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EUGENE MEYER, JR.



Eugene Meyer, Jr., New York banker and business man, has been named by President Wilson as one of the members of the half billion dollar government war finance corporation. Mr. Meyer has been doing war work for several months with the war industries board and as a member of the national war savings committee.

FOR THE RED CROSS

President Designates Week of May 20 for Contributions.

Wilson Asks American People to Give Generously to Second \$100,000,000 War Fund to Aid War Sufferers.

Washington, May 9.—President Wilson issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross week," and calling upon the American people to contribute generously to the second \$100,000,000 war fund of the American Red Cross for the alleviation of suffering among the American troops in France and their dependents at home and among the fighting forces and civilian populations of the allied countries.

The proclamation follows:

PROCLAMATION.

"Inasmuch as the war fund of 1917, so generously contributed by the American people to the American Red Cross for the administration of relief at home and abroad, has been practically exhausted by appropriations for the welfare of the men in our military and naval forces, and for those dependent upon them, and for the yet more urgent necessities of our allies, military and civilian, who have long borne the brunt of war;

"And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for war relief;

"And, inasmuch as the year of our own participation in the war has brought unprecedented demands upon the patriotism and liberality of our people, and made evident the necessity of concentrating the work of relief in one main organization which can respond effectively and universally to the needs of humanity under stress of war;

"And, inasmuch as the duration of the war and the closer and closer cooperation of the American Red Cross with our own army and navy, and with the governments of our allies, and with foreign relief organizations have resulted in the discovery of new opportunities of helpfulness under conditions which translate opportunity into duty;

"And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross war council and its commissioners in Europe have faithfully and economically administered the people's trust;

"Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as president of the United States and president of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 20, 1918, as 'Red Cross week,' during which the people of the United States will be called upon again to give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving distress, restoring the waste of war, and assisting in maintaining the morale of our own troops and the troops and peoples of our allies by this manifestation of effort and sacrifice on the part of those, who, though not privileged to bear arms, are of one spirit, purpose, and determination with our warriors.

Rivers and Harbors Bill In.

Washington, May 9.—The senate commerce committee reported out the rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying total appropriations of about \$19,000,000. The appropriations are all for war measures.

BERNSTORFF CODE AND PLOTS BARED

All Sayville and Berlin Radio Dispatches Now an Open Book.

SABOTAGE CAMPAIGN SHOWN

Hun Paymaster Schmidt's Deutschesbank and Wool Plots Discovered—German Foreign Office "William Foxley."

Albany, N. Y., May 9.—The code used by the German foreign office to communicate with Count von Bernstorff when he was directing German activities in the United States is now an open book in the possession of the government.

Through the efforts of Attorney General Merton E. Lewis of New York, who conducted the investigation which led to the execution of Bolo Pasha in Paris for treason, the Von Bernstorff code has been deciphered, reconstructed and turned over to the federal authorities.

In addition to the code, Attorney General Lewis has furnished the Washington authorities with a complete index of names and subjects involved in the investigation of the Hugo Schmidt-Deutschesbank negotiations, a summary of the inquiry made into the wool activities of German agents and the special report on remittances by the Kaiser's foreign office to South American countries to defray German propaganda expenses.

The deciphered code is the one used by Hugo Schmidt, who was paymaster in this country of the German foreign office, and which he attempted to destroy by burning the original copy in the Deutschesbank (German club) in New York city, when he became entangled in the investigation of Bolo Pasha's activities by the attorney general.

Tosses Book in Furnace.

When his name was linked with that of the man recently executed by the French government, Schmidt went to the German club which the Kaiser's agent visited. There, in the presence of an assistant, Charles Schuchard, he tossed the copy of the code into a furnace.

Fragmentary evidence of the code, however, was discovered in Schmidt's office. This enabled Deputy Attorney General Alfred L. Becker to reconstruct the code. From thousands of wireless messages in Schmidt's office which were duplicated at Sayville and Tuckerton wireless station, Lewis deciphered the code.

Letters Confirm Messages. Schmidt, it was found, had made it a practice to write letters to confirm wireless messages sent from branches of the Deutschesbank in South America, where there was no censorship at the time. This aided Lewis.

Schmidt's name in code was "Sidney Pickford," Bolo Pasha was "St. Regis," Captain Boy-Ed was "Richard Houston," and Von Papen, "Thomas Hoggson."

The German war office was coded as "William Foxley," while the words, "A boy born yesterday, both well," meant, "The remittance of German war loan bonds mentioned in your wireless message arrived safely."

