editor and writer, and the author of numerous books, included among which is his "Recollections." While working as a printer on the *Gazette* at Oswego, N. Y., Dr. Gladden first began the practice of writing. While he was pastor of the Congregational church at North Adams, Mass., where he had been called in 1846, he began to contribute to *The Independent* and other magazines, and wrote his first book, "Plain Thoughts on the Art of Living." Later Dr. Gladden became identified with leading magazines and at the close of duties as pastor at North Adams in 1871, he joined the staff of *The Independent*, serving as editor of the publication for four years.

At the close of 1874 Dr. Gladden resigned his editorship and went to Springfield, Mass., as pastor of the North Congregational church. Eight years later he became pastor of the First Congregational church of Columbus, O. He continued pastor of the Columbus church for 31 years, relinquishing official duty at the close of 1913 and continuing thereafter as pastor emeritus.

It was during this active part of his life also that he made his famous reference to "tainted money," the occasion being consideration of a gift by John John D. Rockefeller. At a National Congregational meeting he severely attacked gifts to Christian work and his reference became known country-wide.

Various honors directly connected with his Christian ministry came to Dr. Gladden. In 1891 he was a delegate to the International Congress of Congregationalists in London, and for three years was moderator of the Congregational Church of America—the highest honor in that denomination in the United States.

Few of his manifestations of political interest attracted more attention than his friendship for Theodore Roosevelt, which began when the latter was police commissioner of New York city. Dr. Gladden was born at Pottsgrove, Pa., Feb. 11, 1836, the son of Solomon Gladden and Amanda Daniels. Until he was 16, he lived on farms near Oswego, N. Y.

REDDING PECK FOR CONGRESS, VOLLMER FOR SHERIFF, DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES AT CONVENTIONS HELD IN THIS CITY

Both Nominations Made Unanimous by Delegates Assembled From All Parts of Fairfield County—Wilcoxson, Candidate Against Peck, Received Two Votes—Finnegan Received 21 Votes As Candidate for Sheriff.

Lester O. Peck of Redding, former state senator, was named for Congress, and William Vollmer, of Newark, former sheriff, was named for sheriff yesterday by the Democrats of the Fourth Congressional District and Fairfield County respectively in conventions held at the Stratford. Nominations before the convention, were made unanimous in both conventions. Both candidates accepted the nominations, and promised if elected to serve the interests of their constituents, state, and the nation.

Both conventions had been called for 5 o'clock, but the county convention was first called by J. H. McMurray of this city, chairman of the committee. After credentials of delegates had been scanned the roll of the convention was made up, and a permanent organization effected under the leadership of J. H. McMurray as chairman and J. P. Dunnigan of Bridgeport as secretary.

C. F. Murphy of Shelton placed the name of William Vollmer in nomination, and M. J. Cuff of Danbury placed the name of Christopher Finnegan of Bridgeport, a former policeman, before the convention. Both nominations were seconded. The ballot taken resulted in 44 for Vollmer and 21 for Finnegan. Mr. Cuff moved the ballot be made formal and the nomination unanimous, which was carried.

Vollmer made a short speech before the convention, saying that he had not intended to be a candidate, but thanked the delegates and the Democrats of Fairfield county for the confidence reposed in him, and promised if elected that no Democrat will have cause to regret his choice.

Members of the county committee were chosen by senatorial districts as follows—21st, John J. Ford; 22d, Frank A. Long; 23d, Charles B. Mara; 24th, Stephen B. Treadwell; 25th, Edward J. Quinlan; 26th, Albert Phillips.

Immediately after the adjournment of the county convention the congressional convention was called to order by Daniel E. Walker, chairman of the committee, and permanent organization was effected with W. J. Moran as chairman.

Lynn W. Wilson in a short speech in which he reviewed some of the work of his candidate as a member of the General Assembly placed the name of Lester O. Peck of Redding in nomination as the candidate for Congress from the Fourth district. The name of John Wilcoxson of Stratford was also placed before

the convention, but the delegates were so certain of their choice it was decided not to take a formal vote in nomination, only the two Stratford delegates voting for Wilcoxson. The nomination was made unanimous. Senator Peck was brought before the convention by Lynn W. Wilson and Senator Wood, and accepted the nomination in a brief speech in which he said in part:

"I want to thank you sincerely in the honor you have given me in naming me to become a member of that great statesman's family, the greatest statesman of all, President Wilson." This brought forth a great applause again from the delegates assembled.

