

SEAPLANES RAID GERMAN BASES

ALLIES' AIRMEN ESCAPE AFTER DESOLATING FIVE TOWNS.

SUBMARINES ARE TOO ACTIVE

Thirty-Four Daring Aeronauts Take Part—Graham-White Falls Into Sea But Is Saved—Leave Trail of Ruins.

London, England.—Thirty-four British seaplanes and seaplanes—the greatest force of aircraft ever assembled for hostile purposes—left their base at Dover, sailed the channel and made a successful raid against five towns in Belgium where the Germans were believed to be establishing submarine stations for raiding British merchant shipping.

The expedition was under command of Flight Commander Sanson, who had with him such noted fliers as Claude Graham-White, now a flight commander, and Lieut. John Cyril Porte, who was to have made an attempt to fly across the Atlantic in the Rodman Wanamaker's flying boat, America, but who hurried home to resume his rank when the war broke out.

All of the 34 aviators and their observers returned safely to the British base. The only mishap was that two seaplanes were damaged by the hail of shot which the Germans sent at the squadron when they had recovered from the surprise caused by the attack, and that Graham-White fell into the sea off Newport on the return and was a target for the enemies' guns for some time until he was rescued by a French war vessel.

In a sweeping attack, that was probably launched from Dunkirk, the 34 machines covered a wide area in the part of Belgium held by the Germans and inflicted great damage wherever they went.

NEW YORK EXPORTS INCREASE

Total Since First of Year Is \$148,146,690, a Gain of Nearly \$29,000,000.

New York, N. Y.—Reports at this port in the week ending Feb. 6 are officially placed at \$25,226,602, compared with \$26,272,091 in the week before, according to a custom house statement made public. This year's exports to date total \$148,146,690, against \$119,413,307 in the same period last year.

Germany's orders were larger than at any period since the European war began, shipments to that country totaling \$1,670,202.

England's shipments for the week were valued at \$4,486,515, and those of France aggregated \$3,191,302. Italy's purchases, largely grain, totaled \$2,253,834.

How completely the Mexican situation has disrupted New York's trade with Mexico is revealed in the statement that exports for the week were next to the lowest of any country reported, being only \$1,350.

GIRL FORGER SENT TO ASYLUM

Jury Found Kansas City Woman, Accused of Obtaining \$8,000, Was Inane.

Kansas City, Missouri.—Miss Laura Catherman, adjudged insane by a jury in the criminal court, will be taken to Fulton to enter the state hospital for the insane. Judge Ralph S. Latshaw, criminal judge, who tried the case, ordered her removal.

Miss Catherman was tried last week on a charge of forgery, the jury deciding she was insane. She was accused of fraudulently obtaining \$8,000, which the police have been unable to find.

Fleeing Prisoner Kills Sheriff. Chattanooga, Tenn.—Sheriff Henry Wagster was shot and instantly killed and Constable P. Knox badly wounded in Trenton, Tenn. by Sam Taylor, who had escaped from the workhouse where he had been serving sentence for carrying a pistol.

Long Trip for Inspector. Washington.—To inspect a little postoffice in far-away Guam, which pays its postmaster only \$125 a year, is the object of a 25,000 mile journey which Postmaster Inspector E. P. Smith of this city is making to satisfy the demands of law.

Delay in Wilhelmina Case. Washington.—Ambassador Page in London was instructed by the state department to delay for a short period the placing of the case of the Wilhelmina in a prize court.

Haute Kills Self. Terre Haute, Ind.—Told that she had tuberculosis, Mrs. John Rahel killed herself with a rifle on her farm over the line in Edgar county, Ill., where she went as a bride three months ago.

Utah's New Capitol Occupied. Salt Lake City, Utah.—Utah's new state capitol was occupied when the legislature and the governor moved to their quarters in the building. The building will be completed June 1 at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Lane to Open Exposition. Washington.—Secretary of the Interior Lane was designated by President Wilson to go to San Francisco to formally open the Panama-Pacific exposition. Lane will leave Monday night.

Anti-Liquor "Ad" Measure. Mobile, Ala.—The veto of the anti-liquor advertising bill by Gov. Henderson on the ground that it was unconstitutional was overridden in the senate. The bill became effective at once.

