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SPECTACULAR BATTLE FOUGHT IN ADRIATIC; DOUBT AS TO RESULT

British, French and Italian Warships in Engagement with Austrians—English Cruiser Torpedoed.

(By the International News Service.)

London, May 18.—The most spectacular sea fight of the war was fought in the Adriatic on Tuesday between British, French and Italian warships on one side and a strong squadron of Austrian craft on the other.

Cruisers, destroyers, "drifters," U-boats and airplanes participated. The casualties, as reported by British, Italian and Austrian admiralty statements tonight, were:

British admiralty admits: Fourteen "drifters" sunk, British light cruiser Dartmouth torpedoed but reached port; three men killed, one officer and four men missing, believed dead; seven wounded; seventy-two taken prisoners by Austrians.

British admiralty asserts: One Austrian cruiser set afire, probably sunk; one Austrian cruiser badly damaged.

Austrian admiralty asserts: Italian destroyers (number not given) sunk; three merchantmen sunk; twenty armed guard vessels sunk; conflagrations observed on two hostile destroyers; an English cruiser with four funnels sunk by a German submarine co-operating with Austrians. Our units returned to full number with smal losses in men and damages.

Italian admiralty admits: One Italian torpedoboat sunk; one Italian steamer sunk; one Italian motor fishing boat sunk.

Asserts serious damage inflicted on three Austrian cruisers by Italian seaplanes. One was seen enveloped in smoke and in sinking condition when reaching Cattaro.

RETREAT BY TEUTONS IN WEST NOW LIKELY

Lens in Flames—Other Works of Destruction Presage Withdrawal.

(By the International News Service.)

London, May 18.—"The ruins of the former village of Bullecourt were evacuated according to command without disturbance by the enemy, who only established himself there twenty-four hours later."

In these words the German war office today announced the abandonment of the shattered hamlet just west of the lower end of the Wotan line, where one continuous battle had raged from May 3 to May 17, two full weeks.

It was in almost the identical words that Berlin exactly two months ago announced the evacuation of the village of Grandcourt in the Picardio, which ushered in his now famous retreat.

Another retreat, this time by the two wings of his line, is now looked for as a certainty.

Lens is aflame, and behind the Teuton lines the torch of destruction has been put to work again.

Counter Thrusts Continue.

On the French front north of the Aisne and in the Champagne the German crown prince continued today his counter thrusts, particularly on both sides of the "Road of the Ladies." None of these assaults made any impression upon the French lines, Paris reported. Berlin, however, reported the repulse of French attacks and the capture by Berlin and Brandenburg troops of a trench east of Le Royere farm.

Official news from the Austro-Italian front today showed that Cadorna's men not only are holding their gains all along the line but are keeping up their advances.

Up to date 6,432 prisoners have been taken, the Italian war office announced.

British big guns were instrumental in battering down the Austro-Hungarian defenses on the thirty-five-mile front of attack, it was disclosed today by a statement from headquarters.

Unofficial reports that the watering place of Duino, on the Gulf of Trieste, had been taken by the Italians failed to be substantiated today. However, the fall of the place is imminent.

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RESIST CONSCRIPTION, GOTHAM LEAGUE URGES

New Yorkers Applaud While Emma Goldman Denounces Draft Law.

(By the International News Service.)

New York, May 18.—Speeches radiating a revolutionary spirit were delivered tonight at the organization meeting of the No-Conscription League, in the Harlem River Casino. More than 5,000 men and women jammed the hall and applauded vigorously the exhortations of the speakers for young men to refuse to register under the conscription law.

Emma Goldman shouted that there are 50,000 young men in New York City who would refuse to fight and who would not register for the draft. She declared that the organization would do all it could to support them in their refusal. Her call for funds brought showers of coins to the platform.

Only the presence of 100 policemen, fifty detectives, 150 militiamen and special guards at times restrained the audience from the wildest sort of a demonstration.

"When America said she went into this war for democracy," cried Emma Goldman, "she put on the books a ghastly lie. If we want democracy, let's begin at home. We need it worse than Germany. The only people who still believe in the Constitution of the United States are you poor boobs. We do not love the America of the munitions makers, for that is old Russia. The government has not the right to tell the people to give their lives for democracy, for democracy is the laughing stock of Europe."