Schmidt, investigation showed, used the code considerably in attempts to deliver war necessities to Germany.

ARMY COURT-MARTIAL CALLED

Three Major Generals and Five Brigadiers to Try General Donnelly—Major General Bell Is Head.

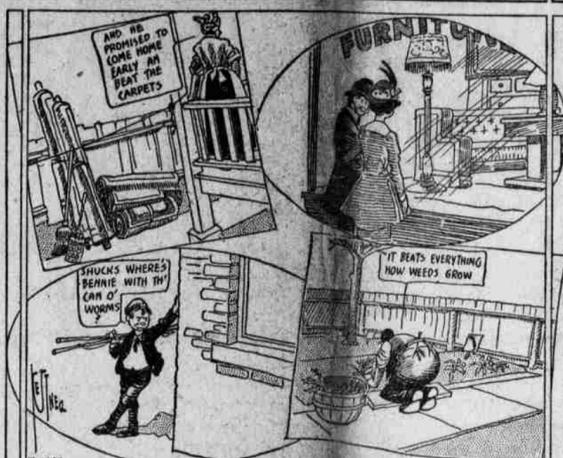
Washington, May 9.—A general court-martial, composed of three major generals and five brigadier generals was named to assemble at Governor's Island, N. Y., for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it. It is assumed that the case that necessitated the creation of the court is that of Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Donnelly of the Missouri National Guard, charged with conduct unbecoming an officer. The court is headed by Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell.

CONDEMN BREAD PRICE RAISE

Food Administration Declares Increases Are Unjustified—Notifies State Administrators.

Washington, May 9.—As a result of threats by bakers in a number of cities to raise the price of bread on the ground that the substitutes for wheat flour which they are required to use are more expensive than flour, the food administration sent telegrams to state administrators saying that increases in bread prices are unjustified. The substitutes are under regulation, the administrators were informed, and their price shows a marked downward tendency.

Spring Engagements



PRESIDENT ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION

GRAFT HINTED BY BORGULUM MUST BE PROVED IN PROBE ORDERED BY EXECUTIVE.

Attorney General is Directed to Go Deep into Accusation That Pro-Germans Are at Work in Impeding Progress of Aircraft Output.

Washington.—President Wilson ordered a complete investigation by the Department of Justice of charges that America's program of aircraft construction has fallen down. Attorney General Gregory formally was requested to take immediate steps to probe all the rumors and accusations which have come to the public through the Gutson Borglum report and by means of statements on the floor of the Senate. These accusations include the charge that pro-German influence on the part of officials intrusted by the War Department with carrying out the aircraft program had operated to impede construction and to place contracts in the hands of persons by whom they could not possibly be filled. Other charges relate to sabotage in the spruce forests practiced, it is alleged, with the knowledge of the aircraft officials, and the drafting and specifications which tended to impair, rather than build up, the nation's power in the air.

Criminal conspiracy, graft and profiteering are among the specific accusations which have been hinted at by the Borglum report and by members of the Senate. Attorney-General Gregory intends to place the matter in the hands of one of his assistants and to give him the help of the force of investigators now in the employ of the Government. A billion-dollar appropriation for aircraft production was asked of the Congress by the War Department. This would add to the \$640,000,000 appropriation previously made and expended. The estimate was presented to the House Military Committee by Major General March, Acting Chief of Staff, and other officers. Other appropriations asked as needed in the fifteen-billion-dollar army budget included \$5,780,335,383 for the Quartermaster's department, and \$3,378,302,801 for the ordnance department for heavy guns and fortifications. General March and Brigadier General Tracy Dickson, of the Ordnance Bureau, told the committee that the War Department's program contemplates the supply of 220,000 machine guns to equip army airplanes.

Greeks and Roumanians in Race War.

Massillon, O.—A race war between 400 Roumanians and an equal number of Greeks was suppressed by police when a number of the ringleaders were taken into custody. Trouble has been brewing, and minor clashes taking place between the two elements, when Pete Harry, while celebrating the Greek Easter, fired a sky rocket through a Roumanian flag.

Airplane Falls 500 Feet.

Miami, Fla.—Lieutenant Melvin E. Sullivan, Richmond, Va., and Sergeant Calvin E. Crook, United States Marine Corps, were killed by a 500 foot fall in an airplane while engaged in practice.

AMERICANS FIGHT IN ITALY

Berlin Paper Reports Yanks on Latin Front.

