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U. S. AVIATORS IN GREAT RAIDS

Lafayette Squadron Has Number Of Fights With Foe.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR TWO

Corporal Harold Willis, of Boston, Missing After Return Of Group.

Paris, Aug. 19.—The Lafayette Squadron, composed of American aviators, played its part in the French air raids reported in the official communication on Saturday, when it was announced that 28,000 pounds of bombs and explosives had been dropped on German military establishments, railroad stations and encampments. Corporal Harold Willis, of Boston, a member of the squadron, has not returned from the raid, which resulted in a number of aerial fights with the Germans.

Two groups of chasers were chosen from the ranks of the Lafayette Squadron, commanded respectively by Lieut. Raoul Lufbery, of Wallingford, Conn., and Adjt. Didier Masson, of San Francisco, which traveled protectively to the right and left of a bombing machine as it entered enemy territory. Another group from another squadron followed in the rear.

Has Narrow Escape.

The groups, however, saw few German machines. The Lufbery command obtained most of the action and Aviator Dudley Hill, of Peekskill, N. Y., had a narrow escape when two Germans attacked him with incendiary bullets. He escaped, however, with one bullet hole through a lower plane by outmaneuvering his opponents. He is believed to have brought down one German.

Adjt. Masson's command was attacked by a patrol of three planes, which was easily repulsed.

Corporal Willis was missing when his group returned to its base after the bombing raid, but it is hoped he will turn up.

W. A. Courtney Campbell, Jr., of Kenilworth, Ill., who two months ago lost one whole wing of his machine in midair and yet managed to return to his own lines safely, was again the victim of a peculiar accident. Just as the bombing party reached the home field a heavy bombing machine balked and landed squarely on top of his light chasing machine. He saw his danger in time and scrambled out to safety. His plane was cut squarely in two.

TO STABILIZE PRICES

Condition of Sugar Market Discussed With Experts by Hoover.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Measures to stabilize sugar prices were discussed today by Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator, with a committee from the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, which stopped future trading last week at Mr. Hoover's request. Prices have advanced sharply within the last few months. The food administration plans to take control of sugar dealings as soon as it has completed a program for supervising wheat trading and flour and bread manufacture.

Members of the committee named by the exchange to see Mr. Hoover are Henry Schaefer, William Bayne, Jr., L. S. Bache, E. L. Lueder and Manuel E. Rionda.

UP TO PRESIDENT

He Will Make Statement Regarding Exemption of Married Men.

Washington, Aug. 20.—A new definite statement of the administration's interpretations of the exemption of married men and those with dependents is expected within the next few days. President Wilson has taken up the question, and probably will settle the problem himself.

ROUND UP OF SLACKERS

2,500 Have Failed to Answer the Call in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 20.—Government secret service agents and amateur detectives today commenced a slacker hunt for 2,500 men who have

failed to respond to their draft summonses.

Cuyahoga county's twenty local exemption boards this morning furnished Department of Justice agents with the names of 2,500 men.

WATERMELONS GROWN IN GLASS JUGS

As an experiment, Mr. Lute Easterday, of Route 7, has grown watermelons in glass jugs, and they are quite a curiosity to one who has never seen them. He takes the vine when it is in bloom, and places one bloom in the jug—the melon growing until the space in the jug is filled.

Mr. Easterday brought to town Monday a small melon that grew in an ordinary drinking glass—he pulling it before the melon grew to such an extent that it would burst the glass. Mr. Easterday had broken the closed end off the glass and the melon had grown all the way through it.

PLANT SET OUT JULY 31 CANNED TOMATO AUG. 16

We believe for the speedy raising of tomatoes, Mr. J. W. Rowe, of Centertown, should be awarded the prize. Mr. Rowe says he transplanted a tomato vine on the last day of July, and that just sixteen days thereafter, August 16, he pulled and canned the first ripe tomato from it.

He says the vine he transplanted was rather large at the time of setting, but we believe this is a record for quick growth and maturing that will be hard to beat.

ITALIAN FORCES IN MIGHTY OFFENSIVE

while Marked Gains Made By French At Verdun—Take 12,000 Prisoners.

With the British troops busily engaged in successfully parrying German counter thrusts against the newly won ground in Flanders, the French and Italians have started a monster offensive, the French against the Germans, near Verdun, and the Italians against the Austrians from the region of Plava to near the headwaters of the Adriatic.