WHEN SUNSHINE HITS THE TRENCHES



A graphic idea of what the British "Tommys" at the front had to endure for the past weeks of bad weather is presented in this picture, which shows some members of a famous British regiment taking advantage of a lull in the fighting and rain to renovate their trenches.

NO DELAYING OF SENTENCES

Attorney General Issues Orders to Assistants That Practice Is Illegal and Must Be Stopped.

Washington, D. C.—Attorney General Gregory has notified all United States district attorneys that in the future the department of justice does not intend to sit idly by and permit federal judges to suspend indefinitely either the imposition or execution of sentence on a convicted criminal.

In a circular letter to his assistants, the attorney general, pointing out that the practice of indefinite suspension of sentence has long prevailed in many districts, says:

"No court has such power. It is in effect a pardon or commutation. Nor may a court exercise it indirectly, by a continuance of the case from term to term for sentence or by other similar device.

"This custom has been the cause of much complaint, and has tended to somewhat discredit the administration of the criminal law in the federal courts."

NEGRO KILLS AN ATTORNEY

Kentucky Slayer Is Captured Immediately and Mob Violence Is Talked Of.

Pikeville, Kentucky.—Milton Butler, brother of a former circuit judge and attorney for some of the defendants in the election fraud cases now being tried here, was shot and killed by John Hall, a negro janitor.

The negro was captured about two miles from town, and lodged in jail. The streets are crowded with angry men and the police fear mob violence. Patton Taylor, one of the posse who captured Hall, accidentally shot himself. He was taken to a hospital and is reported to be in a serious condition.

ACQUIT MERCHANT OF MURDER

Mrs. Francker's Body Was Found in Yard of Her Own Home After Automobile Ride.

Savannah, Missouri.—Richard B. Coffey, a retired merchant of this city, was acquitted of the murder of Mrs. Myrtle Francker, wife of a wealthy retired farmer. The jury deliberated two hours.

Mrs. Francker's body was found in her own yard on the night of Aug. 12, after she had taken a motor car ride with Coffey and two other persons. Coffey said he escorted Mrs. Francker to her home, but that she was alive when he left her there.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU ON CAR

Dallas, Tex.—A special interurban car employment bureau was run from Dallas north nearly to the Oklahoma line. It carried men out of work and stopped at small towns where farmers made the car to dicker with its passengers to work as farm hands.

Ledochowski Elected "Black Pope." Rome, Italy.—Rev. Father Ledochowski was elected chief of the Jesuit Order, known as the "Black Pope," at the conclave held at the Vatican.

Cashier Bound With Suspenders. Stockholm.—An ammunition factory outside of Stockholm was the scene of an explosion which resulted in the death of five persons and the destruction of a considerably supply of ammunition.

Submarine Is Launched. Quincy, Mass.—The submarine L-2 was launched at the navy yard of the Fore River Shipbuilding corporation. She is 170 feet long and has a surface displacement of 450 tons. Her contract calls for speed of 14 knots.

Fire at Independence, Mo. Independence, Mo.—Fire believed to have started from an over-heated stove in a restaurant, destroyed half a block of buildings on West Maple street, in the business district, with a loss estimated at \$50,000.

Bill to Combine Elections. Little Rock, Ark.—The Arkansas senate passed a bill providing for consolidating of state and national elections, despite vigorous opposition of members who declared it would mean negro domination.

Slain in Dance Row. Springfield, Mo.—John Cunningham, aged 60, was killed and Appy L. Guthrie, aged 16, seriously injured as a result of a battle following a dance at the home of Cunningham, 12 miles south of Ays. John Fowler, 15, is held.

CARRANZA ISSUES DRASTIC ORDERS

PROHIBITS DIPLOMATS FROM DEALING WITH DE FACTO GOVERNMENT.

MUST SEE HIM AT VERA CRUZ

This Would Amount to Recognition of First Chief's Claim as Head of Mexico—Most Ministers Have Left Country.

Washington.—Another action of the Carranza government, which may cause further complications for the diplomatic corps in Mexico City, was taken in the announcement that Gen. Carranza, as first chief, is solely authorized to receive and pass on diplomatic communications.

