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## Weekly War News Digest

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

### ORDNANCE BASE COSTING \$25,000,000 FOR FORCES IN FRANCE

An ordnance base that will cost approximately \$25,000,000 is under construction in France. It will include a gun repair plant equipped to re-line more than 800 guns a month; a large capacity carriage repair plant; a motor vehicle repair plant capable of overhauling more than 1200 vehicles a month; a small arms repair plant to handle 58,000 rifles and machine guns a month; a large shop for the repair of horse and infantry equipment; a re-loading plant capable of re-loading about 100,000 artillery cartridges a day.

The ordnance base will include 20 large storehouses, 12 shop buildings, 100 smaller shops and magazines, and machine and tool equipment costing \$5,000,000. Approximately 450 officers and 16,000 men will be required for maintenance.

### FIRST GAS MASKS MADE BY WOMEN OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE

The use of gas in warfare dates back to about 400 B. C. The Spartans saturated wood with pitch and sulphur and burned it under the walls of cities which they were attacking. For several centuries gas has not been used in warfare, and The Hague convention definitely ruled against it. However, on April 22, 1915, the Germans liberated great clouds of gas against Canadian troops near Ypres. Terrible destruction and demoralization resulted from this first gas attack, and within a week England was making plans for gas warfare against the Germans.

Soon after the first German gas attack English and French women sent to the front hundreds of thousands of home-made gas masks. For the most part they were merely bandages impregnated with chemicals to wrap a round the mouth and nose. These emergency masks saved many lives, but afforded only limited protection.

### SMALL CALIBER BULLET HAS ARMOR PIERCING, TRACING, AND INCENDIARY ACTION

The present war has brought forth a new kind of ammunition for airplane use in the form of special cartridges containing bullets for armor piercing, tracing, and incendiary purposes. All of these cartridges are of the small rifle calibers, according to a statement authorized by the War department. The three-tenths of an inch diameter and short length of the bullet left little space for the armor piercing element or for tracer and incendiary composition, but such combinations have been made.

The bullets developed by the United States Ordnance department have been tested on land

and from airplanes to see if there is any difference in their performance when fired from a quickly moving airplane in the upper atmosphere and when fired on land. These tests indicate that the United States has developed a class of special cartridges with a performance fully equal to or surpassing that attained abroad.

All cheese now in storage must be marketed before June 15, unless special permission to hold is given by the Food Administration.

More than 1600 tons of anthracite coal were condemned in Pennsylvania markets by representatives of the Fuel Administration recently in the campaign to compel the delivery of clean coal.

From the beginning of 1914 to August 1, 1917, there was a total advance of 82 per cent in the retail prices of bread, according to the Department of Labor. In the last few months there has been a decrease, and prices are now 66 per cent higher than at the beginning of 1914.

From June 5 to December 1, 1917, only 5,870 arrests were made or reported to the Department of Justice for failure to register under the selective service act. Of these, 2,663 were released after having registered and prosecutions were begun against 2,059, of which about 1,500 cases are still pending.

The new "Mexican service badge" will soon be issued to officers and enlisted men who served under certain conditions in Mexico and on the border. Persons not now in the army who would have been entitled to the badge and whose separation from the service has been honorable may secure authority from the Adjutant General to purchase and wear the service badge.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

### LIQUOR RAIDS AT AKRON

City Full of Speakeasies as Well as Licensed Saloons. Akron, O.—This city is full of licensed saloons. This means, according to wet claims, that there are no speakeasies here. However, the other Sunday, inspectors of the state liquor licensing board raided 25 Akron speakeasies and alleged clubs, made 42 arrests, and confiscated so much liquor they could not cart it away in a big truck.

In many of the places raided women as well as men were found drinking, and bartenders were so busy they hardly had time to be placed under arrest. The name of one of the so-called clubs was the "Lost Order of Groundhogs," a most appropriate name for a speakeasy.

The question now is what about the wet argument that a license law kills off speakeasies?

Closed Schools—Busy Brewers. Cincinnati, O.—In this city prizes were offered to persons who gave the correct answers to this problem: "How long could the 86 public schools of Cincinnati remain open on the coal consumed in one year by the breweries of the Cincinnati Internal Revenue District?" A number of correct answers were given and the prizes have been distributed. Here is the correct answer: Fifteen years, 245 days, 17 hours and 36 minutes.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

### PROBATE COURT.

Statement in lieu of account filed in estate of Henry Bowman. Levi J. Rhoades was appointed guardian of Philip J. Rhoades and others; bond \$12,000.