Sharp and decisive blows gained for the French, positions held by the Germans on a front of more than eleven miles, extending from Avocourt wood, eastward across the Meuse into Boisdechaume, while the Italians, after a bombardment of intensity never before experienced in that theater, leveled the Austrian defenses, crossed the ruins and also the Isonzo river and now are at deadly grips with the enemy on a front of about thirty-seven miles.

Nearly 12,000 prisoners have already been taken by the French and Italians. Doubtless the number will be materially augmented when full details of the fighting are obtained. The Germans and Austrians lost heavily in killed and wounded, and guns and machine guns captured.

The new territory taken by the French embraces positions that have literally weltered in French and German blood in battles that waged to and fro since the crown prince started his most costly enterprise—an attempt to take Verdun—which resulted in utter failure.

BRAND OF DESERTERS ON ALL DRAFTED MEN

Who Fail to Report—Will Be Denied Right to Claim Exemptions.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Renewed instruction that drafted men who fail to report for service will be classed and punished as deserters were sent the United States District Attorneys and agents of the department of justice tonight by Attorney General Gregory.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has ruled that persons who neglect to appear for examination will be accepted automatically and that the privilege of claiming exemption will be denied. It was to help carry this policy into effect that the attorney general acted.

Miss Ethel Davis will return to her home at Owensboro this week after an extended visit to relatives in Hartford.

KENTUCKIANS ARE ARRESTED

For Violating Provisions of The Selective Draft Law.

TWO LOGAN COUNTY OFFICIALS

Removed From Board and Placed Under \$5,000 Bond At Russellville.

Russellville, Ky., Aug. 20.—Sheriff James S. Taylor, member of the Exemption Board of Logan county and County Judge J. W. Edwards were arrested here today on the charge of conspiring to violate the provisions of the selective draft law. Both were held for examining trial August 29, released on \$5,000 bail each by United States Commissioner George S. Hardy.

Taylor is charged with promising to exempt drafted men in exchange for political support. Edwards is accused of conspiracy in connection with the charge but the alleged extent is not outlined by R. H. Lyttleton, special agent of the Department of Justice who secured the warrants. Taylor was removed from the board, and J. Warder Linton appointed. Taylor charges that his arrest is due to political opponents. Both he and Edwards denied the charges.

HORTON; ALBERT HAS YOU BEAT!

To The Herald:—I notice in the Olaton news of August 15th about the school record of Master Horton White, which is good; but J. M. Shultz, of Shultztown, has a boy by the name of Albert L., who will be 14 years old the 22d day of October, who has gone to school for 55 months and one week; commencing in August before he was six years old in October, and has never missed a day in his life nor been tardy in two years. READER.

TRUCK BREAKS AND SIX MEN ARE HURT

Baizetown Man Suffered Injuries Which May Prove Fatal.

The Louisville Herald of Monday says:

Six men were hurt shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, one suffering injuries which may prove fatal, when one side of a big motor truck approaching Eastern Parkway on the Poplar Level Road broke under the weight of more than twenty workmen being transported to their homes from Camp Taylor. The men were thrown to the road.

The injured: JAMES V. JAMES, Baizetown, Ky., boarding at 1230 West Market street, probably fatally hurt; skull fractured at base of brain.

WILLIAM BUELOW, Cincinnati, boarding at 122 West Chestnut street, serious internal injuries; face and head badly torn.

C. L. CLIFTON, Nashville, Tenn., boarding at 531 South Sixth Street, right leg broken below knee; left wrist broken; left shoulder dislocated; badly bruised.

J. H. YOUNG, 231 North Twenty-sixth street, ankle sprained; head badly hurt and severe bruises.

H. F. PLUMEYER, Memphis, Tenn., boarding at 122 West Chestnut street, badly bruised on face and head.

HENRY NEWMAN, 1360 South Second street, flesh torn from both knees; badly bruised.

Temporary Rail On Auto.

The railing of the truck was slightly more than four feet high and was only temporarily adjusted to the body of the car. It is said James was the only man seated on the railing, while others were either leaning over the rail or were standing in the middle of the truck floor.

James was rushed to the St. Joseph Hospital.

Dant Bennett has accepted a position under agent Mischke, at the depot taking the place made vacant by Harry May.

JOHN W. KERN TAKEN BY DEATH

Former Indiana Senator Expires In Asheville August 16.