"The Democratic party has remained unchanged during the past 100 years because it lives in the truth with equality for all. During the past year President Wilson has illuminated democracy and showed the world what the Democratic party really stands for.

"Today every county in the world and every household knows what democracy really is. Only the other day Paris decided to change the name of one of its principal streets and has named it President Wilson, showing what the French city really thinks of democracy. The Republican party today is on the defensive because everything they have claimed has been done under the principles of democracy.

"Republicans adopted as a slogan 'Anything to beat Wilson,' and in attempting this they attacked Secretary of the Navy Daniels and have found it was no use. Then Secretary of War Baker and the Fourth district away. Under Secretary Baker the United States has placed more men in France during the few months it has been at war than England has done in its three years of battle so that the criticism of Secretary Baker has subsided and the Republican party is on the defensive.

"The men nominated in the recent state convention are men who have agreed to give everything they have for democracy and they stand willing to receive nothing for themselves. They all put patriotism before party and I want to do all I can for my nation first and my party afterward."

The congressional committee as chosen by senatorial districts is as follows—21st, M. J. Clabby; 22d, John A. Cornell, Jr.; 23d, George M. Coughlin; 24th, M. J. Barrett; 25th, H. R. Ellwood; 26th, Wallace Dann; 27th, Albert Phillips.

TO USE WOMEN AS COPPUNCHERS

Oklahoma Ranch Owner Thinks They Can Do Light Saddle Work.

Waurika, Okla., July 2.—Just as certain as shooting, says Bill Davis, mayor of Fort Worth and ranch owner of Jefferson county, Okla., "we'll have coppunchers in skirts before next summer, if the war doesn't end before that time. The government is no respecter of persons in the draft these days. It can't afford to be in this emergency. Hence the ranchers of Oklahoma and Texas have got to give up their coppunchers, and they must be replaced by women. Just as women are replacing men as railroad train, street cars, in barber shops, offices and stores."

Mayor Davis believes that women may do practically as well as men for the lighter duties of the ranch. In his opinion, he says, many of them already have proved as efficient as men.

"So long as we have men at home over the age of 45 years, the ranches need not seriously suffer through the substitution of women for many duties," Mr. Davis says. "Naturally we would expect men to do the heavy work by branding cattle and loading and unloading feed. But the woman should do excellently in the saddle on the round-up and the long drive. She could easily attend to the dipping that is required, for it is a matter only of driving the cattle one at a time into the vat of oil. Wild West shows have proved that the average horsewoman can easily cut cattle on the range. She could do feeding and assist in loading cattle for market."

Mayor Davis is making a war city of Fort Worth. The policy of "fight, work or go to jail" is especially to his liking. So long as he's mayor liquor will be kept away from soldiers in training near Fort Worth. He strongly believes that women of America can do far more than money to help win the war.

The bill of \$144.00 presented by Fire Warden McElynn of Ridgefield for services rendered by himself and a force of 18 men and their horses in helping to overcome a brush and woods fire in West Redding a few weeks ago has been practically O. K.'d by W. O. Filley, the State fire warden to whom the claim was referred for advice. In a letter to Fire Warden Sanford of the State Board of firemen the bill Mr. Filley approved the charge of \$20 for auto truck hire and that of \$10 for brooms although he deprecates the use of brooms as fire extinguishers on account of costliness. The Redding firemen will pay the bill and an amount of \$100 pending the investigation by the coroner.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS

Car Demolished.

One person was badly injured and two others suffered minor injuries when a large auto truck crashed into a car belonging to H. S. Meigs, of Cannondale, in North Wilton, Monday. The Meigs car, containing Mr. Meigs and his son, and Thomas Nolan, of Cannondale, was completely wrecked and Nolan suffered a broken rib and other injuries, while Mr. Meigs and his son escaped without injury. There were three people, a man, a woman, and a little boy, in the auto truck. Of these, the boy received a broken nose, and the man, who was driving the truck, was out about the face. The truck proceeded on its way immediately.

Drowned in Sound.

A tragedy in Long Island Sound, south of Pratt's Island, Darlen, robbed Leo Duffy, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Mary P. Duffy, of his life, Thursday night. Grosvenor Fessenden, who was with Duffy, escaped delirium and sorely wounded. The boys were in a canoe, en route from Roton Point to Stamford, and they were about two miles off shore when a squall upset the canoe and cast them into the water. Duffy was stricken with a cramp and became almost helpless. Fessenden took him on his back and supported him for half a mile before a great wave parted them and sent Duffy to a watery grave.

