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ALLIES PREPARE FOR GREAT BATTLE ON ITALIAN FRONT

BOARDS TO NOW COMPILE DATA FOR CONGRESS

The task of compiling statistics and data showing the number of men left after the first draft, their occupations, the number married, etc., was started today by the six local draft boards and must be ready for presentation to the next session of Congress, which convenes on Tuesday, Dec. 4. This work has no connection with the questionnaire, forms of which have not yet been received.

The local boards have practically completed work on the first 85 per cent. of the first draft and are heading in readiness the remaining 15 per cent., awaiting notification of the day when they will be sent to Camp Devens. Each division has a surplus of men sufficient to provide for the last contingent and a supply of men to take the places of those in the last increment who are rejected for physical disabilities.

The percentage of rejections of Bridgeport men which averages a little less than 15 per cent., is lower than the average of rejections in quotas from other cities as large. Out of the 1,890 men, comprising 35 per cent. of the city's quota of 5,395 men, there were approximately 212 rejections. With the exception of the sixth and first boards men have been sent to the camp to replace those rejected.

The first division will send 60 men to replace rejected men starting tomorrow, when 20 will be sent. The rest will be sent in equal numbers on the following two days. The sixth division will send away 32 men tomorrow. They will report at the local board assembly place at 4 o'clock this afternoon and will entrain at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

The second division board supplied 23 men for "rejections," the third, 22; fourth, 26; and fifth, 28. Despite reports from officers at Camp Devens that there is a shortage in Connecticut's quota, the Bridgeport board has their quotas filled and those going to camp this week could not have been sent sooner because of the slowness of army officers in sending back the lists of men rejected.

The last contingent of 18 per cent. will be composed of registrants with low numbers, the majority of whom were held back because of pending exemption claims. It is expected they will be sent to camp until the last week of the month.

DESERTER FROM CANADIAN ARMY, CAPTURED IN THIS CITY, ON WAY TO CANADA FOR MILITARY TRIAL

Private James Henderson, a deserter from the Canadian army, who since taking "French leave" one month ago, has posed as "Sergeant James McDonald" of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police, is today speeding towards the border and stern military justice, in charge of Captain J. J. Graham, provost marshal of the Kingston military district. He will be tried by Canadian military authorities for deserting and an extra dose of punishment will probably be given him for his many offences in the New England state, New York and New Jersey.

Henderson since his escape has blacked out and robbed chauffeurs, stolen a score of automobiles, successfully passed checks in every state he has visited totalling hundreds of dollars and caused the arrest and temporary detention of a dozen innocent men, whom he charged with being deserters from the Canadian army. His career of crime, which was brought to an abrupt end in this city is as spectacular as it is felonious.

Information furnished to Captain Edward Cronan by Captain Graham, this morning, gave in detail the career of Henderson from the hour of his escape and it forms the basis of a story which might put to shame a "movie thriller."

Henderson deserted the Canadian army on the night of Oct. 11, using as a pretext for leaving barracks the excuse that he was on special assign-

President Asks Full Labor Aid

In Stirring Address Before A. F. of L. Wilson Urges Strong Co-operation of Laboring Men to Win War—Introduced As "Man of Destiny" by Gompers.

Auditorium, Buffalo, Nov. 12.—President Wilson made a personal and eloquent appeal, here today for the full support of organized labor for the government in the conduct of the war. Speaking before the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor he declared the war could not be won unless all factions united in a common cause, sinking their differences.

The president paid warm tribute to Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, and denounced pacifists and critics. Discussing Germany, the president declared that Germany had started the war and that he was willing to await the verdict of history on that statement. New instrumentalities for better cooperation between labor and capital was one statement by the president that was of prime interest to the delegates to the convention.

The president referred to the present war as "the last decisive issue between the old principles of power and the new principles of freedom."

"I believe," he said, "that the spirit of freedom can get into the hearts of Germans and find as fine a welcome there as it can find in any other hearts. But the spirit of freedom does not suit the plans of the pan-Germans. Power cannot be used with concentrated force against free

FEDERAL AGENT MAKES ARRESTS IN TWO CASES

Cashing a money order at the post office today proved unfortunate for Felix Galgansky, formerly of Detroit, Mich., an employe of the Bullard Corroding at 277 Scotland avenue, for he was placed under arrest by Charles H. Lane of the Department of Justice, and held for Federal authorities for evading the draft in Detroit.

Galgansky registered in June, but when summoned to appear for examination could not be found. Word was sent out, and agents of the Department of Justice have been seeking him since then. Recently it was learned he was in Bridgeport, and today when he came to cash a money order Agent Lane placed him under arrest. He was looked up and will be turned over to a United States marshal to be taken to one of the military camps.