Sixth account filed in guardianship of Elmer McK. Broderick.

Petition filed to sell personal property at private sale and order issued in estate of Sarah Boyer.

Application filed for the appointment of a guardian for Jeannette Phillips, a minor.

Inventory and appraisal filed in estate of Priscilla Spittler.

Petition filed for authority to mortgage ward's real estate to pay pre-existing debts and order of notice issued in guardianship of Henry Schlamb.

Petition filed to sell real estate to pay debts in estate of Amos Chrimer.

First and final account filed in estate of Perry S. Green.

Second account filed in guardianship of Catharine Holsapple.

B. L. Phillips was appointed guardian of Jeannette Phillips; bond \$300. Same filed petition to sell ward's interest in real estate.

Order of appraisement of real estate issued in guardianship of Sarah E. Stahr.

Application for an order of transfer of real estate filed and order issued in estate of M. H. Miller.

First and final account filed in estate of Wilber R. Marshall.

First account filed in estate of Perry H. Lyons.

Last will of George W. Wion was filed for probate and record.

Last will of Martha A. Ridenour was filed for probate and record.

Order of appraisement of real estate returned, confirmed and order of private sale issued in estate of Earl O. Fritz.

First and final account filed in estate of Noah W. Sinks.

Nora I. Harris was appointed guardian of Marcus C. Spencer; bond \$300.

Edward Baltes was appointed administrator of estate of Robert W. Moore; bond \$1800.

Wm. Kershner was appointed guardian of Jacob A. Clawson; bond \$250. Same filed petition to sell ward's real estate.

Last will of Vincent G. Halladay was filed for probate and record.

Order of appraisement of real estate issued in guardianship of Theresa J. Jones.

Order of appraisement of real estate returned, confirmed and order of private sale issued in guardianship of Sarah E. Stahr. Inventory and additional bond in sum of \$1600 also filed.

Inventory filed in guardianship of Edith Hoke and others.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Louis Prasuñ, 21, farmer, Richland township, son of Charles Prasuñ, and Clara Kester, 22,

Richland township, daughter of Lewis Kester.

Heischel Brehm, 21, farmer, Twin township, son of Jacob Brehm, and Velna Sensenbaugh, 21, Monroe township, daughter of John Sensenbaugh.

Roscoe L. Davis, 22, carpenter, Richmond, Ind., and Goldie Brumbaugh, 20, Greenville, daughter of D. H. Brumbaugh.

Hiram A. Shaffner, 24, farmer, Mississinawa township, son of Hiram F. Shaffner, and Mary A. Hartman, 20, Jackson township, daughter of Frank D. Hartman.

Wm. H. Marker, 22, railroader, Stelvideo, son of W. F. Marker, and Hazel N. Shields, 17, Greenville township, daughter of C. E. Shields.

Royal H. Poppaw, 21, farmer, Harrison township, son of Ira Poppaw, and Zoe M. Zimmer, 25, Arcanum, daughter of C. Zimmer.

John I. Lauver, 23, farmer, Twin township, son of Wilson H. Lauver, and Hazel M. Millikin, 20, Twin township, daughter of Wm. O. Millikin.

Claude V. Thomas, 21, farmer, Harrison township, son of Wm. Thomas, and Mildred I. Lowdenslager, 18, Hollansburg, daughter of Shirley Lowdenslager.

Wm. Shuttleworth, 48, farmer, Arcanum, son of Samuel Shuttleworth, and Mrs. Cora Paul, 49, Greenville, daughter of R. W. Brandon.

Jonas G. Royer, 23, teacher, New Madison, son of Wm. Royer, and Laura M. DeHoff, 20, teacher, Washington township, daughter of M. K. DeHoff.

David C. Gamble, 41, farmer, and Vinnie V. Hetsler, 48, Greenville, daughter of Henry Hetsler.

### COMMON PLEAS COURT.

NEW CASES.

21412—Woodbury Glass Company versus The R. J. Meguiar Co.; to recover \$993.01.

