

NO FAVORITES IN RAISING MONEY FOR COUNTRY

MISSOULA MEN WILL BE 1917 PAUL REVERES

Automobile Ride to Hamilton Next Sunday Planned by Chamber.

BAND VOLUNTEERS FOR WAR SERVICE

Concerts to Be Given in All Valley Towns; Welcome Promised.

Listen, my children, and you shall hear

Of the daylight ride of Paul Revere, How scores of him, led by a band and bearing flags and bells and horns, will ride by automobile from Missoula up the Bitter Root valley next Sunday to warn the Garden city's neighbors that the hoe is the weapon most likely to disconcert the German submarine and that every acre of idle land is a victory for Kaiser Wilhelm.

A "Paul Revere Ride" by automobile to Hamilton will be conducted by the Missoula Chamber of Commerce next Sunday. The Missoula band has volunteered its services for the expedition, and hundreds of citizens are expected to participate. The ride will be a demonstration of Missoula's friendship for its neighbors, and will be a "call to arms" for western Montana.

To Stop at All Towns.

The "Paul Revere" will leave Missoula at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. They will stop at every town along the road long enough for the band to give a short concert. At Stevensville all will disembark for a patriotic demonstration and luncheon. The afternoon will be spent on the road and in towns along the route. Hamilton will probably be reached at 5 o'clock.

The band will give a full concert at Hamilton in the park opposite the Ravalli hotel. The party will eat dinner in the valley capital and will return to Missoula in the evening.

Welcome Promised.

The Bitter Root valley towns were enthusiastic when the ride was announced yesterday afternoon. J. E. Shouby, secretary of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, said that a squadron of Hamilton motorists would meet the Missoulians on the road and escort them into their city.

For a long time the Missoula Chamber of Commerce has been planning a friendly invasion of the Bitter Root valley for the purpose of cementing relations between this city and its neighbors. The national emergency in which agricultural western Montana has such an important part to play, provides an excellent occasion for the tour, inasmuch as it is necessary that this section work together now for the nation's as well as its own good.

City to Country.

The Missoula excursionists will carry to the smaller towns of the valley the city's appeal to the country for agricultural mobilization. To Hamilton, the chief city of the Bitter Root.

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HAMILTON MILL TO BE REBUILT IS WORD GIVEN

Loss of Cereal Plant Not as Heavy as Reports at First Indicated.

Hamilton, May 8.—(Special.)—The plant of the Ravalli Cereal and Flour company, which was destroyed by fire yesterday evening, was not, as first reported, a total loss. In the hysteria of the moment the lapsing of \$25,000 worth of grain insurance was confused with the total insurance on the mill. The plant carried about \$70,000 worth of insurance. No figures as to the total loss are yet available, as the insurance adjusters have not arrived.

It is more than likely that the mill will be rebuilt at once, although the owners did not care to give out anything definite on it today. The company's business had been steadily increasing and the plant was being enlarged to meet the growing demand for its product. So well established is its brand that in all probability it will be reconstructed.

Twenty thousand bushels of grain were in the elevator at the time of the fire and this is not a total loss, even though the insurance had expired. The top of the grain was badly scorched, but part of it can be used.

The Weather

Montana — Fair with continued mild temperature Wednesday. Thursday unsettled and cooler; probably showers.

MEATLESS DAYS ARE RENOUNCED

London, May 8.—Great Britain's meatless day is to be abolished because it augments the demand on breadstuffs and other substitutes, which are less plentiful than meat. This was announced today by Baron Devonport, the food controller, in the house of lords. He declared that a diminution in the consumption of breadstuffs was of vital moment and a main factor in the situation.

The food controller's pronouncement was made in answer to a question by Baron Buckmaster, who asked if the government could make any statement regarding the position of food supplies and whether the government proposed to take any immediate steps to make certain that such supplies should be equitably distributed among all classes of the population.

NO AGREEMENT YET IN SIGHT

Washington, May 8.—Two more conferences today on the war army bill failed to bring senate and house committees together and adjournment was taken tonight with the prospects of an agreement doubtful.

The big point of difference still was the senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to take a volunteer expeditionary force to France. The house conferees stood out against this amendment and the only hope for an agreement was said to lie in the possibility of the senate giving up on the point. In return, it was said, the house conferees might be willing to accept the age limit, 21 to 27, in the senate bill for those subject to selective draft, in place of the 21 to 40 limit in the house measure.

MURDER CHARGES ARE DISMISSED

Seattle, May 8.—At the request of Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd Black of Snohomish county, Superior Judge Ronald today dismissed the charge of first degree murder against 37 men confined in the Snohomish county jail at Everett and who were participants in the so-called free speech expedition to Everett last November, as a result of which seven men were killed. Of the 73 men originally charged with murder, one, Thomas H. Tracy, has been tried and acquitted, 22 were released yesterday and 13 are still in jail.