TO INVESTIGATE AUTO ACCIDENT TO CONDUCTOR

Ansonia, July 2.—County Coroner Mix of New Haven came here today to conduct an investigation into the automobile accident in which Joseph Roach, a conductor on the trolley line, received a fracture of the skull and possible internal injuries last night. The automobile was operated by Vincent Datto, according to stories told, Roach was struck as he stepped from his car. Datto was taken into custody and was later released under bonds of \$700 pending the investigation by the coroner.

The Diamond Hill school house has been sold by the town to Harry A. Lounsbury for \$100, the transaction being effected by the selection on Monday with the previous approval of the school committee. The building has not been used for the past eight or ten years and is much out of repair. It is the last of the school buildings retained by the town since consolidation was effected. The buildings having been disposed of soon after they fell into disuse with the change of system. These were the school houses in Pleasant Valley, the Center, Lonsdown and Sanfordtown.

The call which Edward W. Bradley as being made by the Red Cross a few days ago and he is now completing arrangements to sail for France about July 10 as a member of the Red Cross transportation service.

The water company has made a real estate trade with B. A. Lyon, in which the latter exchanged a pasture run of about nine acres for approximately the same area of adjacent land comprised in the farm formerly owned by the late John Carroll. It is the company's intention to ultimately own all the land bordering on the brook which intersects the pasture run.

Rev. W. S. Woolworth, Jr., has made an engagement for the summer with the Dan Beard outdoor training school in Pennsylvania to act as instructor and chaplain.

Among the bills approved by the selectmen at their meeting on Monday

YOUNG TEUTONS LEARNING TO FLY, DO SO, TO HOLLAND

London, June 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Young Germans learning to fly are deserting to Holland wholesale.

"Whole batches of German pilots training at Nivelles in Belgium," says a British official statement, "have fled from the Dutch frontier, where they were surrounded and interned."

The reasons for these defections, it is learned, are that wastage among German aviators has forced the army authorities to coerce recruits into the coerced recruits find the "intensive training" intolerable; and that training accidents abound.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed four buildings of the Aetna Chemical plant at Mount Union, Pa., causing \$1,000,000 loss.

day was one of \$1,250 in favor of Road Contractor B. B. Banks. The roads had previously been inspected and favorably reported upon by the supervision committee. The payment is the second under this year's contract.

A number of guests have arrived at the Ridgewood Inn and other bookings indicate about the usual amount of patronage for the season.

A feature of the Ridges school closing last Friday was a picnic on the school grounds arranged by Miss Jennie McDonald, the teacher. The pupils and a dose of their parents in attendance were served with ice cream and cake and all had a good time.

Dayton Sanford, whose repeated efforts to enlist have failed on account of underweight, went to Boston this week to tender his services for any kind of auxiliary work in which there was an opening.

To the original band of New York farmerettes engaged in crop growing in West Redding a new recruit was added last week. There have been no defections. Their garden stuff, field onions and potatoes are in a beautiful condition of vigor and forwardness.

Clark Underhill, long a member of the working force of L. C. Peck's farm, has switched to a freeman's job on the New Haven road.

Dr. and Mrs. Gore of Baltimore are awaiting Mrs. A. B. Frost, their daughter, at her summer home in Pleasant Valley.

D. S. Sanford went to Andover yesterday with his son, Neil, where the latter enrolled as a member of a boys' training camp.

The water company have set up and are operating a portable sawmill in the upper part of their Pleasant Valley wooded possessions.

MARRIED.

COWPERTHWAIT—FERNAND—In Danbury, June 27, George E. Cowperthwait, Jr., of Waterbury, and Miss Aileen Fernand.

AUSTIN—BOZIK—In Danbury, June 29, Carroll V. Austin and Miss Anna E. Bozik.

EDMOND—WELLS—In Brooklyn, June 25, Earle L. Edmond of East Norwalk, and Miss Lucille L. Wells.

HOOPER—MERRITT—In Danbury, June 29, George R. Hooper and Miss Luana Merritt.

WHONE—ANTELMAN—In Norwalk, June 28, Benjamin Whone and Miss Mary Antelman.