LONG A LEADER IN HIS STATE

And Was the Democratic Nomi- nee For Vice President In 1908.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 17.—Former Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, and Democratic nominee for Vice President in 1908, died here tonight. He was 68 years old.

Mr. Kern, who came here a week ago to recuperate, died of uremic poisoning. With him at the time of his death were Mrs. Kern and Mrs. George B. Lawson, a daughter, of Roanoke, Va.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, but the body will be taken tomorrow to Hollins, Va., the summer home of the late Senator.

Up to the time of his retirement from the Senate in March last Mr. Kern was majority floor leader and chairman of the Democratic Conference Committee.

Native Indianan.

John Worth Kern, member of the United States Senate from Indiana since March 4, 1911, was born in Alto, Howard county, Indiana, on December 20, 1849. His father was a country doctor and came from a good family in Virginia. The elder Kern first went to Warren county, Ohio, where he married Nancy Liggett, the daughter of a farmer. In 1886 he settled in Shelby county, Indiana, some thirty miles southeast of Indianapolis. Ten years later he removed to the Alto settlement in Howard county, a hundred miles to the north. From 1854 to 1864 the family occupied a farm in Warren county, Iowa, but the close of the Civil War found them back in Indiana.

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN RIGHT TEMPLE

W. H. Morton Commits Suicide At His Home In Ow- ensboro.

Friday's Owensboro Inquirer says: W. H. Morton, a well known citizen, committed suicide shortly after 7 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 801 East Fifth street, by shooting himself in the right temple with a 32 calibre pistol.

Mr. Morton had been in failing health for the past three years. For the past few weeks he had taken up an idea that he was going to lose his mind, and it is said he had told some members of his family that he would rather be dead than to be in that condition. He arose at his customary hour this morning, went over on Fourth street and purchased a lot of groceries. Upon his return home, he went into his room, laid down on his cot and shot himself in the right temple. When his wife reached him he was dead.

Mr. Morton was born at St. Joseph, Mo., and came to Owensboro about 20 years ago. For a number of years he conducted a grocery, and later a saloon on East Fourth street. He disposed of his saloon interests about three months ago. Mr. Morton was about 61 years of age and survived by his wife and one son, Claude Morton, a clerk in the post-office.

Coroner Gillison held an inquest, and the verdict was that the deceased had come to his death at his own hands.

DO SPIDERS KNOW?

One Web Spells "War Ends in Sep- tember" and Other Reads, "Victory for America."

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 18.—Employees of No. 3 mill of the Mount Vernon-Woodberry Cotton Duck Company were greatly excited when two cobwebs were found, one on each side of the gate. The spider on the right had made his web in a form which spelled out in bold letters "War ends in September," while his neighbor on

the left told in letters just as plain "Victory for America."

The words were discovered by one of the factory girls. An expert in draftsmanship could not have formed the letters more perfectly.

RIDES 15 MILES ON HORSEBACK AT 94

Whitesburg, Ky.—"Uncle" Robert Bates, who observed his ninety-fourth birthday some days ago at his home on the headwaters of Rockhouse creek, this county, and who is the father of twenty-two children, rode horseback over rough mountain roads fifteen miles into Whitesburg to attend the Letcher Circuit Court. He recently returned from the Blue Grass section, where he took a drove of fine young cattle "Uncle Bob" is one of the mountains' wealthiest men, owning large areas of fine mountain coal and timber lands.

NARROW ESCAPE.

(Clear Run Special.) While returning from Narrows last Thursday, Mr. Clyde Funk, wife and little sister had a narrow escape from serious injury, when the breast-plate of team driven by Mr. James Lowe broke while coming down a hill near Palo schoolhouse, the team becoming frightened, running away and plunged into the buggy occupied by Mr. Funk and his family, demolishing it.

Mr. Funk and the other occupants emerged with several bruises and their escape from serious injury is considered miraculous.

KENTUCKY, INDIANA AND WEST VIRGINIA TROOPS

Will Probably Land In Hatties- burg, Miss., During Watermelon Time

Hattiesburg, Miss., Aug. 21.—The prospects are that the National Guardsmen of Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia who will compose the units at Camp Shelby, within a few miles of Hattiesburg, will get here in time to enjoy eating many a luscious watermelon, for which this section of the South is famous.

