

U. S. TROOPS TO BE UNDER GEN. PETAIN

MERGER PLAN GETS BIG ENDORSEMENT

Business and Professional Men Back of Move.

ASK THE HELP OF CITIZENS

Heads of Three Big Bodies Get Invitations.

An invitation is being sent today to the presidents of the Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchants' Association...

The committee issuing the invitation was appointed at a meeting of more than fifty prominent business and professional men...

Mr. Dolph said that he thought those present at the meeting did not have the power to adopt a plan of merger...

SIGN NEW WAR PACTS WITH RUSS REPUBLIC

France, Following U. S., Is Ready for Allied Agreement.

PETROGRAD, June 12.—France formally notified Russia today that she stands ready to make new agreements with the democratic government...

The notification is in response to the provisional government's recent call upon old Russia's allies to restate their war aims...

GIRL DEFIES U-BOATS TO HASTEN WEDDING

Returns From Norway to End Four-Year Delay of Wedding.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Mrs. took a back seat at the bidding of Cupid when Miss Asta Styhr, of Villa Petre, Christianland, Norway...

When Miss Styhr came down the gangplank of the steamship Bergenfjord, of the Norwegian-American line...

Miss Styhr had come to the United States four years ago to see an uncle. At the home of the latter she met Mr. Waaller...

BANKS THROGGED BY BOND BUYERS

Liberty Loans Are Going 3 to 5 a Minute.

\$11,000,000 MARK PASSED

Number of Subscribers Now Well Beyond Twenty Thousand.

With only two more days in which to enter their subscriptions to the Liberty bonds on the installment plan...

Total subscriptions to the bonds already have passed the eleven million dollar mark and the number of subscribers is above 20,000.

It is certain that subscriptions will be received on the partial payment plan by practically all the banks until late tomorrow afternoon...

Eugene K. Thompson, secretary of the committee, addressed employees of the office of public roads and rural engineering, of the Department of Agriculture, this morning.

A large percentage of the employees of the office of public roads and rural engineering already had bought bonds...

Eighty per cent of the men in the officers' training camp at Fort Myer have bought bonds, the Liberty loan committee has been advised.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has received a letter from Little Tom Caff King 2d, a page in the Senate...

Another example of how children are falling in line in the Liberty bond campaign is found in the case of seven-year-old Jewel Wilson...

FIFTEEN LIVES TOLL OF MISSOURI TORNADO

Twister Sweeps Over the State, Blazing Trail of Death.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., June 12.—Major reports from Unionville and Mercer, Mo., received today indicate that probably fifteen persons were killed by a tornado that swept those towns last night...

830.50 To Chicago, Ill., and Return Baltimore & Ohio, June 16th to 18th, valid returning until July 3rd.—Adv.

Prepare For Giant War Lottery

President's Advisory Board Seeking Politics-Proof Method of Drawing Names for Conscription Army.

Within a few weeks the eyes of the nation will be fixed upon the most momentous "lottery" in history. In an obscure office in the Old Land office building...

RECREATION FIELD HOUSE IS ORDERED

East Potomac Park Building Will Cost \$87,000.

The first step in the improvement of East Potomac Park as a great recreation center was taken today when a contract was awarded to the Moses Construction Company of Washington...

The board has considered a dozen schemes to single out the number of men needed. Most of them, however, lack some essential or are not "politics-proof" and are discarded.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Through a twist in court procedure Mrs. Anna M. Jadowski has two legal husbands and neither one of them can claim a right to a divorce...

When her undefended separation action came before Justice Delehanty in the supreme court last year he signed the decree submitted to him.

PRISON FOR SLACKERS, IS DECREE OF COURT

Judge Recommends That One Be Deported When Free.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Louis Kramer, the first man to be convicted and sentenced for opposing the conscription laws and falling to register, was given a maximum sentence by Judge Mayer in the United States court today.

Under the laws of the domestic relations court a woman has a right to remarry if her husband is absent for five years without being heard from.

COTTON PRICES FALL

Exchange Opens Easy After Feverish Trading.

NEW YORK, June 13.—In marked contrast to yesterday's feverish trading when cotton sold at 25 cents a pound, the exchange opened easier today with prices on that call off from 11 to 17 points.