FRENCH AVIATION EXPERTS ARRIVE

Washington, May 8.—Major Tulasne and Lieutenant de la Grange of the French aviation corps, assigned by the French war office to aid in the building up of the flying service of the American army, reported today to Brigadier General Squier, chief signal officer of the army. They were attached to the office of Colonel Bennett, chief of the aviation service, and will aid him in preparing an adequate air service for the war army of the United States.

STEAMER AFIRE OFF NANTUCKET

Boston, May 8.—The steamer Sebastian is on fire 10 miles off the Nantucket lightship. Another steamer belonging to a transatlantic line is standing alongside. This information was given out tonight at the navy yard, where further details were withheld.

It is believed that the vessel is the British motor steamer Sebastian of 1,846 tons, last reported at New York on April 25.

ENEMY RIGHTS AT STAKE.

Macon, Ga., May 8.—Judge Emory Speer today took under advisement a point made in federal district court that an alien enemy cannot sue an American citizen during the time of war. The question was raised in a demurrer to a suit for alleged breach of contract involving a \$25,000 cotton deal brought by the Plettenburg-Holtenhauser company, with American headquarters in New York, against Kalmon and Parker, a local concern. A decision is expected within a few days.

WORLD'S FACING HUGE SHORTAGE IN WHEAT CROP

Government Estimates for May Show Barely Enough for Home Use.

PREDICT SMALLEST YIELD IN 13 YEARS

Figures Show Winter Wheat Over Hundred Million Less Than 1916.

Washington, May 8.—Official wheat crop estimates announced today show that with the world facing a bread shortage the United States, unless it cuts its present consumption, probably will produce only enough wheat this year to supply its own population.

The forecast, compiled by the department of agriculture on conditions May 1, put this country's winter wheat yield at 366,000,000 bushels, the smallest in 13 years.

There will be no estimate of spring wheat acreage until July, but with a crop of 250,000,000 bushels, which is higher than the average, this country would grow this year a total of only 616,000,000 bushels. The normal American consumption with seed requirements is put at slightly more than 600,000,000 bushels.

Below Five-Year Average.

The country's greatest spring wheat crop was 352,000,000 bushels, produced in 1915. The five-year average from 1910 to 1914 is 234,000,000. The estimated production this year of 366,000,000 bushels of winter wheat falls 116,000,000 bushels short of last year's poor crop and 698,000,000 below that of 1915, a bumper crop. It is 129,000,000 bushels less than the average for the preceding five years.

Reserve stocks this year are said to be lower than at any previous time at this season. The visible supply is put now at 30,000,000 bushels, with a somewhat larger visible stock. The lowest visible stocks ever reported in the United States were 6,000,000 on July 1, two years ago. When harvesting of the new crop begins in July of this year, it is estimated that the reserve will be even lower than that.

The allies' wheat requirements for the coming year are put at 500,000,000 bushels as a minimum. The United States will be asked to supply more than half that amount. Wheat crops in other parts of the world are poor. The Argentine crop failed and home consumption will require the entire yield. Canada's production is confined chiefly to a spring crop of normally about 200,000,000 bushels, much of which is available for export.

Since the war started, America has exported to Europe vast quantities of wheat, reaching a high mark of 332,000,000 bushels in 1915. Last year the total fell to 243,000,000 bushels. Before the war it ran slightly less than 100,000,000 bushels.

In a statement accompanying its report today, the agriculture department declared that although the winter wheat crop condition is the poorest on record, crop conditions otherwise are favorable.

"The extent of plowing and planting done by May 1," the statement said, "was above the average. In 1912 the winter wheat crop fell below 400,000,000 bushels, the lowest since 1904, but notwithstanding this low production of winter wheat, the spring wheat crops and total production of all crops in that year was the largest on record." The department is making every effort to educate the American people to a greater use of cornmeal for bread. Department officials believe America must turn to corn to release wheat for shipment abroad if the allies are to be fed and Germany is to be defeated.

Hoover Urges Food Department.

Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the food committee of the Council of National Defense, who is strongly in favor of a more limited use of wheat in this country, appeared before the senate agricultural committee today and urged a separate department of the government to deal with the food question. He recommended absolute government control of certain staples, particularly grain and sugar. He asked prompt action on the administration's food bills.

Centralization of food control, Mr. Hoover told the committee, is vital. Europe, he said, had found maximum price fixing a failure, but minimum price fixing has had success.

