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Hindenburg Forcing Desperate Offensive

NONE CAN REGISTER BY PROXY

Rich Men Between 21 and 30 Not Allowed to Hire Substitute—One Day Only for Registration—Registrars Cannot Excuse Anyone.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The War Department today made the following announcements regarding the registration of citizens liable to draft: "The war department wishes to impress upon the people that there is only one day for registration. All males between the designated ages must register on the day set. The fact that five days were allowed for the placing of the necessary blank forms in the hands of registrars appears to have misled some headline writers. One day only—the day fixed in the president's proclamation—will be devoted to registration. Make Offers to Governor. "The war department is gratified by the spontaneous offers of uncompensated assistance in carrying out the work of registration. "One father in offering to serve registrar writes: 'I have two sons in the guard and one in the regular army but I want to do my own little bit. This is typical of hundreds of letters. All such offers properly should be made to the governors who are the heads of the (Continued on page five.)

HAMMOND RECRUITS DRAW FIRST PAY

They Are More Pleased Than Ever Now With Army Life.

BY IRVING CHAYKEN. (Enlisted TIMES Reporter.) FORT MASS., Mass., May 13.—"Just like home," vouch the 700 soldiers encamped here. Treatment is the finest, meals are nourishing and every one is in good spirits. Yesterday was payday and the Hammond boys were recompensed \$4.85 each. It was the first pay and represents nine days. Today (Sunday) the Hammond recruits set an example by attending church services in a body at the Y. M. C. A. Tonight we were interestingly lectured on the battle of Somme and some wonderful war scenes were shown. Camp News. We are progressing rapidly in drill tactics under the able leadership of Major F. E. Johnston, fort commander. Honey Kingston has been chosen to read instructions. We're all hoping that the Red Cross reaches a membership of 3,000. We'd appreciate the "housewife." Forrest Ganger was recovered from a severe cold which confined him to the hospital. Walter E. Jones, a musician, is rehearsing daily and when he returns expects to join Barney Young's crew. Clarence and Harry Jones are the "new" kings of the camp. If there is any gloom about the fort they manage to dispense with it. Joseph Woods of West Hammond, is happy and contented and says that he will remain in the army after the duration of the war, showing that army life is not so bad. John Gleason is doing guard duty now. Harry Turner is to be promoted to second class gunner soon and is very much enthused over the raise. Joe Elies is doing coast fatigue duty today. A descendant of John Hancock belongs to our troop. Elmer Gregory the only Hammond boy that has been made a first gunner, says "If I fired three shots at the Kaiser the war would be over." All Hammond boys were inoculated for the second time yesterday. Neal Neanderland has fully recovered from a sore throat which has troubled him since he left home. Don't forget Red Cross day of the Hammond chapter Saturday, May 19th. 5-9-10t

HONOR PAST POTENTATES



W. D. Ray.



H. E. Sharrer.

THIRTY-EIGHT JOIN MYSTIC CARAVAN

Orak Ceremonial at Hammond Attended by Members From County.