This virtually prohibits the diplomats in Mexico City from dealing with Gen. Obregon, in command there, and may seriously affect the diplomatic activity of American consular agents, who always have been instructed to deal with the de facto authorities, whoever they may be.

The order apparently will make it impossible for diplomatic representatives of foreign governments to deal with the Carranza government, except that they go to Vera Cruz, which they have been unwilling to do, lest such action be construed as formal recognition.

Already most of the diplomats at Mexico City have asked their governments for permission to depart when the situation becomes intolerable, and some have been advised to use their own discretion.

GYPSIES WHITE SLAVERS

DEEP IN THE TRAFFIC, SAYS OFFICIAL.

White Victims Often Stolen—Nine Cities Named Where Girls Can Be Bought and Sold.

Denver, Colo.—St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Dallas and Kansas City are white slave markets, where gypsy girls and white girls, the latter stolen, are sold for sums ranging from \$200 to \$2,500.

This is the statement made by William F. Fitch, special investigator for the department of justice, in an official report sent to Washington.

Fitch's report follows several weeks of secret inquiry and contains a confession from the wealthy chief of a local gypsy band made to him. According to this man's statement he is worth nearly \$600,000. In fear of death, this chief told Fitch that for several years gypsy bands in all parts of the country have traded in girls, obtaining for them sums seldom below \$1,000. The traffic began with gypsy girls, husbands often selling their wives, and recently has extended to white girls.

Chicago has been the clearing house for the slaves, who were brought from all parts of the country to Kokomo, Ind., and there held until sold. Often the girls were "farmed" out or resold.

Fitch, who tried to prevent the story becoming public, has verified it and that within a few days a nationwide inquiry will be under way with the possibility of wholesale arrests.

COOK-PERRY DEBATE ASKED

House Committee Invites Rival Explorers to Discuss Claims to North Pole Discovery.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Doughton of North Carolina, representing the house committee on education, is trying to arrange for a joint debate between Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Rear Admiral R. E. Peary on the question of who discovered the North Pole—Dr. Cook or Admiral Peary?

Dr. Cook, through an agent, has accepted the invitation of the house committee and Peary will be seen within a few days.

GOLD TO BE SENT TO U. S.

New York.—The engagement in Ottawa of \$2,500,000 gold for shipment to New York was announced by an international banking house here. The return of the gold was made possible by the extremely low rate of foreign exchange.

ANGER KILLS CHILD

Detroit, Mich.—Holding his breath in a fit of anger because his mother attempted to wash some chocolate candy stains from his face, Leo Hutton, aged 1 year, died.

TO ARREST JACK JOHNSON

Havana, Cuba.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, faces arrest in Cuba if he lands. This information came from a source close to the government.

DANCES SELF TO DEATH

Louisville, Ky.—Emma Schuckman, 17 years old, tangled to death at a dance in Ostrander's hall, dropping dead of heart disease in the midst of a dance with hundreds of couples on the floor.

GIVES BEER TO CHICKENS

Reading, Pa.—Beer ration for chickens increases the yield of eggs, according to a local hotel keeper, whose daughter has been feeding chickens beer. She says 13 hens last month produced 291 eggs.

SALOONS TO CLOSE

Des Moines, Ia.—The city council here refused to grant the saloon keepers a renewal of their licenses. This means that the 80 saloons of Des Moines will close their doors.

SLAIN IN DANCE ROW

Springfield, Mo.—John Cunningham, aged 60, was killed and Appy L. Guthrie, aged 16, seriously injured as a result of a battle following a dance at the home of Cunningham, 12 miles south of Ays. John Fowler, 15, is held.

WOMEN GIVEN IRON CROSS

Copenhagen.—Thirty-eight women nurses attached to the German army ambulance corps have been decorated by the Kaiser with the Iron Cross, which has hitherto been reserved as an award for men.

STATE BOOKS ARE TO BE AUDITED

HOUSE COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW WHY EXPENSES INCREASE.

KANSAS CITY FIRM IS ON JOB

Five Accountants Set to Work in Five Departments—Committee Will Question Heads of Offices in Effort to Find Out.