William Mahr of 683 Broad street, a German, employed by the Barnet & Bailey circus which recently returned to Bridgeport, called at the office of the Department of Justice to secure an alien enemy permit. He was under the influence of liquor and became very abusive to Agent Lane. He was taken to police headquarters and is held for Federal authorities as an undesirable and will probably be interned.

LIBERTY BONDS

The first of a series of Liberty Bond articles to appear Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week in The Farmer columns, written by Howard Spear is published today on page six. Read it.

WOMAN WHO SHOT SECOND HUSBAND SUED BY HER 1ST

Suit for a divorce against Mrs. Ruth Oldershaw of Trumbull, now serving a year in the county jail for fatally shooting Charles Oldershaw at their home in Trumbull in August, has been filed in the superior court by James Fulton of Norwich.

At the time Mrs. Oldershaw was tried for manslaughter for the killing of Oldershaw, she asserted he was her husband. She admitted she had been married before, but claimed she was a widow when she married Oldershaw.

Fulton in his complaint alleges he and the woman known as Mrs. Oldershaw were married in March 1905, and that she deserted him in 1911.

Mrs. Oldershaw at the trial told of abuse heaped upon her by Oldershaw, but claimed she was afraid to leave him for fear he would kill. On the morning of the shooting they had quarreled, he had thrown a coffee pot at her head and threatened to kill her. She went to a bedroom secured his revolver, and as she returned he arose from his chair. She said she fired to scare him, but the bullet hit him, and he died several days later in St. Vincent's hospital.

Oldershaw was a guard at the Remington shops. At the time of the trial there was a great deal of sympathy for Mrs. Oldershaw, and the light sentence of one year in jail was generally approved.

GREEKS SENDING MONEY TO THEIR SUFFERING KIN

Several thousand dollars were sent to Greece from this city during the past week in answer to appeals from people of that country who have relatives in this city. In some cases the amount was large and in others only a matter of a few dollars. According to reports to several local bankers who have assisted the Greeks in sending relief funds to their relatives in Greece conditions in that country are terrible.

On account of the difficulty of getting money to Greece at this time and also because of the fact that most of the persons sending money from this city could not spell their own names or make clear to the bank clerk where and to whom they wanted the money sent, the bankers have not been over-anxious to assume the responsibility of sending the money.

However, as one prominent banker remarked, it was impossible to refuse to help a man who had just received a letter stating that his mother, or father, or wife and child was starving for want of money with which to buy bread.

In addition to the difficulty in preparing the draft to be sent abroad at the present time it requires several weeks to reach Greece by any route. The cost of sending money by cable is so great that it would exceed the amount sent in the majority of cases.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO CITY OFFICIALS

With chrysanthemums and roses in profusion, newly elected city officials were sworn into office in the Common Council chamber, city hall, at noon today. The oath was first administered to City Clerk J. A. H. Robinson by City Auditor Keating. Clerk Robinson then administered the oath to Mayor Clifford B. Wilson.

Huns War to Retain Belgium

Therein Lies German Security, Von Tirpitz Declares—Calls Struggle a "Battle Against All Devouring Tyranny of Anglo-Americanism"—Favors Annexation.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—At a meeting of the new fatherland party in Munich Admiral Von Tirpitz, former German minister of marine, made a violent annexationist speech. He said the question whether Germany or Great Britain became the protector of Belgium would be the decisive issue of the war.

"A mistaken solution of the Belgian question would stunt our exports and the reserve capital of our industry, and degrade us to being the bond slave of the Danubia," said the admiral. "Our military security lies in Belgium. It is the only way of obtaining compensation for enormous economic losses."

The admiral added that it was a mistake to believe the submarine would prove sufficient protection against Great Britain, as some effective counter weapon was bound to be discovered. He declared Germany must have Antwerp, that Austria must become the principal protecting power of the mouth of the Danubia, and that Germany was interested in the settlement of the Adriatic question.

"Germany's struggle," he added, "is a terrific battle against the all-devouring tyranny of Anglo-Americanism."

THREE SOLDIERS KILLED IN WRECK OF TROOP TRAIN

Denver, Colo., Nov. 12.—Three soldiers were killed and 18 were injured today in a wreck of a troop train near Cotopaxi, Col., according to a message received at the Denver & Rio Grande railroad office here. The troops were said to be travelling eastward from Utah.

According to railroad officials, the accident, which occurred shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, was a rear end collision between sections 2 and 3 of a train carrying troops. The conductor of the second section reported his train was travelling slowly, when the third section, running 25 miles an hour, crashed into him.

Most of the troops were infantrymen from Salt Lake City, according to reports.