N. Y. Wholesale Prices

Butter—Creamery higher than extras, per lb., 45¢ @ 45 1-2c; extras 44 1-2c; dairy, tubs, finest, 44c; good to prime, 41¢ @ 43 1-2c.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extras, per dozen, 41¢ @ 42c; storage packed, firsts, 38 1-2 @ 40c.

Fruits—Cherries, 6 lb. bsk., 50¢ @ 51.15; qt., 12¢ @ 13c; red and sour, 20 lb. bsk., \$1.25 @ 1.15. Currants—Cherry, qt., 12¢ @ 13c; small, qt., 11¢ @ 12c. Strawberries—15¢ @ 20c. Raspberries—Per pt., red, 10¢ @ 13c. blackcaps, 10¢ @ 15c.

Hay and Straw—Hay, large baled timothy, No. 1, per ton, \$27 @ \$28; No. 2, to No. 2, \$18 @ \$25; shipping, \$16 @ \$17; no grade hay, \$8 @ \$14; fancy light clover mixed, \$20 @ \$25; No. 1 clover mixed, \$20 @ \$22; clover mixed, lower grades, \$15 @ \$19; No. 1 clover, \$23. Straw, rye, No. 1, ton, \$17 @ \$18; No. 2, \$16. Small bales about \$1 per ton less than large.

Potatoes—Southern, No. 1, bbl., \$5 @ \$7.75; No. 2, \$2.50 @ \$4.50.

Poultry—Dressed—Broilers—10-15 lbs. to dozen, lb., \$2 @ \$5.4c; 18-24 lbs., 50¢ @ 52c; Turkeys—57 lbs. and over, to dozen, 35 1-2 @ 48-50; 35-50 lbs., 43-47 lbs., 34 1-2 @ 35c; 36-42 lbs., 33 1-2 @ 34 1-2c; 30-35 lbs., 32 1-2 @ 33 1-2c; 24-30 lbs., 30 lbs., 31 1-2 @ 32 1-2c. Spring Ducks, lb., 35c; yearlings 33c. Squabs, prime, white, 6-10 lbs. and over to dozen, per dozen, \$3.50 @ \$5, dark, \$2 @ \$2.50; culls, \$1 @ \$1.50.

Vegetables—Asparagus, per dozen lbs., green, \$1 @ \$3.50; white, \$1 @ \$3. Beets, 100 lbs., \$2 @ \$3.50. Tops off bsk., \$1.25 @ \$1.75. Carrots, 100 lbs., \$2 @ \$3; tops off bsk., \$1.50 @ \$1.75. Lettuce, bsk., 50¢ @ \$1.25. Mushrooms, lb., 10¢ @ 50c. Onions, white, bsk., \$1.50 @ \$2.25; yellow, \$1.50 @ \$2. Peas, bsk., \$1.50 @ \$2.25; bag, \$1.50 @ \$2. Radishes, 100 lbs., 50¢ @ \$1. Rhubarb, 100 lbs., \$2 @ \$3. Turnips, Rutabaga, new, bbl., \$2.25 @ \$2.75; white, new 100 lbs., \$2.

DIED.

KAUSLER—In this city, June 28, 1918, Anna B., daughter of John and Cora Kausler.

GARDNER—In this city, June 29, 1918, William Penn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gardner, aged 20 years, 6 months.

HENCHY—In this city, July 1, 1918, Della M., wife of James Henchy.

STEEPLES—In this city, Monday, July 1, 1918, Annie, widow of George Steeples, aged 78 years, 3 months, 17-days.

CLARK—In Danbury, June 30, Mary Catherine, widow of Dr. Frank P. Clark, aged 66 years.

KREMER—In Danbury, June 30, Cecelia Fiddner, wife of Joseph Krems, aged 91 years.

LAHEY—In Danbury, June 29, Daniel Lahey.

LANGE—In Danbury, June 27, Marjette, wife of John L. Lange, aged 30 years.

BENJAMIN—In Wilton, June 24, Isabella, wife of William H. Benjamin, in the 68th year of her age.

CLANCY—At the Greenwich hospital, June 27, Bridget Clancy of Stamford.

SCOVELL—At Stamford, June 26, Mary M., widow of Franklin J. Scovell.

HAIGHT—In Stamford, June 28, Sarah M. Haight, in her 83th year.

REID—In Danbury, June 28, Reid, aged 68 years.

BROWN—In Norwalk, Thomas Brown, aged 49 years.

BYBEE—In Norwalk, June 27, Herman F. Bybee, aged 26.