WILSON REJECTS ROOSEVELT ARMY

President Says Proposed Force Is Neither of Age Nor Sort that Allies Need.

President Wilson last night rejected Col. Roosevelt's pet scheme of commanding a volunteer expeditionary force, the first to fly the American colors in the trenches of France.

The President declared he would be glad "to pay the allies the compliment of sending to their aid one of our most distinguished public men," but added that war is not a business of "compliment," but a "grim matter" to be managed on a scientific basis.

The point was made that Mr. Roosevelt's projected force was neither "of the age nor of the sort" that the military experts of France and England said would be of the greatest assistance to them; that the General Staff of the American army was radically opposed to the whole idea.

The President paid due tribute to Col. Roosevelt's patriotism and courage, but said his plan of taking a large number of regular army officers for service in his force would take away experts sorely needed for the training of the new armies of the nation.

The President's statement was issued at the White House shortly after the selective draft bill was signed. It was issued so promptly as to indicate that the President's mind had been made up on the subject of the Roosevelt army for days before. Administration officials and army officers hailed it with undisguised approval.

The following statement by the President was issued at the White House.

"I shall not avail myself, at any rate, at the present stage of the war, of the authorization conferred by the act to organize volunteer divisions.

"To do so would seriously interfere

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WILSON'S PROCLAMATION FOR REGISTRATION DAY

The President last night issued the following proclamation:

"A PROCLAMATION.

"By the President of the United States,

"Whereas, Congress has enacted and the President has on the eighteenth day of May, 1917, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

"Section 5, that all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him, thereupon be duly registered: Provided, That in the call of the docket procedence shall be given, in courts trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under this act; provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as hereinprovided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday, and, who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day set for the registration, and all persons so registered, shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized, unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this act provided; Provided further, that in the case of temporary absence from actual place of legal residence of any person liable to registration as provided herein, such registration may be made by mail under registrations to be prescribed by the President.

"Section 6, that the President is hereby authorized to utilize the service of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States and of the several State, Territories and the District of Columbia and subdivisions thereof, in the execution of this act, and all officers and agents of the United States and of the several States, Territories and subdivisions thereof, and of the District of Columbia, and all persons designated or appointed under regulations prescribed by the President, whether such appointments are made by the President himself or by the governor or other officer of any State or Territory to perform any duty in the exception of this act, are hereby required to perform such duty as the President shall order or direct, and all such officers and agents and persons so designated or appointed shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act by the direction of the President. Correspondence in the execution of this act may be carried in penalty envelopes bearing the frank of the War Department. Any person charged as herein provided with the duty of carrying into effect any of the provisions of this act or the regulations made or directions given thereunder who shall fail or neglect to perform such duty, and any person charged with such duty or having and exercising any authority under said act, regulations or directions, who shall knowingly make or be a party to the making of any false or incorrect registration, physical examination, exemption, enlistment, enrollment or muster; and any person who shall make or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate as to the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provisions of this act, or regulations made by the President thereunder, or otherwise evades or aids another to evade the requirements of this act or of said regulations, or who, in any manner, shall fail or neglect fully to perform any duty required of him in the execution of this act, shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or, if subject to military law, shall be tried by court-martial and suffer such punishment as a court-martial may direct."

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do call upon the governor of each of the several States and Territories, the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and all officers and agents of the several States and Territories, of the District of Columbia, and of the counties and municipalities therein to perform certain duties in the execution of the foregoing law, which duties will be communicated to them directly in regulations of even date herewith.

"And I do further proclaim and give notice to all persons subject to registration in the several States and in the District of Columbia in accordance with the above law that the time and place of such registration shall be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. on the fifth day of June, 1917, at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent homes. Those who shall have attained their 21st birthday and who shall have not attained their 31st birthday on or before the day here named are required to register, excepting only officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, the marine corps, and the National Guard, and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, and officers in the Officers' Reserve Corps and enlisted men in the enlisted reserve corps while in active service. In the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico a day for registration will be named in a later proclamation.