ADDED INTEREST ON LIBERTY BONDS

By calling at any local bank on or before Wednesday of this week any person holding a three and one-half per cent. Liberty bond of the first issue may exchange it for a four per cent. bond of the second issue, and thereby save one month's interest.

The reason being that the government has announced that it make an adjustment of interest on the 15th of this month and will not make another until December 15th, so that by failing to make the exchange before Thursday the holder will forfeit the added interest.

Troops Take Up Positions in the Trenches—British Batteries to Aid and Steady Italian Army—Germans Fail in Effort to Encircle North and East Wings.

(Late Bulletin.) Berlin, Nov. 12, via London.—The Austro-German forces in northern Italy have cut off 10,000 retreating Italians in the upper Piave valley, the war office announces. The Italians are said to have surrendered.

The German statement says the Teuton forces have advanced from Belluno down the river Piave and are standing before Feltre.

Rome, Nov. 12.—The Italians have resisted the enemy everywhere on the northern front along which the Austrians are attempting to outflank the Italian river line, the war office reports. On the plain there is brisk firing across the Piave river.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Sunday, Nov. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—The enemy's operations on the north and east in an attempt at encirclement of the Italians has not succeeded. The menace on the Italian left wing also is practically past.

The reconcentration of the Italian army along the newly chosen line of defense is now virtually an accomplished fact. The troops have taken up their positions in trenches, the gun emplacements have been made ready, and the whole vast organization is preparing for the battle that is not far off. The men are in good spirits, and a feeling of determination prevails in all ranks.

Retirement of that part of the Italian force in the Carnic district of northern Venetia has shortened the Italian main front, which now presents a compact line extending about 20 miles along the new river defenses to the sea.

The Allies are represented on the new front by some British batteries from the Carso. The presence of the Allied forces is regarded as of the highest importance for its moral effect on the Italian troops, which thus far have borne the entire shock, as well as for its purely military value. England's announcement that she will continue to send reinforcements without delay and spare no effort to prevent a further invasion of Italy arouses enthusiasm. The visit of Gen. Wilson, sub-chief of the British staff, also inspired renewed confidence as to the intention of the Allies.

It may now be stated that the present line of defense is the only first line that the supreme command has ever considered seriously. The Tagliamento and the Livinca lines were designed merely to block the progress of the enemy up to the present defenses. The correspondent received this information authoritatively 10 days ago, but was then unable to divulge the location of the line, for reasons dictated by military necessity.

KERENSKY GAINS STRENGTH AGAINST RUSS BOLSHEVKI

... fighting is proceeding continually. The junkers loyal to the Kerensky government regained possession of the telephone station this morning. The exact whereabouts of the Kerensky army which is reported to be approaching the city is unknown at this hour.

London, Nov. 12.—The formation of a committee of public safety in Petrograd, according to a report to the Daily Telegraph from Petrograd on Saturday, was the outcome of an agreement between the non-Bolshevik members of the city council and the moderate socialist committees. The organization is purely moral and is not supported by any part of the garrison. Its headquarters is guarded by 20 boy scouts.

The council got into telephone communication with Moscow. The Telegraph's correspondent says he fears that Gen. Kaledine, former hetman of the Cossacks, and Prof. Paul N. Nikuloff, former foreign minister, are associated with Michael Rodzanko in forming a government in Moscow. He confirms the report that Gen. Korniloff is in Moscow and says he was rescued from prison by Cossacks.

The correspondent declares that it is impossible to predict future developments in Petrograd, but thinks it most probable that the outcome will be a steady dissolution of the Bolsheviki garrison, the re-entry of Premier Kerensky and some resistance by the Bolsheviki, notwithstanding the common disinclination to shed blood.

PENNY SHORTAGE STILL EXISTING CLUB DUES ARE SUBJECT TO TAX

Members of social and athletic clubs who pay more than \$12 a year dues to those organizations are subject to war tax under the new revenue law of 10 per cent. on the amount in excess of that sum. This does not include fraternal organizations. Payment must be made by the members, collected by the club or organization, and returned in the manner prescribed to the proper authorities. Returns are to be made to the collector of internal revenue. Some club members have misinterpreted the regulations, and many requests for information have come to the office of the internal revenue collector in this city.

For Bridgeport and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight; Tuesday probably rain.

ATTACK SEVEN STRIKE BREAKERS

Houston, Tex., Nov. 12.—The first trouble of the oil field workers' strike was reported today, seven strike breakers in the Geosc Creek field having been attacked and beaten. Producers in the field have asked that martial law be declared.

I. C. C. CAN FORCE LINES TO KEEP THROUGH RATES

Washington, Nov. 12.—The interstate commerce commission, the supreme court held today, has authority to compel railroads to establish through routes and joint rates in connection with other carriers.