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## EXEMPTION BOARD HOUNDED DAILY BY IMMUNITY SEEKERS

Wives, Mothers, Sweethearts, and Friends Storm Offices of Local Draft Officials Trying to Use Their Influence.

Several Offices Closed Against All Callers—Hunted Business Men May Resign If Drive Doesn't Let Up.

Weeping mothers, sisters and in some cases brides are besieging the members of the Bridgeport exemption board, announced in The Farmer Saturday afternoon, begging immunity from draft for their loved ones, sons, brothers and husbands as the case may be. The early work along this line makes it certain that the very greatest amount of pressure will be brought to bear supporting these urgent pleas for exemption and it will require almost superhuman courage for the members of the boards to turn deaf ears to the supplicants and administer the duty of their offices according to oath.

The fact that such pleadings were already being made came to light today when an effort was made to get into communication, on other business, with a member of one of the boards. His wife barricaded in every possible way and it required an identification of minute details before the interview was granted. The man explained that he had been stopped on the street, taken to his home and office and called at both places by telephone until the calls became so numerous and annoying that he had to refuse to talk to anyone outside of his relatives and business associates, unless they would state what they wanted.

A person calling the man's house or office by phone must say who is calling and give a general outline of the purpose of the call, or Mr. will not answer the phone. The same explanation is required at his home and office before anyone is admitted. It was found that more than half of the 18 men named for the service in this city, have already been buttonholed and that many of them may resign on this account.

All of the appointments of Boards No. 1 and 8, which include in the former the first, second and third and in the latter the 12th voting districts, have notified Gov. Holcomb that they will serve and they have already received some preliminary instructions which will be followed by details of the work as soon as the presidential proclamation ordering the actual draft is issued.

The members of Board 1, of which George C. Edwards is chairman, had a meeting last night. Some member of each board must act as secretary and there is a great volume of clerical work to be handled. A careful record of every detail of evidence presented by a claimant for exemption is to be made for the use of an appellate board in reviewing a case on appeal.

## ULLMAN RESIGNS PLACE ON BOARD OF EXEMPTIONS

New Haven, June 28—Because of business relations Col. L. M. Ullman, named to an exemption board here, tendered today his resignation.

## PEOPLE OF ALSACE HONOR PERSHING

Paris, June 28—Maj. Gen. Pershing received yesterday a delegation from the Alsace-Lorraine republican committee. Referring to the American commander's Alsatian ancestry, the vice president, M. Staehling, told the general how proud they were that a descendant of their little country had come to fight for the triumph of their inalienable rights and the restoration to France of the lost provinces.

## AEROPLANES CARRY MAILS IN SICILY

Naples, June 28—Aerial mail service in Sicily was begun yesterday. An aeroplane which left Naples at 8:04 a. m. arrived in Palermo three hours later, returning to Naples in the evening with Sicilian mail.

## Hard Coal To Follow Soft In Price Cut

Anthracite Operators Have Already Expressed Willingness to Meet Demands of Government—Expect Reductions By July 1.

Washington, June 28—Both the American consumer and the government are to get relief from the high cost of coal.

Beginning July 1 the price of soft coal at all mines east of the Mississippi is to be reduced one to five dollars a ton to the consumer, with a still further cut of 50 cents to the government.

An agreement to this effect has been reached between representatives of the coal interests and government officials following several days of conferences here.

It was also agreed to defer the question of lower prices on hard coal until July 1. Anthracite operators indicated willingness, however, to meet the government in the same spirit as shown by soft coal men.

## GERMANY'S GOLD RESERVE DROPS FOR FIRST TIME

Attributed to Purchases Abroad. Restrain Note Circulation.

London, June 28—According to a dispatch to the Times from Amsterdam specie from the Imperial Bank of Germany has been received there, consequent to several Dutch banks. The correspondent says it obviously is a small part payment of Germany's debt to Holland, mostly for foodstuffs, and is the only practicable method of preventing further depreciation of the German mark.

German currency, he says, cannot be further buttressed by such devices as raising the prices of coal and steel. The writer quotes a statement in the Handelsblad that important discussions took place recently between German and Dutch financiers with a view to re-establishing German exchange which is now somewhat improved. The Handelsblad expects gold consignments of greater amount soon.

## NO LIABILITY FOR DEATH OF PAGE

No criminal liability was found for the death of Charles L. Page, according to the finding of Coroner Phelan, made today in the case of the 28-year-old Naval aviator who was killed in an automobile collision in Westport last Saturday. The coroner's report exonerates E. R. Casleberg of Norwalk, driver of the machine which struck Page.