Thirty-eight candidates were initiated at the Orak Shrine yesterday at elaborate ceremonial services in the Hammond Masonic temple. A reception of the candidates was followed by a parade through the business district. The Masonic drum corps and Orak patrol led the procession. For the first time the past potentates of the local order were together. W. D. Ray of Easton, Pa., Waldo C. Bailey, Cleveland, O., and Dr. Harry E. Sharrer, Hammond, the most chiefs, were presented with beautiful past-potente jewels. Edward J. Kidd, formerly of Hammond and now a resident of Freeport, Ill., was honored by being presented with a certificate of life membership in the order. Mr. Kidd organized the first drum corps which now is under the direction of Reinhardt Orak, Orak Cressley is captain of the Orak patrol. George C. Looklin, present potentate, was master of the ceremonies. The ceremonial is held but twice a year. Eighteen of the candidates were from Gary, eight from Hammond, two from Indiana Harbor, four from Crown Point, three from Laporte, and one from each of the following cities: Michigan City, Whiting and Lowell. Many visitors were present. The candidates and their addresses: Mayor Walter E. Schrage, Whiting; County Prosecutor Clyde Hunter, Gary; Fred Tittle, Gary; C. A. Van Valkenburg, Hammond; L. W. Payne, Indiana Harbor; J. A. Taylor, Lowell; O. G. Ward, Gary; Frank Floyd, Gary; J. H. Long, Gary; C. A. Lundgren, Hammond; Ernest Simpson, Gary; George Meyers, Gary; Frank J. Kluge, Gary; Charles Blake, Gary; Charles Marshall, Gary; Harry Jones, Gary; Strand Underwood, Gary; Vernon Young, Gary; Park Williams, Gary; Walter O'Neil, Gary; Leslie Bain, Gary; Arthur Gasch, Gary; Alfred Kimble, Laporte; Andrew Kallstedt, Hammond; Edward Handley, Laporte; William Esch, Laporte; Harmon Hubbard, Indiana Harbor; E. F. Keener, Gary; and E. M. Shanklin, Hammond. It was intended to hold an elaborate banquet in honor of the occasion, but it was decided to donate the difference of the money expended for the luncheon to the Red Cross.

INCREASES CAPITAL

The Metals Refining Company of Hammond, has filed notice in Indianapolis of the increase of its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

"Business As Usual"

The dollar turning over makes prosperity.

The nation's industries and the business subsidiaries of industry are vital arteries of the nation's prosperity.

To keep the pulse of the nation's business normal everything must go on normally.

Already the country is proving that it can stand the shock, easily—and is going to.

Pursue your affairs as usual—buy what you need—save as you always have—don't waste, and you will be a regular in the Nation's Army of Service.

NINETY LOSE LIVES WHEN SHIP SINKS

(By United Press.) NEW YORK, May 15.—Ninety lives lost April 24 in the torpedoing of the 7,732-ton liner, Aboisso off Pastnet, according to stories of passengers here today from Europe. The ship was torpedoed without warning. Forty-six passengers were lost and forty-four of the crew. The Aboisso was unable to stop her engine after the German torpedo struck and the hull smashed into three of the life boats, crushing those aboard or drowning them. She was bound from Nigeria to Liverpool.

DRASTIC CHANGE IN FRENCH ARMY COMMAND

Gen. Petain Today Named Generalissimo—Neville to Command Groups.

(By United Press Cablegram.) PARIS, May 15.—General Petain was today named Generalissimo of the French armies with supreme command of the forces in the field. General Foch, one of the heroes of the Marne who commanded the French center in that battle, was named to succeed Petain as chief of staff. General Neville who has been in command of the French field forces will have command of certain army groups. The sweeping change in command of French fighting forces was decided on at a meeting of the council of ministers.

SALE BY WEIGHT LAW EFFECTIVE TODAY

(By United Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, May 15.—Pint, quart, peck and bushel measures became a thing of the past today, as far as the sale of most commodities in Indiana are concerned, when the new "sale by weight" law went into effect. The law provides that the following must be sold by weight: fresh and dried fruits, vegetables, cereals, seeds, nuts, ice, coal, coke, lime, salt, sugar, butter, lard, meats, candy and other articles usually sold by weight. Fresh vegetables usually sold by the bunch and berries sold by the box, such as strawberries, are excepted. Violation of the law will be punished by a fine of \$10 for the first offense, \$25 for the second and \$100 and thirty days' imprisonment for the third. While hailing the new law as a most progressive measure, state food officials today warned against the use of cheap, inaccurate scales. Scales are required to meet the specifications of the state department of weights. "Selling by weight is the only possible way for the purchaser to get what he pays for," said Dr. H. E. Barnard, pure food and drug commissioner. "The bushel basket and other measures are a thing of the past and about the best use they can be put to is making bird-houses." Today's Hoosier Oddity. TERRY HAUTE, IND., May 15.—Evan Anderson, while on his honeymoon here, bought his bride diamonds and other valuable presents such as a piano and a pair of shoes, paying for them with checks when he had only \$20 in the bank.