The watermelon season is not yet over, and the visiting boys in khaki have some rare treats in store for them in the way of watermelon feasts.

But watermelon is not the only fruit of Mississippi soil that the soldiers will enjoy. Later will come the delicious Satsuma oranges, grown between here and Gulfport and other Mississippi coast cities, grape fruit, and other delicacies. Speaking of foods, the coast is only 70 miles away, and it will be possible for the men to have shrimp, fresh fish and crabs included in their daily "rations."

A trip to the coast will be one that the soldiers can enjoy. At any of the coast cities bathing facilities are excellent, and boating and fishing are attractive features. It is probable that many soldiers will run down to the coast, as well as visitors who come to see them during their stay at Camp Shelby.

INJURIES FATAL TO WILLIAM ELDER

Was Run Over By Mine Motor Last Week at Broadway Mining Co.

As a result of injuries sustained Saturday, August 11, when he was struck, knocked down and run over by a motor in the mine of the Broadway Mining Co., at Simmons, necessitating the amputation of a foot, William Elder, aged 33, died Tuesday, August 14, just two days after the accident.

Though the injuries sustained to his feet were the most noticeable at the time of the accident, he was evidently internally injured.

Elder was one of the best liked employees of the Broadway Co., and his death was a great shock to his many friends and associates.

He leaves a wife and four small children. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Caneyville, his old home.

Mrs. Lucy Tanner, of Heflin, and Mrs. Bert Tanner, of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting Mrs. Kate Hedrick, on Mulberry street.

TOBACCO CROP SHORT IN DAVIESS

Normal Acreage in Ohio and McLean Counties Reported.

CROP HELD BACK BY DROUGHT

Largest Food Crops in the History of This District Are Being Grown.

Sunday's Owensboro Messenger, says:

There will be a big shrinkage in the tobacco crop in the Green River district this year according to the statement of J. R. Gregory, president of the Farmers' Co-operative Tobacco Growers' Association, and T. M. Maple, the field organizer for the association, after they had completed a trip over a good part of the district the latter part of the week.

The crop in Daviess county will be between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 pounds short, while in Hancock county it will be cut in half. In both Ohio and McLean counties the crop will be normal, according to the statements given out by those two officials, following their visit over the district.

In Daviess and Hancock counties the crop is irregular and in very poor condition for this season of the year, according to Mr. Maple. He said the crops were looking sorry, due largely to the drought, which has continued in parts of these two counties for several weeks.

On Friday morning both Mr. Gregory and Mr. Maple made a trip to the West end of the county, covering the Eastern end of Henderson county. They say the crops in both the West end of Daviess county and the East end of Henderson county are late and looking very bad. In places they say the tobacco is so irregular that even in the same patch are to be found plants in the sucker, while others are no larger than when first planted.

Crop Will Be Late.

The crop this year almost as a whole will be unusually late, according to these men, who have taken the time and the trouble to post themselves as to the crop conditions in the four counties. Most of the crop, they say, was set late and has not matured as it should during the past thirty days.

In Ohio and McLean counties conditions are different, particularly as to the quantity. They say the crop in these two counties will be normal and that some are of the opinion it will be even above the average. Then the quality gives promise of being better than in either of the other two counties.

In Ohio County.

The crop in Ohio county is unusually fine, said Mr. Maple. On the hills in Ohio county, he said, not only was the tobacco crop looking fine, but corn and all other crops as well. He also stated that in all the counties the tobacco on the uplands was looking much better than in the lowlands and in the river bottoms. He said that tobacco on the red hills, in Ohio county is most instances was looking fine.

MRS. J. H. KIMMEL DEAD.

(Ceralvo Special.)

Aug. 20.—Mrs. J. H. Kimmel, who died at the home of her son, Mr. Dave Kimmel, of Greenville, Aug. 8, and was buried here the following day after funeral services conducted by Rev. Powell, of Greenville. She leaves a husband, two sons and one daughter, Walter, of Paradise; Dave, of Greenville, and Mrs. G. E. Casbier, of Paradise.

FLOOD SUCCEEDS DROUTH IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 17.—After suffering for two months from a drouth which, according to an official forecast, has cut the corn crop to less than half a yield, Kansas today seemed threatened with a flood. Heavy rains have fallen throughout the State during the past 48 hours and at Salina, Dry Creek is out of its banks and many acres of land are inundated. Other streams are approaching flood stage.

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