Jefferson City.—The house investigating committee, appointed to ascertain why expenditures have piled up so rapidly during the years 1913 and 1914, as indicated by State Treasurer Deal's report, employed the accountancy firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co. of St. Louis and Kansas City to audit the books in the offices of the secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, insurance superintendent, state penitentiary and other departments.

Five accountants will set to work in the five departments mentioned to make the audit. The five accountants in per diem and subsistence will cost \$70 a day while employed. The senior accountant, under the contract, will receive \$15 a day, and four others \$10 a day. Not to exceed \$3 a day can be charged for board.

The committee will probably hold a meeting for the purpose of quizzing some of the state officials. The members of the committee are: Representatives Frank H. Parris of Phelps, Rich Correll of Randolph, N. W. Simpson of Lewis, Frank H. Harr of Clark and Almon Ing of Butler.

RAIL RATES AIDED

Railroad rates again occupied the senate. The question came up on adopting the Phelps resolution, which called upon the public service commission to inform the senate whether "in its opinion the present rates are sufficient to yield a reasonable compensation for the service rendered, and are unjust and unreasonable, and if they are, why does not the commission exercise the power vested in them to fix rates that are just and reasonable?"

The resolution as amended and finally adopted reads this way: "Resolved, That the commission inform the senate whether or not in its opinion the present rates are insufficient to yield a reasonable compensation for the service rendered and are unjust and unreasonable."

The commission, through its chairman, John M. Atkinson, stated after the adoption of the resolution that it would gladly comply with the request of the senate for information under the Morton and Phelps resolutions.

There was the daily deluge of petitions and letters filed in the senate asking for increased freight and passenger rates for the roads.

Senator Moore of Barton, who represents a district in which there is one of the largest railroad centers in the state, Springfield, presented 92 petitions and 103 letters asking for the rate increases.

Other rate increase petitions came from Senators Ford, Crossley, Harris, Warner, Greene, Hawkins, Gardner, Mitchell, Welch and Buford.

No Recommendations. There promises to be a lively session in the house when the \$5 bills pending before the judiciary committee will be referred to the new committees or engrossment.

The judiciary committee, after a debate decided that it would make no further decisions on pending measures.

The trouble began when Representative Dumm of Cole county, member of the committee, requested that house bill 149, sponsored by him, which had received an unfavorable report, be placed on the informal calendar.

Representative Frank Ferris, chairman of the committee, protested and conferred with other members, who agreed to report all the bills without recommendations. The house referred the bills back to the committee.

Chairman Ferris, after adjournment, called a conference and the committee again decided to report all the bills without recommendation.

The measure that caused a controversy relates to appellate judgments in life and fire insurance, and personal injury suit, whether by corporations or individuals.

No Inheritance Tax Lawyers. F. C. Donnell, former attorney for the board of curators of the state university in the collection of the collateral inheritance tax, appeared before the judiciary committee of the house and urged the repeal of the law under which additional lawyers are appointed by the state auditor.

Reformatory Bill. The Simpson bill to create a reformatory for first offenders, as recommended by Gov. Major, passed the house without a dissenting vote. This act will be concurred in by the senate, and probably will be a law in 10 days.

Trust Magnates to Jail. The imprisonment of trust magnates instead of fining them is contemplated by a bill introduced by Mr. Lee of Jasper county, and which passed the house by a unanimous vote.

Code Revision. Virtually all the criminal and civil code revision bills are now ready for discussion and engrossment in the house of representatives. The chairman in charge of the bills has made his report and it was approved.

MISSOURI H. MUST ECONOMIZE

It has become known here that the committee on appropriations in executive session has virtually rejected the request of our university, and the school must get along with less money.

Major Announces Board Members

Gov. Major made the following appointments to vacancies on the various boards of educational and eleemosynary institutions, etc., which have been sent to the senate for confirmation:

Board of Charities and Correction—Miss Mary E. Perry of St. Louis and Eugene Whittenback of Warrenton.

Board for Deaf and Dumb School—Dr. R. H. Crews of Fulton, Dewitt Masters of Perry.

Federal Soldiers' Home—J. W. Farria of Lebanon, Thomas B. Rogers of St. Louis.

Industrial Home for Girls—Frank Ashby, Chillicothe; Charles H. Bower, Hannibal; Mrs. James Bradshaw, Kansas City.