"And I do charge those who through sickness shall be unable to present themselves for registration that they apply on or before the day of registration to the county clerk of the county where they may be for instructions as to how they may be registered by agent. Those who expect to be absent on the day named from the counties in which they have their permanent homes may register by mail, but their mailed registration cards must reach the places in which they have their permanent home by the day named herein. They should apply as soon as practicable to the county clerk of the county wherein they may be for instructions as to how they may accomplish their registration by mail. In case of such persons as, through sickness or absence, may be unable to present themselves personally for registration shall be sojourning in cities of over 30,000 population, they shall apply to the city clerk of the city wherein they may be sojourning rather than to the clerk of the county. The clerks of counties and of cities of over 30,000 population in which numerous applications from the sick and from nonresidents are expected are authorized to establish such subagencies and to employ and deputize such clerical force as may be necessary to accommodate these applications.

The power against which we are arrayed has sought to impose its will upon the world by force. To this end it has increased armament until it has changed the face of war. In the sense in which we have been wont to think of armies there are no armies in this struggle. There are entire nations armed. Thus, the men who remain to till the soil and man the factories are no less a part of the army that is in France than the men beneath the battle flags. It must be so with us. It is not an army that we must shape and train for war; it is a nation. To this end our people must draw close in one compact front against a common foe. But this cannot be if each man pursues a private purpose. All must pursue one purpose. The nation needs all men; but it needs each man, not in the field that will most pleasure him, but in the endeavor that will best serve the common good. Thus, though a sharpshooter pleases to operate a trip-hammer for the forging of great guns, and an expert machinist desires to march with the flag, the nation is being served only when the sharpshooter marches and the machinist remains at his levers. The whole nation must be a team in which each man shall play the part for which he is best fitted. To this end, Congress has provided that the nation shall be organized for war by selection and that each man shall be classified for service in the place to which it shall best serve the general good to call him.

The significance of this cannot be overstated. It is a new thing in our history and a landmark in our progress. It is a new manner of accepting our duty to give ourselves with thoughtful devotion to the common

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PERSHING'S STAFF LEAVES AT ONCE AHEAD OF TROOPS

Division of Soldiers to Follow As Soon As Possible. Plans for Registration Day Set.

President Wilson last night ordered an expeditionary force of American troops to the trenches in France.

In signing the conscription bill, which provides for the recruitment of an army of 500,000 by selective draft, the President rejected the volunteer divisions offered by Theodore Roosevelt for service in France, and directed the War Department to prepare a force of 25,000 regulars for immediate dispatch to the battle front.

WILL BE LED BY PERSHING.

They will be the flower of the army and will be led by Gen. John J. Pershing—"Black Jack" he is in the camps and cantonments of the Philippines and along the Rio Grande.

Gen. Pershing, accompanied by his headquarters staff, will proceed to France at once. His command will follow as fast as their organizations are effected and equipment and transportation provided.

The sentimental expedition is the direct result of the representations of Marshal Joffre and Vice Premier Viviani of France. It has been opposed by the General Staff of the army.

WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

Every bit of machinery at the disposal of the government last night was working with one object in view—to start the troops who will carry Old Glory overseas on their way at the earliest possible moment and with the very best of everything the natic affords.

Other troops to reinforce them will be sent as rapidly as the general staff believes advisable.

The National Guard was ordered into the Federal service yesterday, the mustering in to take place on July 15, July 25, and August 5, respectively.

The President late last night issued a proclamation setting June 5 as the date for registration of all men between the ages of 21 and 31 for military service. Out of the 10,000,000 who will register, 500,000 will be selected for training to begin about September 1.

Enlistment Will Not Kill Life Insurance Policies

New York, May 18.—Life insurance policies of men enlisting in the army or navy are not to be forfeited if plans being made today by the Actuarial Association of America, in session at Hotel Astor, are carried out.

It is proposed that "war extra" premiums for men going to Europe shall be $100 a year for each $1,000 of a policy, and $37.50 a thousand for those who merely join the colors without knowledge of their ultimate destination.

Several insurance companies have announced that a refund on overcharges will be made to policy holders after the war.

Wilson Signs Bill.

President Wilson signed the conscription bill at 8 o'clock last night. It had been sent to the War Department from Congress at about 3 o'clock. It then bore the signatures of Vice President Marshall and Speaker Champ Clark. Judge Advocate General Crowder, U. S. A., inspected the copy of the bill and turned it over to Secretary Baker. The latter carried the engrossed copy to the White House at 5 o'clock. He turned it over to President Wilson, who left it on the desk in his study while he went to dinner.