New York, May 9.—The presence of "an American contingent" and a Bohemian legion on the Italian front, is reported in a dispatch from Austrian war press headquarters, dated April 8, to the Berliner Tageblatt, a copy of which has been received here. The number of supposed Americans or to what arm of the service they belong is not reported by the newspaper correspondent, who adds that the British and French auxiliary troops are no longer on the Italian front.

ALLIES AWAIT AMERICA'S AID

Will Hold the Line Until United States Assures Victory, Says Churchill.

London, May 9.—The Anglo-French front in France will stand firm and husband its strength throughout the summer while waiting for aid to come from the United States, says Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, in reply to a resolution of the executive of the National Brass Workers and Metal Mechanics' union. The resolution exhorted all workers at home to help the soldiers in the trenches, not only by sympathy, but by doing their utmost to increase the supply of war munitions and to swell the fighting forces.

SHIPPING BOARD OUTLAY BIG

Estimates Submitted to Congress Call for an Appropriation of \$2,223,835,000.

Washington, May 9.—Estimates submitted to congress by the shipping board call for an appropriation of \$2,223,835,000. For the cost of construction of ships, authorized by the urgent deficiency bill of 1917, the board has requested an appropriation of \$1,383,100,000, and \$842,000,000 for the purchasing and requisitioning of plants and material.

One Killed in Powder Blast.

Newcastle, Pa., May 9.—One man was killed and a number of others seriously injured by an explosion in the Burton Powder works, six miles from here.

HUNS ENSLAVE THE ITALIANS

Perpetrate Outrages Against Women and Separate Families in Trentino—Victims Exiled to Austria.

Washington, May 9.—Wholesale deportations of the civilian population from the invaded districts of northern Italy have started again, the Italian embassy was advised from Rome. Men and women between the ages of sixteen and fifty-five are directed to distant Austrian centers, the message said. It added that outrages are committed against the women and families are purposely separated and the members scattered in different localities.

KAISER QUITS BATTLE FRONT

Rushes to Potsdam as Suffrage Reform Threatens Ballot to the People.

Berne, May 9.—Emperor William has returned to Potsdam owing to the political crisis resulting from the rejection of suffrage reform by the Prussian diet. Count von Hertling, the imperial chancellor, has been summoned to Potsdam to report on the situation.

Pays Girls for Time Dressing.

Time consumed by the girls employed in the Standard Oil company's plant at Bayonne, N. J., in donning and doffing overalls was classed by the company today as "overtime."

To protect the girls from machinery they recently were ordered to adopt masculine attire and a delegation waited on Superintendent W. C. Koehler to inform him that it took the girls half an hour a day to change their clothing. They claimed that, as they did not spend the time for their own amusement, the company ought to pay them for the minutes consumed. To this proposition Superintendent Koehler agreed, after consultation with company officials in New York.

Dyersburg—Fire gutted the Silver Moon cafe, causing a loss in fixtures of about \$2,000. The building was only slightly damaged.

Manchester.—Coffee county has furnished its full quota of physicians for service in the army. Out of 17 doctors in the county, four have entered the service.

100,000 RUSSIANS MARCH ON FINNS

Big Army on Way From Petrograd to Finland, According to Report.

SLAVS BOMBARD THE HUNS

Berlin Announcement Says Russ Warships Attacked German Forces in the Harbor of Mariupol—Ukrainian Premier Is Wounded.

Copenhagen, May 9.—An army of 100,000 Russians is marching on Finland from Petrograd, according to information received here. The Finnish government has refused to issue passports to Russia on the ground the two countries are at war.

Premier Is Wounded.

The premier of Ukraine has been wounded during riots and a state of anarchy is threatened in the country, said a dispatch from Berlin today, giving the Socialist newspaper, Vorwarts as its authority.

Several persons were killed in Kiev. Admissions by German newspapers show that a grave state of affairs exists in Ukraine. The Germans are dominating the country by force of arms. Although there is a faction of the Ukrainians friendly to the Germans, apparently the bulk of the country is hostile to them.

Russ Bombard Germans.

Berlin, May 9.—Russian warships have bombarded German forces in the harbor of Mariupol, the war office announced. The statement follows: "In the harbor establishments of Mariupol we were bombarded by Russian ships."

HEROIC DEEDS OF THE YANKS

Outnumbered Four to One, the Americans Fight the Huns to Scandinavia.