According to the testimony, Page was driving a car for Bernard W. Blore of Norwalk and had stopped near a cemetery in Westport to repair a tire. The night was misty and foggy and Casleberg, who had dimmed his lights as another machine named did not see the car halted at the roadside. He said the first he knew of the presence of the other car was when the crash came. Under the circumstances the coroner found there was no evidence of negligence on Casleberg's part.

## MODIFY FOOD BILL, PRESIDENT URGES

Washington, June 28—President Wilson stepped into the prohibition fight over the food bill today, partly to save the measure from a row between the contending factions and partly to get a law he believes the country will approve.

The president told senate leaders he agreed with the proposal to stop manufacture of foodstuffs into whiskey and gin, but did not believe the brewing of beer and manufacture of light wines should be stopped now.

A provision to prohibit distilling and to empower the president to stop brewing and wine making when he considers it necessary, he told senate leaders today, he believed would satisfy prohibitionists and the country.

An amendment to that effect will be introduced later with prospects of adoption.

## Detective Rounds Up Unregistered Italians

Detective Frederick Derrick today brought two Italians to the city hall where they registered. Neither could speak a word of English and through an interpreter said that their only reason for failing to register was their lack of knowledge of any kind as to what they should do.

## HUSBAND DEAD, MAROONED WIFE IS SAVED BY DOG

Two Days Without Food or Drink On Rock In Water

WATCHES HELPLESSLY AS HUSBAND DROWNS

Squall Set Canoe Adrift—Drowning Man Unable to Swim

Ottawa, Ont., June 28—After watching for two days the spot in Duck Lake where her husband was drowned, Mrs. Patrick Bruyere, of River Desert, Que., was saved from starvation by the sagacity of her dog, which swam from the mainland to the rock in a lonely part of the lake where the woman was marooned and back, with an appeal for help. With her husband Mrs. Bruyere went on a fishing trip three days ago. They landed on a rocky island some distance from shore. A squall set the canoe adrift, and Bruyere, who could not swim, tied a line about his body and waded into the lake after the canoe. Getting to the end of the line and within a few feet of the drifting boat, he called to his wife to let go of the line. As she did so Bruyere stepped into a hole and sank. Mrs. Bruyere was unable to help him.

On the lonely island her calls for help were unanswered for two days, then the Bruyere dog swam from the mainland. The woman found pencil and paper in her husband's coat, which he had taken off before he went after the canoe, and wrote an appeal for help, which she tied to the dog's collar and then told the animal to return to the mainland.

The dog carried the message to a neighbor, who organized a searching party and rescued Mrs. Bruyere. The body of her husband was recovered.

## FAIRFIELD DOGS TO BE MUZZLED BY STATE ORDER

Epidemic of Rabies in Suburban District Causes New Measure.

(Special to The Farmer.) Fairfield, June 28—As a result of the epidemic of rabies which has apparently broken out again in the Greenfield Hill section and in which three dogs have already been shot, Commissioner Jeffrey O. Phelps, Jr., has ordered that all dogs be muzzled for a period of 90 days beginning Tuesday, July 3.

Dog Warden George Larson said today that he reported local conditions to the commissioner of domestic animals who sent word this morning ordering the muzzling. No persons have been reported bitten.

## ESCAPES DEATH AT FRONT; MEETS IT HERE

Camp Borden, Ont., June 28—Daniel Callaghan, a Royal Flying corps captain, who had won distinction in France, was killed in an aeroplane accident last night. With a cadet named Francis, Capt. Callaghan decided to fly to Toronto instead of going by rail. The wing of their machine struck a tree and the plane crashed to the ground. Francis suffered a fracture of one leg.

## BATTLE RAGING IN OUTSKIRTS OF LENS

British Headquarters in France, June 28—(By the Associated Press)—The fighting is more intense in the vicinity of Lens.

The British made a brilliant attack last night, during which they accompanied a thunder storm, on several of the southwestern suburbs of the great mining city, including the one known as Avion.

All the first objectives of the attack were gained and the indications are that the British are still pushing forward today.

Nearly 200 prisoners already have been collected in the cages and more captives are reported on the way back from the fighting front. Several machine guns also are reported taken.

The fighting took place in and out among bits of ruined buildings, cellars, pits, ditches and the usual litter and paraphernalia of a mining settlement, only in this case the tangled had been made greater by the shell fire of many months.