TRAINED SPEAKERS TO MOBILIZE THE MIND OF AMERICA



Above: Mrs. Gen. George E. Pickett and chautauqua in session. Below, left to right: Gov. George W. Clarke, Russell H. Conwell and Gov. George A. Carlson.

While President Wilson and his associates are bending every effort to the mobilization of the physical resources of the nation for the prosecution of the war, an army of trained platformists, in five thousand chautauqua tents and auditoriums, will do their bit in mobilizing the mind of America. Among the representative men and women who will assist in creating sentiment in support of the president are Mrs. LaSalle Corbell Pickett, widow of Gen. George E. Pickett of Civil War fame; Gov. George A. Carlson of Colorado, Dr. Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia and Gov. George W. Clarke of Iowa.

TRAINING CAMP IN FULL BLAST AT INDIANAPOLIS

Real Work for Fine Young Men of Officers' Reserve Starts Today and Fort Benjamin Harrison Presents Colorful Picture.

2,000 From Indiana. The exact number of Indiana men included in the 5,200 at the camp is not yet known, and will not be until the final lists are given out. But it is thought that Indiana will contribute about 2,000. Ohio will have about the same number, and Kentucky and West Virginia will have probably 1,000 to 1,200 between them. Besides the 5,200 that are in the camp, Col. Glenn, commanding the camp, says there are 4,228 acceptable men who have made good on their entrance examinations but for whom there is no room at the camp. These men had to be turned down because of a lack of room for them. A large number of these men (Continued on page five.)

FIND FLOATER, BEARS MARKS FROM WEAPON

A motor-policeman pulled the decayed body of a middle aged man out of Lake George this morning. It had probably floated in the water for several weeks. The corpse showed several severe facial bruises. The body has not been identified. Warner Saw Coat. Motor Patrolman Warner caught sight of a coat in the water while riding along Calumet avenue and investigated. A bill was found from a Stivak and Stein grocery, Lake avenue and Fifty-third street, in a pocket of the clothes, and a clue to the identity may be learned through this source. No money, watches, rings or jewelry were found in the clothes making the theory that it might have been a murder or robbery plausible. A description of the dead man follows: Age, between 35 and 40 years; weight, 150 pounds; height 5 feet 7 inches; color of hair, black; clothes, corduroy trousers, black coat, white shirt and collar, black tie and a sweater coat. The condition of the body made it impossible to tell whether it was that of an American or foreigner. The body was found about a half-mile from Nelson's fish cafe.

NORTHERN INDIANA SENDS 100 DAILY

Over 1,000 Enlist in First 10 Days of May—District Best in Nation.

Northern Indiana enlisted 1,014 volunteers for the United States army the first ten days of May. The following report was received from Fort Wayne headquarters today and is evidence of the spirited recruiting campaign in Lake county: Recruiting Station, U. S. Army, Fort Wayne, Ind., May 14, 1917. To All Auxiliary Stations: The following is a report of this district for the period, May 1 to 10, inclusive: Hammond 141 South Bend 115 Indiana Harbor 87 Gary 83 Mishawaka 75 Marion 45 Kokomo 42 Logansport 24 Elkhart 31 Fortland 11 Hartford City 11 Michigan City 10 Rochester 6 Fort Wayne 309 Total 1,014 Don't forget Red Cross day of the Hammond chapter Saturday, May 19th. 5-9-10t

PETITION RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

Real Work for Fine Young Men of Officers' Reserve Starts Today and Fort Benjamin Harrison Presents Colorful Picture.