An Atlantic Port, May 9.—"No brighter page in all American history has been written than that covering the deeds of American soldiers fighting the Prussians," declared Dr. William T. Ellis of Swarthmore, Pa., who arrived here on a French liner, in describing the fighting he witnessed three weeks ago in the American sector at Apremont, northwest of Toul. "Our boys fought like heroes," he continued, "although they were outnumbered four to one. I saw one soldier, a Greek by birth, who had joined the army in New York. His rifle was shot from his hands, but he drew a knife, leaped forward and killed a German lieutenant. The Americans never gave an inch and always drove the enemy back. They did not lose a prisoner, but captured three truckloads of the enemy."

CONGRESSMAN MANN SPEAKS

Republican House Leader at Desk After Long Absence Due to Illness.

Washington, May 9.—"Condemn not too hastily the mistakes of those in authority." This was the valedictory to the present session of congress of James R. Mann, Republican leader in the house, made on the eve of his departure for the middle West to take an extended rest. It was the minority leader's first speech after months of illness.

"Let us not forget," he said, "that we have made mistakes, both legislatively and personally. Let no bickerings at home affect our determination to win abroad. In war there is no partisanship. Humanity is not so made that it can evolve great organizations offhand. We are engaged in a struggle with the greatest organization in the world."

MORE SUBMARINES ARE SUNK

Shipping Losses Fall and Building Grows, Says Special British Admiralty Report.

London, May 9.—"The sinking of German submarines steadily increases," said Thomas MacNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, in a special report at Bristol. He added that the destruction of merchant ships has fallen steadily month by month. The output of tonnage is now well ahead of that in 1917. The demand on England for immediate ship production now is large, however. Mr. MacNamara declared that the big program made for England and America would take time to mature.

Ukrainians Disarmed.

London.—An Ukrainian division has been disarmed by General von Eickhorn, German military commander in the Ukraine, according to the Kurier Kivossi, a Kiev newspaper. The Kurier adds the situation in the Ukraine is more serious.

LIEUT. THOMAS R. DARDEN



Lieut. Thomas R. Darden, who is now bossing four tanks on the French front, is credited by a Washington editorial writer with being the man who secured a commutation allowance for United States officers away from Washington.

NO APOLOGIES FOR U. S.

Causes of America's Entry Into War Are Outlined.

British Foreign Secretary Balfour Lauds This Country in Presiding at Meeting.

London, May 9.—Presiding at London university at the first of the lectures of Prof. Andrew C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago on the causes of America's entry into the war, Arthur J. Balfour, secretary for foreign affairs, said:

"No people understood better than ourselves the reasons which held America back from entering the war until she did. Had we been in the position of her people we should have hesitated quite as long as America, perhaps longer, before we plunged into the tremendous conflict. I do not think that there was ever a thought of anything in the nature of an apology required for the fact that the great peace loving, free, industrial community did not at once rush into the fray. "What I am thankful for is that by a process, which I do not consider slow, 100,000,000 English speaking people have been brought in with a unanimity never known in the history, perhaps, of any country governed as America is.

"I do not believe that the whole history of the world shows anything quite parallel or equal to the action of America in this war.

"There is something almost dramatic in the punishment which has fallen upon the cynical appetite for domination which possesses the German people."

BRITISH U-BOATS ARE ACTIVE

London Admiralty Reports No Less Than Forty Successful Attacks on Hun Warships.

Washington, May 9.—British submarines have successfully attacked no less than forty enemy warships, according to a statement from the British admiralty received here. The statement fails to make clear during what period these operations occurred. It was pointed out that as the enemy rarely allows his above water vessels out of the confines of his harbors, very few opportunities are afforded the British submarines for attacks. Accordingly the record is here considered remarkable.

SCHWAB CANCELS CONTRACTS

Cost Plus Agreements Void—New Ones on Flat Basis of \$960,000.

Washington, May 9.—The cost plus contracts of the Submarine Boat company at Newark, N. J., for construction of 100 steel ships of 5,000 tons each have been canceled, Charles M. Schwab, production director of the Emergency Fleet corporation, told the senate commerce committee in an investigation of the company's work. New contracts were substituted on a flat basis of \$960,000 for each ship.

First Klondike Gold Cleanup.

Dawson, Y. T., May 8.—The first cleanup of Klondike this spring was made here this week by a dredging company. Individual operators here will begin washing gold at once. There is every indication that the gold yield of the Klondike this year will equal that of last year, when the output was valued at \$3,671,000.