The bills advocated by Mr. Hoover (Continued on Page Seven)

TEXAS GIRLS TO FIGHT AIR BATTLES FOR UNCLE SAM



GIRL AVIATORS AND TWO OF THEIR INSTRUCTORS AT AVIATION SCHOOL NEAR HOUSTON, TEXAS. These fair Texas girls are showing their patriotism by training to pilot airplanes so that they may help in fighting Uncle Sam's air battles. Although the government does not now accept women in the fighting air forces, these young women figure that the time may come when their services will be greatly needed and gladly accepted.

SUBMARINES ARE BEING SUPPLIED FROM U. S. PORTS

Government Sifting Rumors Coming in Dispatches From Porto Rico.

Washington, May 8.—Persistent rumors of German submarines in the south Atlantic were given additional color today when it was disclosed that government investigating agencies are running down a story that freighters of the American transatlantic company, flying the American flag, have carried supplies to sea for U-boats.

Officials would not go into details, but it was assumed that the report probably came from the crew of the steamer Manitowoc, quoted in news dispatches from Porto Rico today as charging that the Manitowoc and other transatlantic company vessels had trans-shipped to German submarines at sea quantities of food and fuel smuggled out of New York.

Officials declined to comment upon the news dispatch from San Juan or on statements by the transatlantic company officials in New York, characterizing the story told by the Manitowoc's crew as fictitious.

In many quarters the indication was to regard the report as merely another of the crop of unfounded rumors current here since the visit of the U-53 to Newport. Some naval officials, on the other hand, have not concealed their belief that German submarines and raiders have been supplied from this side of the Atlantic.

HEAR ELECTION RETURNS IN MAY

Eugene, Ore., May 8.—O. W. Davis and William Butler, miners, arrived at Cottage Grove, Ore., today and learned for the first time that Woodrow Wilson had been re-elected president. The men had been snowbound in the mountains for six months. Their first intimation that the United States was at war with Germany also came today.

SALONIKI CELEBRATES.

London, May 8.—Telegraphing from Saloniki Sunday, Reuter's correspondent says:

Today was a great day in the history of Saloniki. A mass meeting proclaimed the deposition of the king and dynasty. Over 40,000 persons assembled in the principal square and were addressed by various speakers. They cheered themselves hoarse with shouts "Long live Venizelos," "Long live the national government" and "Down with the king."

BEER VERSUS FOOD.

London, May 8.—The question of beer versus food was lengthily discussed in the house of commons today. Many of the speakers severely criticized the government for still permitting the brewers to destroy valuable food in the product of alcoholic liquors.

War Summary

After five days of extraordinary fighting between the Canadians and Germans, the village of Fresnoy, southeast of Lens, and the adjacent wood are again in the hands of the Germans. The Germans paid a terrible price for this most advanced of the British lines. Driven out once, the Canadians returned and recaptured the lost ground, only to give way again to reinforced Teuton forces.

There has been a continuation of the violent fighting southward in the Bullecourt and Roenx sectors but no notable changes in the positions have been reported.

Although the latest French official communication reports no infantry action during Tuesday along the line held by the French in France, the Associated Press correspondent with the French armies tells of a desperate German attack south of Berry au Bac, which was successfully repulsed, the Germans leaving behind numerous dead on the battle field and 120 prisoners.

The artillery activity along the entire Macedonian front continues violent, indicating possibly the near approach of a general offensive. Small engagements between entente forces and Austrian and Turkish troops between Lake Schrida and Lake Presha and between entente and Teutonic allied troops along the Cera are reported.

CLERK'S TAKEN ON SPY CHARGE

Honolulu, May 8.—George Roenitz, former chief clerk to Captain George R. Clark, commandant of the Pearl Harbor naval station, was placed in jail here today on an espionage charge. He is charged with having in his possession maps, photographs and descriptions of the Pearl Harbor base and is held under \$25,000 bail. He will be given a preliminary hearing Friday.

GERMANY NEEDS MORE MONEY.

Copenhagen, Via London, May 8.—The Berlin Tageblatt says that a bill will be introduced in the reichstag within a few weeks for a new war loan.

The conclusion of the sixth German war loan was announced in the reichstag by the minister of finance April 27. The minister asserted that the loan had realized 12,978,940,500 marks.

MANY SEAMEN ARE NEEDED.

Washington, May 8.—Heads of leading steamship companies and officials of seamen's unions conferred tonight with the federal shipping board over means of supplying large numbers of seamen for the fleet of wooden merchant ships which will carry supplies through Germany's submarine blockade to the allies. No decisions were reached and further conferences will be held later.

PLACE FOR MEN OF THIS STATE IS UPON FARMS

"Agricultural Preparedness Is Greatest Need," Says Bishop Carroll.

"The place for Montana men just now, it seems to me, is on the land, armed with hoes," said Bishop John P. Carroll of Helena yesterday. Bishop Carroll is in Missoula for his spring visitation.