The President left the dining-room at 7:55. He walked to his study alone and signed the bill as he would any incidental measure that might come before him for approval. There was no more formality about it than though he had been approving the erection of a new

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Commerce Chamber Boosters To Work Until Wednesday

Trade Body Members, in View of Splendid Response, Will Continue Efforts for "Forward Washington" Movement.

Doubling its membership in four days, from 600 to 1,200 and with but 25 per cent of the business and professional men of Washington called upon, caused members of the Chamber of Commerce to volunteer their services until next Wednesday in an effort to further increase the membership of that organization in their "Forward Washington" movement.

The campaign was to have ended last night, but the enthusiastic manner in which this movement has been received and with thousands of calls yet to be made, it was decided at the daily luncheon at the Ebbitt yesterday to let the big drive go over for another week.

At the luncheon yesterday campaign workers declared that the business men of Washington were enthusiastically in favor of a consolidation of all the civic and commercial organizations in the city, into one large and strong centralized civic and commerce association. It was stated that if such an organization were brought about, it would be possible to have a membership of 5,000 or 6,000, and would bring into the organization over $100,000 a year, which would be used to build up Washington along civic, commercial and industrial lines.

According to the workers, this sentiment in favor of such consolidation comes from members of all of the local organi-

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Drive Doubles Trade Body Membership

The Washington Chamber of Commerce has doubled its membership in the four-day campaign in its "Forward Washington" drive.

Yesterday was to have marked the end of the formal campaign, but volunteer workers declared that there were so many good prospects in sight that it was decided to let it run until next Wednesday in an effort to bring the membership list up to 2,000.

In the four-day campaign new members have been enrolled as follows:

Tuesday	95
Wednesday	105
Thursday	153
Friday	185

The above figures are up until Friday noon. Last night sixty-seven additional members were reported as enrolled, making the total membership slightly more than 1,200.

British Transport Sunk; 140 Men Reported Missing

London, May 17.—Delayed—The Transport Cameronia has been sunk, it is officially announced. One hundred and forty men are missing.

The Cameronia mentioned in the London dispatch is presumably the 10,963 tons steamship of the Anchor Line, which has been for some time in the service of the British government. She was built in 1911 and hailed from Glasgow. In time of peace and early in the war she plied between British and American ports.

DRASTIC "DRY" BILL PRESENTED IN HOUSE

War Measure Provides for Most Sweeping Nation-wide Prohibition.

As a war measure, Chairman Webb, of the Judiciary Committee, yesterday introduced one of the most sweeping and drastic nation-wide prohibition measures ever sent to Congress.

His bill gives the Secretary of the Treasury complete authority to see that no foodstuffs are used in the manufacture of liquors, except for manufacturing munitions, and for medicinal, industrial, scientific or sacramental purposes.

The bill is entitled "to provide for the support of the army by the prevention of the waste of the food products of the United States during the period of the war and to prohibit their manufacture into alcoholic liquors, except in certain cases to provide for the distillation of liquors in bond or heretofore manufactured, and for other purposes."

Honduras Joins Allies; Breaks with Germany

The State Department announced yesterday that it had received a telegram from John Ewing, the Minister at Tegucigalpa, stating that the President of Honduras had broken relations with Germany and announcing that Honduras had taken her place beside the United States.

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WILSON HAS PARLEY WITH G. O. P. SENATORS

Believed to Have Asked Leaders to Stop Holding Up War Legislation.

Three Republican Senators had a long and important conference last night at the White House with President Wilson. They were Senator Gallinger, minority leader; Senator Lodge, ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Knox, also a member of the Foreign Relations Committee and former Secretary of State.

Members of Congress believe that this conference was called by the President in an attempt to straighten out various kinks that have bene holding up action on imperative war legislation.

Criticism of the President in executive sessions of the Senate have followed what members of the Upper House, irrespective of political affiliation, have characterized as a tendency on the part of President Wilson not to repose confidence in the Senate.

Capitol Hill is convinced that the President asked the three influential Republican Senators, who were with him for more than an hour, to end criticism of the administration at this time.

The object behind this is to speed up legislation.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The Washington Herald is printing daily notices of births, marriages, and deaths among the people of Washington.

These notices appear today on page 7.