The bombardment which preceded the attack was carried out on a fairly wide front and was of but slightly less intensity than that which preceded some of the greater actions on the British front.

## FRENCH LOSE ONLY 2 BIG SHIPS IN WEEK

Paris, June 28—Two French merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three of less than that size were sunk by submarines or mines during the week ending June 24, according to the weekly announcement here today. In that time there were 1,088 arrivals at French ports and 969 sailings.

# NEW GOVERNMENT OF GREECE BREAKS WITH GERMANIC NATIONS

## SKIPPERS THROG COMMANDANT'S OFFICE AT CUSTOMS HOUSE FOR LICENSES TO NAVIGATE IN SOUND

Headquarters of the Third Naval District, Section No. 2, at the customs house, was swamped today with motorboat, tug, steamer and sailing vessel owners and captains seeking the licenses which will be required for navigation on this side of Long Island Sound.

Lieutenant Leonard H. Dyer, officer in command of the headquarters, announced today that not enough application blanks have been received to supply all the applicants. He requests, however, that those affected by the order leave or mail their addresses, names and names of boats, at his headquarters, and when the application blanks and licenses are received they will be mailed.

If these blanks are not obtained by July 1, the date set for enforcement of the order, the time will have to be extended until the office is equipped with blanks and license cards.

The order issued from the office of the Third Naval District at two Navy Yard, New York, follows:

1. The Navy Department directs that all vessels engaged in the navigation of waters of Naval Districts or in the navigation of defensive sea areas be licensed by the Commandant of the Naval District in which they operate.
2. It is expected that the granting of licenses will be commenced about July 1.
3. The Department has no intention of placing any undue restrictions on traffic, but must be cognizant of the character of the vessels navigating the waters of the United States.
4. Every vessel will be required to carry its license on board and exhibit the same to an inspecting officer.
5. Failure to carry a license from the Commandant will render a vessel liable to detention and to being sent to the nearest port for examination.
6. Any person applying for license will be required to submit satisfactory reference as to his intentions, loyalty and good character.
7. Members of an organized Yacht club or company may obtain licenses through the club or company. An individual owner may obtain license by appearing in person before a license officer and producing the required reference, as above specified or by written application.
8. It is desirable that every vessel owner making application for license shall first inform himself as to the Naval Section in which he resides, and make application to the Commandant of such Section.
9. On and after July 1, an application for license may be made at Room 10, Barge Office, New York city, in person or by writing to the license officer there in charge. Owners of vessels located about New York may apply for licenses at Room 10, Barge Office, or to the Section Commander at Bath Beach, Tompkinsville or Whitestone.
10. The Third Naval District extends from New London, Conn. (Goshen Point), to and including Barnegat, N. J. The District is divided into nine sections, the headquarters of which are as follows:  
Sec. 1. Headquarters, New Haven, Conn.  
Sec. 2. Headquarters, Bridgeport, Conn.  
Sec. 3. Headquarters, Port Jefferson, L. I.  
Sec. 4. Headquarters, Montauk, L. I.  
Sec. 5. Headquarters, West Sayville, L. I.  
Sec. 6. Headquarters, Cropsey avenue and Bay 17th street, Bath Beach, Brooklyn, New York.  
Sec. 7. Headquarters, Whitestone, L. I.  
Sec. 8. Headquarters, Tompkinsville, S. I.  
Sec. 9. Headquarters, same as Section 8.  
N. R. Usher, Rear Admiral, U. S. N., Commandant.  
Sec. 2 extends from Stratford to New Rochelle, on this side of the Sound only. The order affects all craft except rowboats.

## SCHOOL TEACHER MURDERED AND TWO OTHERS WOUNDED IN LONELY COTTAGE; ASSAILANT SURRENDERS

Laconia, N. H., June 28—Miss Elizabeth Suess, assistant matron, and Miss Dorothy Davis, a teacher, at the state school for feeble minded, here, were suffering today from wounds on the head and nervous shock received when their companion, Miss Alice Black Richards, head teacher at the school, was murdered in a cottage on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee last night.

Morris B. Bradford, who has been working with the women and who gave himself up to the police, was held at the police station over night.

A hunting knife bearing a spot resembling blood, was found in the cottage.

According to the brief statements obtainable by the authorities from Miss Suess and Miss Davis, the three women had accepted Bradford's invitation to take supper with him at the cottage, which is on the school grounds. Early in the evening, they said, Bradford attacked them. They

## MISS GOLDMAN MUST EXPLAIN \$3,607 DEPOSIT

Anarchist Believed to Have Accepted Outside Aid.