21413—Sarah B. Riepel versus George F. Reigel; for divorce and alimony.

21414—Mollie L. Dull versus Joseph M. Dull; for alimony, injunction, &c.

21415—Wm. V. Young versus Wm. H. Alford and others; for money.

21416—Ellen Smith versus John P. Smith; for divorce and alimony.

21417—Lloyd N. Cox versus Erma E. Cox; for divorce.

21418—Adelbert Martz versus The Purity Preserving Co. and others; to recover \$3645.31 and appointment of a receiver.

21419—Louie E. Craig versus Eva L. Craig; for divorce.

21420—Raymond Houser versus Ada M. Houser; for divorce.

21421—H. T. Lecklider versus Robert J. Meguiar and J. E. Hunter; to recover \$1155.75.

21422—W. V. Steinmetz versus Robert J. Meguiar; to recover \$1616.

Fidella Holsapple to Rosa Supinger, 25 acres in York township, \$1400.

Gertrude B. John to Eli A. Helm, lots 11 and 12 in Ithaca, \$500.

Wm. Mack to C. E. Kissinger, 24 acres in Wayne township, \$3500.

John D. Gartrell to Wm. J. Neaner, 86 acres in Harrison township, \$11,000.

Frank Rogers to Frank Lorraine, lot 2094 in Greenville, \$155.

Antonio Prestopino to Mauro Vannicola, lots 145 and 146 in Union City, \$100.

Clara Lady to James A. Leahy, 80 acres in Jackson township, \$13,000.

George W. Farst to George E. Wilhelm, 84 acres in Harrison township, \$6750.

W. U. Lambert to H. W. Neff, 20 acres in Van Buren township, \$5300.

Eva J. Brown to M. L. Wolf, lots 39 and 60 in New Weston, \$1000.

W. W. Ryan to Sterling Stevenson, lots 346 and 413 in Arcanum, \$2100.

A. R. Plessinger to I. N. Riegel, 10 acres in Brown township, \$3800.

John P. Slyder to Chester Derr, 80 acres in Brown township, \$9000.

George W. Emerick to Wm. D. Burris, 30 acres in Twin township, \$7150.

John R. Hicks to Pearl A. Hicks, 3 acres in Washington township, \$1.

Margaret Reeser to I. P. Keefauver, 18 acres in Greenville township, \$3200.

Mary J. Downey to A. J. Sharp, 8 acres in Greenville township, \$3500.

Jonathan Townsend to Joshua Townsend, quit claim to 30 acres in Greenville township, \$200.

F. J. Folkerth to John J. Cox, 11 acres in Washington township, \$3500.

Perry Bashore to S. S. Shuff, 142 acres in Franklin township, \$19,000.

Charles Thobe to Martin DeMange, 20 acres in Wayne township, \$1950.

Sarah Laver to F. M. Shuff, 40 acres in Franklin township, \$8000.

John Alber to A. A. Alber, 23 acres in Twin township, \$5000.

A. R. Plessinger to S. A. Applegate, lots 5 and 6 in Ansonia, \$2800.

Moreland G. Kimmel to L. E. Stover, lot 6 in Spittler (Adams township), \$300.

J. P. Teegarden to Henry J. Roth, 12 1/2 acres in Brown township, \$2350.

Matilda Appenzeller to John H. Manix, 25 acres in Greenville township, \$4250 and exchange of property.

John H. Manix to Matilda Appenzeller, part outlot 4 in Greenville, \$1 and exchange of property.

Rachel A. Vermillion to A. C. Seman, lots 72 and 73 in Bradford, \$1500.

Samuel C. Warner to Pearl M. Kunkle, 32 acres in Greenville township, \$4500.

Iven F. Saylor to J. C. Ross, lot 90 in Palestine, \$300.

J. P. Suma to Jesse Broadstock, 4 acres in Butler township, \$2025.

B. F. Scholl to Nancy Tidman, lot 536 in Greenville, \$1.

G. W. Cyphers to Henry Hanschild, 70 acres in Wayne township, \$8000.

Bernard Richter to Charles C. Houdeshell, lot 198 in Versailles, \$2500.

Allen C. Poe to John H. Stevenson, lot 368 in Arcanum, \$2350.

Reuben K. P. am to Sherran Supinger, lots 82 and 83 in Rossburg, \$300.