"Agricultural preparedness seems to be the nation's greatest need, and no state is better adapted for service in this direction than Montana is."

Montana is making splendid efforts to increase the world's food supply, Bishop Carroll thinks. Wherever he has been this spring, he said yesterday, extensive gardening and farming preparations are being made.

"Even in Butte, people are planting backyard gardens," he said. "That means a great deal. In Helena, of course, gardening has always been done, but this year it has been extended. That is true of Anaconda, also. At Mount St. Charles college in Helena, we have plowed up many acres on the campus and will plant crops there."

Today Bishop Carroll will preside over a conference of the clergy of western Montana. This city is one of the six points of visitation in the Montana diocese, and priests will be here from all western Montana churches, including the old mission at St. Ignace. On the following day Bishop Carroll will visit Stevensville and Hamilton. On Friday he will go to Frenchtown and other churches west of Missoula. Saturday evening will mark the end of his visit here. He will then go to Dillon.

WEEK WILL SHOW LESS SUB LOSS

London, May 8.—A substantial decrease in the number of sinkings by submarines in the past week will be shown in the forthcoming weekly report of shipping losses. In fact, it is stated, the report will show the smallest losses in the last three weeks.

No reason for this is given out by official sources, but it is plainly intimated that considerable progress has been made in the anti-submarine campaign.

ST. PAUL FIRE LOSS.

St. Paul, May 8.—Fire of undetermined origin tonight caused \$45,000 damage to the Twin City Mission Furniture company and the Davis Chair company's plants in the Midway district. Virtually all divisions of the fire department fought the blaze when at its height.

SOO AGENT HELD UP.

Rhineland, Wis., May 8.—A lone bandit held up Roy White, ticket agent at the Soo depot early today, rifled the cash drawer of his contents, amounting to \$100, and escaped.

REVENUE BILL IS COMPLETED IN COMMITTEE

Drastic Changes in Taxation Are Provided in Measure to Be Reported.

THREE CENT POSTAGE ONE OF PROVISIONS

Liquor, Tobacco, Inheritance, Incomes Scheduled to Share Burdens.

Washington, May 8.—A war revenue bill designed to raise \$1,800,000,000 by taxation during the coming year was approved finally in the house ways and means committee late today by unanimous vote.

Chairman Kitchin announced that the measure will be reported to the house tomorrow, to be brought up for consideration Thursday. He thinks it will be passed by the house without political division within a few days. In the meantime, the senate finance committee will begin public hearings on the bill Friday, with a view to being ready to report soon after the house acts.

To bring the amount to be raised up to the desired total, the house committee at today's session wrote into the bill a flat increase of 10 per cent in all existing tariff duties and 10 per cent duties on all articles now admitted free, all estimated to bring in \$240,000,000, this more than doubling the present tariff revenues. In addition, it was decided to make all income tax increases retroactive, beginning with the present calendar year. Other taxes provided for would become effective upon the signing of the bill.

Income Tax Increases. The income tax increases, applying to both personal and corporation incomes, are designed to produce \$532,000,000 more than the present income tax receipts.

Most of the new revenue will come from the income excess profits and inheritance taxes and additional tariff duties, but the levies of the bill would reach into many other sources. Letter-mail rates would be increased from 2 to 3 cents an ounce and postal cards from 1 to 2 cents, while \$19,000,000 would be added to charges against newspapers under a new system based upon the present parcel post zones. Internal revenue taxes upon liquor and tobacco would be materially increased and there would be taxes on amusements and stamp taxes, of wide scope.

Exemptions Are Lowered. The war income tax section would double the present normal tax of 2 per cent on individuals and 3 per cent on corporations. It would lower the exemption of individual incomes from \$4,000 to \$2,000 in the case of married men.

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THINK PROBLEM OF SUB MENACE WILL BE SOLVED

Navy Officials and Consulting Board Discuss and Go Over Experiments.

Washington, May 8.—Hope is brightening that American inventive genius has found the road that may lead to freedom of the seas from the German submarines.

A conference of unusual importance was held tonight at the home of Secretary Daniels. It was called in order that high officials of the navy might go over with members of the naval consulting board the experiments already tried and those that are in prospect.

"They believe they are on the right road," Mr. Daniels said. "There will be more experiments. Further than that I do not care to say."

Other officials declared that the scientists were coming down to "brass tacks" and that definite crystallization of the work upon which the foremost American experts have concentrated was certain to come soon. Those at the conference were: Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson, chief of operations; Rear Admiral Taylor, chief constructor; Rear Admiral Griffin, chief engineer; Rear Admiral Earle, chief of ordnance; Rear Admiral Grant, chief of the submarine service, and Captain William Strother Smith, who forms the connecting link between the department and the consulting board and other scientific bodies.