New York, June 28—When the cases of Alexander Berkman, editor of the Blast, and Emma Goldman, were resumed today it was expected that jury would be selected before night unless Berkman insisted on prolonging the trial by continuing to ask questions of talesmen which have brought reprimands from Judge Julius Mayer and objections from the prosecutors. The defendants are charged with conspiracy to obstruct the operation of the selective draft law.

As soon as the jury has been completed, Miss Goldman, as a witness, will be asked to explain a number of entries in her bank book. There is one entry of \$3,607 made Jan. 24, 1916. It is the only large deposit appearing during a period of several years, and, according to the prosecution, was made at a time when many foes of preparedness received money from sources outside this country.

## Move Is Practically a Declaration of War Against All the Warring Central Powers—Renewed Activities Reported on All Battle Fronts in Western Theatre of War—Dutch Armored Cruiser Here to Convoy Merchant Ships Across Atlantic.

Athens, June 29—The Greek government has broken diplomatic relations with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Greece's new course with regard to the war began to be shaped on June 12, with the abdication of King Constantine and the accession of Alexander, his second son, as king. The abdication was in effect a dethronement of Constantine, whose pro-German attitude had given the Entente endless trouble.

Elphtherios Venizelos, Greece's leading statesman and steadfast friend of the Entente, soon appeared as the man to take the leadership in guiding Greece back to her traditional place by the side of England, France and Serbia, the last named her close ally whom she had abandoned under Constantine's coercion in Serbia's hour of greatest need.

Summoned back to the premiership by King Alexander, Venizelos quickly formed a cabinet, the reactionary elements having been ousted or quieted.

Signs that Greece would not much longer maintain even a nominally neutral attitude toward the Entente in the war were in evidence several days ago, and recent dispatches indicated that a formal breach between Greece and the Central Powers was imminent.

## DUTCH ARMORED CRUISER IN ATLANTIC PORT; ACT AS CONVOY FOR DUTCH SHIPS

An Atlantic Port, June 29—A Dutch armored cruiser, the first warship flying the flag of Holland to come into this port in more than 40 years, arrived here today. The warship will remain for several days.

Officers of the ship decline to disclose the mission of the vessel, but it is reported that she is to act as a convoy for a number of Dutch passenger and freight vessels now about ready to leave American ports.

## VIOLENT GERMAN ATTACKS ON AISNE AND VERDUN FRONTS ARE REPULSED

Paris, June 29—Picked German troops made a heavy attack last night on the Verdun front near hill 304 and Avocourt wood, after especially severe shelling. Today's official statement says the attack was disorganized by the sharp reply of the French artillery and that the Germans obtained a footing at only a few points in the first line.

This morning the Germans made another violent effort east of hill 304. It failed completely.

The Germans were active on the Aisne front also. All their attacks were repulsed.

Berlin, June 29, via London—German forces yesterday captured French positions on both sides of the Malancourt-Esnee road, on the west bank of the Meuse, in the Verdun sector, over a width of 2,000 yards and a depth of 500 yards, says the official statement today by the German general staff.

Today the Germans stormed a 300 yard wide French position in Avocourt wood. More than 550 prisoners were taken at both points.

## BRITISH GAIN OBJECTIVES IN GREAT DRIVE LAUNCHED IN ARRAS SECTOR

London, June 29—British troops today in an offensive gained their whole objective, says a telegram from British headquarters in France. The British captured German forward positions on a 2,000 yard front south and west of Oppy in the Arras sector.

The British statement says the British captured prisoners and machine guns. They also continue to gain ground south of the Souchez river and have entered Avion.

"A further number of prisoners and six machine guns have been captured in this area."

"A hostile raiding party was repulsed during the night north of Cherisy, successfully raided the enemy's trenches southeast of Loos."

## U. S. TO RUSH MORE TROOPS TO THE FRONT

Washington, June 28—Other divisions of fighting men to join General Pershing's army in France are being prepared in various parts of the country, it was learned today.

Day and night the work of assembling, training, equipping and supplying them for the great adventure is going forward in the hands of the War Department's best practical experts. When, whence and in what numbers the next contingent will sail may not be disclosed, but it is an open secret that a steady stream of American soldiers will pour across the Atlantic from the near future until the end of the war.

Meanwhile the army now in France must be kept supplied with everything it needs, to the last ounce of coffee

THE WEATHER.  
Thunder storms tonight; cooler tonight; Saturday fair.