Sherman Supinger to R. K. Beam, 65 acres in York township, \$4875.

Isaac L. Brooks to Martin L. Newbauer, 75 acres in Harrison township, \$6500.

Martin L. Newbauer to Wm. Newbauer, 32 acres in Harrison township, \$2000.

Frank Suter to Lucinda A. Hahn, lots 1202 and 1203 in Greenville, \$1000.

E. B. O. Clawson to Henry A. Clawson, 30 acres in Brown township, \$1600.

John A. Clawson to Henry A. Clawson, 30 acres in Brown township, \$1800.

Virgil Vance to Viola Corwin, a small tract in Greenville, \$3000.

Margaret A. Watkins to David V. Richardson, 20 acres in Wabash township, \$1.

Olive Udger to Carl D. Jones, 1 acre in Greenville township, \$1000.

Peter Yount to V. E. Peiffer, 124 acres in Adams township, \$13,000.

Augustino Amato to Attilio Macci, part lot 174 in Greenville, \$1850.

John Treon to Emma J. Treon, 40 acres in Wabash township, \$2600.

Ivin R. Richards to Ezra A. Petry, 82 acres in Harrison and German townships, \$8500.

F. M. Routzong to M. R. Miller, 75 acres in Greenville township, \$9000.

George W. Fisher, Jr., to Dottie Fisher, 27 acres in Neave township, \$4300.

Pearl McGriff to L. C. Aukerman, quit claim to 100 acres in German township, \$60.

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## REGULATING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Excerpts From an Address of Hon. Beecher W. Waltermire, Public Utilities Commissioner of Ohio.

Speaking to the graduating class of the Y. M. C. A. Law School of Cincinnati, Mr. Waltermire said: "Now, unfortunately, there is a feeling of hostility in almost every community between the public and the utility. It ought not to be so. There ought to be the utmost harmony between the two. Somehow the public have got it into their heads that every utility is attempting to extort something from them. Now it ought not to be so, and I believe that the public regulation of utilities, the making pub-



lic of the actual standing and condition and earnings and properties of the utilities, is bringing about a better feeling. There is no more reason why the public should quarrel with its utility than why the hand should quarrel with the foot. We cannot get along without them. They cannot get along without us. Then why should we quarrel? Take away the electric light systems and tomorrow night every city and village and hamlet in the land would be in darkness.

"The legislature or the city council may impede for a time, but ultimately the eternal law of right and wrong and of justice will make the wrongdoer pay for his own wrong. You cannot get something for nothing by legislation. The same is true with the utility and the public.

"If the public, by controlling the administrative or legislative bodies secures a rate less than the utility can afford to furnish its service for, what will it do? Just what human nature always does. It will furnish just such service as it can afford at that rate. It will suffer its plant or its enterprise to depreciate. It will furnish inadequate service and, perchance the community persists in that course, ultimately withdraw from the field, and the utility has lost its property and the public its service. Neither can afford to do that. We need the utility, the utility needs us.

"The average man wants only what is fair and right. The trouble is that they are so easily deceived by some glib tongued fellow who flings out half digested facts and figures. The average man wants to be right. O, I have abundant faith in human nature, and when we go wrong usually it is because we do not know. Down yonder in Columbus there is a statue of the immortal McKinley, and chiseled in the stone foundation are these words: "Let us ever remember that our interests lie in concord and not discord. That our eternal immortality rests not in the victories of war but in the victories of peace."

### THE VALUE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONS.

Has the regulation of utilities by the commissions been successful? Yes, in that it has cut out rebates; it has cut out discrimination; it has cut out unreasonably high rates; it has prevented, almost throughout the United States now, the duplication of public utilities and the waste that comes from it. It has given the public an opportunity to appeal to an authoritative tribunal, whenever they felt that they were not getting a square deal, and it has made the companies realize what their real obligation is to the public.

If the state public utilities commission had the power to adjust rates from time to time to the needs of the service, equitable regulation would be maintained to the great advantage to the consumer.

Unfortunately city and village councils by ordinance frequently fix the income of the service companies arbitrarily for long periods of years, without effort to learn the companies' necessities and without reference to the burdens placed upon them by the state utilities commission.

An inadequate return for the service makes good service impossible. The loud demand always is for good service.

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