(By United Press Cablegram.) PETROGRAD, May 15.—General Brusiloff and Gourke tendered their resignations today. They have not yet been accepted. (By United Press Cablegram.) PETROGRAD, May 15.—A powerful appeal to Russia's soldiers not to be blinded by the fact that Germany is seeking destruction of free Russia, calling for a revolution of workingmen and peasants in Germany and Austria-Hungary, and voicing a demand for renunciation by the allies of any policy of conquest, was issued by the workmen and soldiers' council today. "Soldiers and comrades," the proclamation read, "We seek in the name of the Russian revolution and democracy, do not forget that the Kaiser's regiments are destroying revolutionary Russia. It would be an irreparable catastrophe not only for us but for working classes of the entire world. Therefore defend revolutionary Russia with all your power. The workmen and peasants of Russia long for peace, but it must be a general peace of all nations. The result of a common agreement." (By United Press Cablegram.) PETROGRAD, May 15.—The executive committee of the workmen and soldiers' delegates are today beginning to see the peril in which new Russia has been placed and has reconsidered its vote last week when joint government with the duma was rejected. The vote of 23 to 22 was held indecisive and it was announced a meeting of the entire delegation will be held tonight when the 2,000 representatives of the workmen and soldiers will pass on the question. At the same time what is left of the provincial ministry will meet at the home of the premier to discuss some form which may save Russia. The provincial leaders as a last resort have dispatched Foreign Minister Millukoff to the front to plead with the soldiers to back the home government and present a united front to the enemy. (By United Press.) WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson decided today to apply the whip to congress. He is said by close advisers to be out of patience with the dilatory methods of congress during the last two weeks. He is particularly displeased with the injection of extra matters into the various pieces of war legislation which the administration has decided after consultation must be put through if America is really to aid her allies. The first step to speed matters at the capitol will be a series of conferences with leaders of both parties in both houses.

VIOLENT COUNTER ATTACKS

French and British War Office Reports Today Indicate a Concerted Drive Started by Hindenburg—Officials So Convinced.

(By United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, May 15.—Germany launched a concerted counter-attack on both the French and English fronts today of such force as to suggest almost a general counter-offensive movement. The attacks were repelled for the most part but both the British and the French forces were compelled to give up small bits of ground. CENTERS AT BULLECOURT. Marshal Haig's report detailed a tremendous German bombardment of the positions his troops have gained on the Hindenburg line, and particularly at Bullecourt followed by attacking waves. There was heavy fighting. In the northern part of the village the British commander admitted that British advance posts had been forced back a short distance. STORM LA BOUVILLE. The French official report showed a violent bombardment of General Xaviers' recently gained position on the Ladies Highway and a powerful German attack over a wide front near La Bouville. The assault was repulsed by machine gun fire except in one spot where a small advance trench was occupied. Other attacks reported by the French indicated the tremendous scope of the German counter-offensive movement—at Flain, north of Craonne, east of Hill 108 and northeast of Auberville. These attacks were declared unsuccessful.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, May 15.—Members of the general staff of the army believe Germany is planning one of the greatest offensives the Kaiser's forces have yet undertaken. It is to be directed against the western front. Military men here say that all signs point to such a plan. Russia, they believe, at least for many weeks to come, is virtually eliminated as a military factor. Therefore, Germany has completely switched her military plans. (By United Press Cablegram.) WASHINGTON, May 15.—The new plans already are being carried out to execution. They call for a thinning of the Teuton eastern front lines and massing of troops drawn away on the Franco-British-Belgian front. United States military men who hold this view include officers who have been official observers with European armies. Germany, these men told the United Press today, serves more than one purpose in thus deciding not to carry out the offensive that was first planned against the Russian lines and that included a drive for Petrograd. With Russian and Teuton soldiers fraternizing on the eastern front and the Russian internal situation becoming more and more chaotic, Germany, in not driving against the eastern lines can better carry on her propaganda among the soldiers and "inside" Russia as well. In the meantime she can well afford to release half a million men for service to stem the Franco-British offensive and start one of her own. Germany, it was stated, further played good politics in deciding not to carry out the Petrograd drive Hindenburg drive since to do so might have solidified Russian against the Teuton foe. Since Czarism was overthrown they said, the German armies have not shown themselves to be a common foe and this fact has greatly contributed to the seeming disintegration.

WILSON TO APPLY WHIP ON CONGRESS

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