GERMANS MAKE AIRY BOAST

Say They Bagged 262 Entente Warplanes in May.

BERLIN (via London), June 12.—During May the Germans lost seven to nine airplanes, while the entente allies lost 262 machines, says the official statement issued by the German army headquarters staff.

AIR RAIDERS TAKE 98 TOLL IN LONDON

Fifteen German Machines In Daylight Raid.

SCHOOL PUPILS ARE VICTIMS

King Goes to Stricken District When Informed.

LONDON, June 12.—Germany's fourth aeroplane raid over England in recent weeks today claimed a toll of thirty-one dead and sixty-seven injured in the city of London alone.

The German raiders appeared over the Essex coast shortly before noon—in broad daylight. In the east end of London one bomb dropped by the air pirates struck an elementary school, killing ten children and injuring fifty.

King George and Minister of War Derby went to that part of London which had been struck almost immediately after the raid, inspecting the wrecked buildings and offering their sympathy to the relatives and friends of victims.

ALL ENGLAND HONORS MEMORY OF REDMOND

Cardinal Presides At Rites for Major of Irish Regiment.

LONDON, June 12.—Cardinal Bourne, assisted by two bishops, presided at the requiem for Major "Willie" Redmond, brother of the Irish leader, in Westminster Cathedral yesterday.

The requiem was guarded by six members of the Irish Guards, in which regiment John Redmond's only son-in-law is a captain.

RUSSIAN MISSION IN U. S. Reaches Pacific Coast and Is Headed By Bakhtieff.

A PACIFIC PORT, June 12.—The Russian mission to the United States has arrived at a Pacific port.

The Russian mission, headed by Prof. Boris Bakhtieff, who will act for a time at least as ambassador in Washington, includes a large staff of representatives of the army, navy, and various departments of the Russian provisional government.

FOOD BILL REPORTED

The food dictatorship bill, over which there will be a stubborn fight in the House, was formally reported to that body today by the Committee on Agriculture which ordered a report two days ago.

RUSS EXILE PEACE AGENTS

PETROGRAD, June 12.—The delegation of Austrian officers and soldiers who last week came to Kishineff with peace proposals were today sent to Moscow and will shortly be started to Siberia.

TROOPS ATTACKED BY MEXICAN BAND

Forty Bandits Cross Border and Fire on Patrol.

SOLDIERS HAVE TO RETREAT

Outnumbered, They Fall Back, With Band Pursuing.

EL PASO, Tex., June 12.—Forty Mexican bandits crossed the border early today at Ysleta ford, fifteen miles east of El Paso, and attacked a patrol troop of the Eighth Cavalry under Sergeant McDade.

The Americans, greatly outnumbered, were forced to retreat after returning the fire of the Mexicans. The bandits followed into American territory.

It is believed the bandits are part of the Villa troops who captured the city of Santa Rosalia after a battle with the Carranza garrison.

After having been held for a week by Villa bandits, Donald Best, manager of the Eruption mine, an American-owned property in Mexico, and Alexander Stroud, an employe, arrived here today from Villa Ahumada.

They were released when they paid the bandits 2,000 pesos and promised to pay 3,000 more. Unless the money is paid within ten days the mining property will be destroyed, the bandits told Best.

Bullard Is Leaving For Russia

Censor Who Criticized Secretaries Baker and Daniels Has Had Foreign Trip in Mind for Month or More.

If you should happen to want to congratulate Arthur Bullard on his opinion of his co-workers, Secretaries Baker and Daniels, on the committee on public information, you may address him "Somewhere in Russia," as the subject of the question, "Shall a Censor Be Censored," expects to leave within a few days for the country where abdications are fashionable, and governments change over night.

Mr. Bullard says that he has been contemplating disassociating himself from the committee on public information for some time and that he has repeatedly told his friends that he was leaving for Russia on the next boat, but business has been so brisk that he has felt obliged to stay on the job and help Mr. Creel.