Board for Fulton Insane Asylum—R. M. White, Mexico.

Board for Nevada Insane Asylum—J. A. Daugherty, Webb City; M. J. Brady, Richards.

Board for Farmington Insane Asylum—Judge N. C. Chastain, Dexter; R. B. Anderson, St. Louis.

Board for Reform School at Boonville—Judge William M. Williams, Boonville; John W. Baldwin, Sedalia.

Board for St. Joseph Insane Asylum—E. M. Lindsay, St. Joseph; E. S. Villmoard, Kansas City.

Confederate Soldiers' Home, Higginville—J. William Towson, Shelbyville; B. F. Marlock, Platte City.

Regents for Springfield Normal—John H. Case, Marshallfield; Ignace Glaser, Springfield.

Regents for Warrensburg Normal—W. F. Quigley, Tipton; J. L. Spillers, Otterville.

Regents for Maryville Normal—Charles L. Moseley, Stanberry; George N. Gromer, Pattonsburg; W. A. Weightman, Mound City.

Regents for Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City—Thomas Speed Mosby, Jefferson City; W. F. Chamberlain, Hannibal.

State Poultry Board—Louis B. Meyers, Bowling Green; J. Will Gom, West Plains.

State Barber Board—V. N. Burch, St. Joseph.

The governor also reappointed Joseph G. Dillard of Sedalia as state hotel inspector.

URGE RAILROAD RAISE

A flood of petitions reached the senate and house from all quarters of Missouri, bearing on the railroad rate situation. Members of the assembly are receiving letters, urging action for the relief of the railroads.

Some petitions ask for the increase of passenger rates, others for increase of freight schedules, while others cover the entire field and urge not only increases, but that there be no legislation against Missouri railroads at this session.

One of the petitions was presented in the senate by Senator Yancey. It requested that "no legislation that would have a tendency to hamper the railroads be passed and that passenger rates be increased so service may be improved."

Another was from citizens of Howard county, asking for increased rates; one presented by Senator Mitchell from the people of Barry county, asked the same thing, and one by Senator Phelps from the citizens of Jasper county, asked for increased passenger rates.

Loan Association Report. In his nineteenth annual report filed with Gov. Major, Morris P. Gordon, state supervisor of building and loan associations, says there has been a gratifying condition noticeable in these organizations in the state in the last year.

There were no failures and not a penny invested was lost to stockholders. Six associations went out of business and 15 were organized.

The 145 associations have: Cash on hand, \$358,308.85; real estate loans, \$16,729,148.15; stock loans, \$371,045.85; miscellaneous resources, \$394,356.94. The increase in real estate loans was \$2,228,201.10.

Denies Favoring Companies. State Superintendent of Insurance Charles G. Revelle appeared before the insurance committee of the senate and urged favorable reports on the fire insurance rating, fire marshal and the agency qualification bills. He denied favoring the companies.

Proctor Bill Not Favored. Part of the series of code revision measures have gone back into the senate under report of Chairman Harris of the code revision committee. There was only one unfavorably reported, that being the one creating the office of divorce proctor.

Quisenberry's Salary Raised. The house voted to increase the salary of T. E. Quisenberry, superintendent of the poultry experiment station, to \$2,000 a year, an increase of \$500. Representative Sherman Griffith, a Republican, made the argument for the increase.

Lincoln Bill Engrossed. The senate engrossed Senator Casey's bill providing that Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday, shall be a legal holiday.

May Open on Sunday. Representative Frank Lee introduced a bill to repeal all the statutes relating to barbers. The measure would abolish the examining board and make it possible to reopen shops on Sunday.

Pension Law Stands. The house committee on judiciary reported adversely the measure by Representative Wilder to repeal the Confederate pension law. It will require over \$500,000 to pay the pensions of indigent Confederate soldiers.

New Racing Bill. What is considered to be the first step toward what will ultimately result in a resumption of racing in Missouri occurred when the Murphy bill was reported on favorably by the house committee on municipal corporations.

To Exempt Utilities. Among the new bills introduced in the senate was one by Senator Gardner of St. Louis county, which exempts all of the public utilities companies from the provisions of the anti-trust code of the state.

HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

The Springfield Independent, a daily newspaper, suspended publication with its issue Sunday morning, after an existence of a little more than a year. Poor advertising patronage was given as the cause. This leaves two dailies in Springfield. The Independent was established by Aaron D. States and Frank Arnold of Lamar and later sold to a company of business men. The equipment will be taken over by the Springfield Laborer, a weekly labor publication.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Columbia announced a plan to list every unemployed man in Columbia and make an effort to find him a job. An employment bureau will be maintained with free service for both employer and employee.

William Jones, 33 years old, of Carthage, is dead following a fall in which he broke his leg. He was a Civil war veteran and had resided in Jasper county fifty years. He was wealthy.

John Stone, 35 years old, a farmer living near Republic, was killed the other afternoon when he was struck by Erico train No. 3, a fast mail. He was walking on the track with his son and evidently did not hear the train.

The Rev. J. L. Watson, pastor of the Baptist church of Laddonia, also preacher at Mineola, Montgomery county, has been called as pastor of the Christian church half of his time.

The Joplin Scottish Rite lodge will commence shortly the erection of a cathedral to cost \$150,000. It will be one of the finest in the state.

Dr. H. T. Garnett, 75 years old, a widely known physician is dead at Keytesville. He came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1866.

Asserting that the increased price of ore entitles them to more wages, 100 miners north of Webb City has gone on strike. Other miners over the district will follow their example, it is said. Zinc ore is bringing a top basis price of \$88 which means that over \$70 was paid for the choicer grades, establishing a new record price for the Joplin district. The demand for zinc brought about by the war is the cause of the record breaking prices. The previous highest price was \$65, paid last week.

The schools, picture shows, churches and lodges have been closed in Cassville as a result of an epidemic of smallpox. The first death occurred recently, George Morgan, 15 years old, being the victim. The boy is a nephew of Charles Ray, manager of the Cassville Democrat. The state board of health was asked to investigate conditions.

E. J. Hendrix of Steelville and George H. Talbott of Kansas City have been chosen to represent Missouri Valley College in the coming intercollegiate debate with Westminster College at Fulton. The debate will be held in April; the subject, "Commission Government for Cities." Hendrix and Talbott will represent the case of commission rule.

Richard Slotton, 35 years old, employed at the Cave Spring mine near Webb City, was instantly killed when a rung in a ladder he was descending broke. He fell eighty feet down the shaft.

Charles McAfferly, 46 years old, was killed by falling stone in the Paragon mine near Carthage. Earl Criss, a fellow workman, was badly injured.

Just as Missouri Pacific train No. 2 left the Union Station at Kansas City the other day, Harry Lane, who is traveling lecturer for the San Francisco Fair, and the Rev. Mr. Reed of Liberty boarded it and a few minutes later, the minister, followed by Mr. Lane and Miss Eda Seifert of Los Angeles, went forward to the dining car. There the minister married Miss Seifert to Mr. Lane. The couple will spend their honeymoon traveling through the Middle West while Mr. Lane gives illustrated lectures on the Panama Pacific Exposition.

Felix E. McAdams, a Democrat, defeated August Wiser, Republican, for member of the Missouri legislature from the Third Representative District of St. Louis. McAdams succeeds Martin Ward, also a Democrat, who died shortly after his election last fall.

Walter Lee Bell, 46 years old, was killed beneath an air shaft at the east mines of the Western Coal and Mining company at Lexington. He leaves a wife and one child.

A movement to call a special election to vote on the question of adopting the commission form of government for Springfield was defeated recently when a report was made to the city council that the petition requesting the election lacked the required 10 per cent of registered voters of the city.

C. K. Dunn and Mrs. Eleanor Reed were married at Warrensburg the other day. The bride is 75 years old and the groom 73. The groom is a farmer residing near Odesa.

Mrs. Katy E. Howard, a granddaughter of Gen. Sterling Price, is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Ennis in Kansas City. Mrs. Howard was the daughter of Gen. E. W. Price, a Confederate officer. Her death resulted from an operation performed in Seattle four months ago.

Richard and Lewis Black, brothers, died a few miles east of Warrensburg, from the effects of drinking bay rum, which they purchased before starting overland on a trip to Pulaski county to visit a sick relative.