Mr. Bullard has been abroad a good deal and in his place on the committee, in charge of its foreign question and answer department, he has been just up to his ears in work answering questions from untutored reporters who don't know that Shepard's Hotel in Alexandria (Egypt, not Virginia), is on the left hand side of the street, as you come up from the dock and that it isn't up to ask for an egg in China unless you are going to be satisfied with a China egg.

And anyhow what Mr. Bullard thought of the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War hasn't anything to do with what he thinks of them now. A whole lot of folks have changed their mind about Baker and Daniels one way or the other since the war began and what he wrote under the title of "Mobilizing America" might be very different if the title was to be "America Mobilized."

Mr. Creel's Explanation. "The way it all happened was this," says Mr. Creel, who is the fourth member of the committee on public information and is therefore only doing his duty in letting the public know how Mr. Bullard happened to think the President's Cabinet ought to be all shook up.

There's a lot in what Mr. Creel says, but he didn't add that Mr. Bullard was likely to change his mind about going to Russia. The reporter didn't ask him because really it didn't seem worth while and anyway the foreman of the Official Bulletin was hollering for copy and Mr. Creel had to write a piece for his paper.

HOSTS CHEER PERSHING ON ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

American Commander Will Keep In Touch With War Department By Means of Private Cable.

General Pershing will operate under General Petain, French field marshal, when his forces are sent to the front and not under General Haig, commanding the British armies. This announcement was made at the War Department today.

BOULOGNE, FRANCE, June 13.—Cheering thousands, some moved to tears, welcomed to French soil today the commander-in-chief of the army which America is to send to join France in making the world safe for democracy.

The tall, soldiery appearing figure of Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, garbed in the business-like khaki of the American army, was acclaimed as France has seldom acclaimed another in all her history.

Frenzied crowds packed the streets to shout their joy and wave the tri-color of France with the same three colors of the Star-Spangled Banner.

Pershing arrived at 9:30 this morning. He had made a quick and an uneventful trip over from England. The tremendous reception accorded here to the commander of the American army will be but a marker to that which Paris is preparing for 5 o'clock this afternoon when Pershing and his staff arrive at the Gare Du Nord.

Ready to Do Full Share. Pershing was deeply moved by the greeting he received. "I consider this one of the most important moments in American history," he said. "Our arrival on French soil, constituting as we do the advance guard of an American army, makes us realize to the fullest the importance of America's participation. Our reception has moved us deeply."

Patrol Boats Salute. Boulogne harbor was awake early awaiting the arrival of the American general and his staff. The first notice that the ship was finally arriving came with the roar of salutes from French patrol boats in the outer harbor.

The French and British troops were all drawn up in rigid salutes as General Pershing first put his foot on French soil and gave evidence in the flesh of America's intention to fight.

Three Nations Represented. There were British Tommies to welcome their new brothers-in-arms, and French poilus as well. Hundreds of handshakes and embraces marked the meeting of these representatives of three great armies, now pledged to a common purpose.

The Americans were trying out their French, or swapping slang with the Tommies, and the poilus were proudly exhibiting their English words in return, while the Britishers tried to compress into a few minutes conversation some of the fighting lore they had learned at the front.

It was hard to leave their new-found friends and board their train. The British Tommies were part of those aboard several big British troop ships unloading their big human cargoes at the time the Americans arrived.

Gives Boy His Autograph. A small French boy who edged forward in the crowds that gathered around the American general, was noticed by Pershing. He wanted something, and Pershing wanted to know what it was. He came forward and shyly shook hands with the big smiling American, and then asked him to sign an autograph album, proudly displaying the signatures which he had already obtained in it from Marshal Joffre and Field Marshal Haig.

At Paris, it was announced today, Pershing will make his headquarters in the Hotel Crillon until he selects staff quarters at the French front.

JOY RIDERS PLUNGE OVER BLUFF OF LAKE

No Bodies Recovered and Number of Dead Is Unknown.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 12.—Joy riders in a stolen automobile plunged seventy feet over a cliff into Lake Erie early today. When the machine was dragged out today this much was learned. How many were in the automobile is uncertain. No bodies have been recovered.

FOUR QUAKES REGISTERED

Disturbances Were Near Alaska, Is Belief at Cleveland.

\$354,000,000 IS STILL NEEDED TO ROUND OUT LIBERTY LOAN