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WEATHER: Rain tonight and Thursday; moderate fresh southerly gales.

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ASK DRAFT BOYS OF 19 AND 20

Carpenter Strike Is on Again

Seattle's building carpenters last night voted to support the Building Trades council in a general strike against 10-hour lumber in Seattle, regardless of reported arrangements with the Master Builders' association. There are 3,000 union job carpenters in the city.

The action was taken following the announcement of the 15 business agents of the Building Trades Monday that the agreement between the carpenters and the master builders was not consistent with the principles of the American Federation of Labor, or satisfactory to the Building Trades, with which the carpenters are affiliated.

The agreement was not satisfactory, it is said, because the carpenters merely agreed not to use 10-hour lumber if eight-hour lumber could be obtained.

"It is the business of the builders to obtain the lumber, if they can't, it is the duty of the carpenters to strike. If they stay on the job and use unfair lumber they are not union men," declared James A. Duncan, secretary of the Central Labor council, speaking before the carpenters' regular meeting, held at Carpenters' hall last night.

C. H. Vicks, business agent for the carpenters, announced, following the meeting, that the carpenters had voted not to remain on the job when other building tradesmen quit.

J. G. Brown, member of the general strike committee, said Wednesday that by the middle of next week, unless some settlement of the strike was made, all building in the city with 10-hour lumber would be at an absolute standstill.

SHIPWORKERS WILL NOT ARBITRATE NOW, LEADERS DECLARE

The only thing which can prevent the strike of 12,000 shipyard workers next Saturday is the grant of their wage demands," so declared Secretary A. E. Miller, of the metal trades, Wednesday.

Miller said that the men would not agree to an arbitration of the demands by the shipping board or its adjustment committee, selected by the men and yard owners.

"There was a time when we might have submitted to arbitration," said Miller, "but now, with the largest and most successful plants on the waterfront, and paying our wage scale cheerfully, we will hold out until the rest are willing to do likewise."

Miller's statement followed the press reports that Louis P. Wehle, (Continued on page 10)

Boilermakers for Strike in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—The temporary agreement for settlement of the shipbuilding strike here has been rejected by the Boilermakers' union, it was authoritatively reported today.

The strikers are scheduled to return to work tomorrow or Friday, but if the boilermakers remain out the solution will be almost as far away as ever.

Portland Strikers Demand Closed Shop

PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—Union labor will not return to work in the Portland shipyards until all the plants adopt the closed shop policy. This is the meat of a formal announcement made by the Portland Metal Trades council here today.

This statement from the unions follows an offer from 11 port and shipyard to accept whatever adjustment the federal government may offer.

A MOTHER'S LETTER

THE editor got a letter today signed "Mrs. I. May." In it was 50 cents for the tobacco fund, a long letter and a note.

The note read: "I am sending you 50 cents for your tobacco fund; also a few lines which you can publish if you care to. If not, throw it in the waste basket. Do not send it back. I do not need it to keep my faith."

We did not throw Mrs. May's letter into the waste basket. We chose, instead, to print it, because this mother has a message that we want every Star reader to get. Here it is:

EDITOR THE STAR: I saw the boys marching away to American lake the other day and my heart is crying.

I saw them march away the other night, too—the first contingent—yet did not feel so bad then. Somehow the bright lights of the city helped to drive away the blue devils that worry me today. And the life of a soldier seemed less terrible and the going less heart-breaking.

My boys were by my side, safe and sound, which had much to do with my composure. I seemed but an interested spectator, sympathizing in a feeble way with those whom I knew to be filled with the sorrows of parting. It had not yet come home to me.

I have looked on complacently while noble women joined the Red Cross and thought that sometime I would join them and work for the soldiers, if I ever got time away from my own housework.

When The Star started its Tobacco fund I thought I would not help such a cause. I hated tobacco in all its forms. They were weak characters, I thought, who smoked, and should be cured, not indulged. I blessed in my heart the man who was instrumental in having smoking prohibited on street cars. Then I saw in the paper that even he had capitulated and sent money to The Star for the tobacco fund.

I forbade my younger son joining the Boy Scouts, fearing it would engender in him a military spirit. When the papers announced that baskets would be provided for the boys going to Camp Lewis, and asked the public to donate for them, I intended to do so, but failed, and only brought a few flowers to shower on the boys as they marched by.

I watched their faces—worthy, set and resolute—responsibility reflected on every one. While a few smiled and were jolly, the smiles soon faded and were replaced by an earnest interest.

Of course, I have often been aroused by the atrocities of the Germans. But I have been asleep—hypnotized by the demon Selfishness.

Today I am AWAKE—lashed by a thousand tongues of conscience.

I was a slacker, a traitor to my God, my country and to all humanity—a well-fed, sleepy animal, which absorbed all and gave nothing in return.

Today I made a solemn promise to myself which, God helping me, I will keep. I shall join the Red Cross and make time to serve them.

I shall contribute toward the Tobacco fund all I can, and to other funds for the betterment of the soldiers as much as possible.

I shall sacrifice my own personal comforts, that I may have more money with which to help win the war. I shall preach and practice Patriotism first and always, and conserve forces in all ways to help win—for win we must.

I solemnly adjure every woman, mother, wife, sister, sweetheart who feels as I did (and there are many) to put aside all selfish personal feelings and fears, and work, work, work to win this war.

Put your trust in Him who doeth all things well and work for victory.

AWAKE! AWAKE FOR GOD'S SAKE, FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE! AWAKE AND STAY AWAKE."

Tobacco for Nearly 12,000 Boys in France

Money continued to roll in by every mail Wednesday from Star readers for the "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund."

The Star's fund is approaching the \$3,000 mark. Three thousand dollars will buy smoking kits for 12,000 soldiers.

Twelve thousand soldiers supplied by Star readers so far with tobacco to solace their homesick souls in the trenches! Just ponder that, and ask yourself whether it is worth while for you to help.

Each 25 cents contributed to The Star's tobacco fund for our boys in France sends a kit of tobacco to the retail value of 45 cents to an

American soldier. In each package goes a postcard with the name and address of the donor, upon which the Sammy who gets YOUR tobacco will write you his thanks.

A coupon is printed in connection with this article, which you should fill out and send in with your contribution, so that your name and address can be placed on file for postcards.

Remember the big all-night dance Friday, at Dreamland, the proceeds of which are to go to The Star's tobacco fund. Manager Joe Schermer says he'll let 'em dance as long as they want to. Admission 50c. (Continued on Page 10)

War Staff Sponsors the Move

BY GEORGE MARTIN
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The Army league, claiming to be backed by the war department general staff, today advocated immediate amendment of the select draft law to include youths of 19 and 20.

Among the officers of this organization are Joseph Letter, president; ex-President Taft, honorary vice president; Perry Belmont, Dr. William T. Hornaday, Jr., Benjamin Ide Wheeler, vice-presidents, and Clark Howell, George W. C. Drexel, Thomas Nelson Page, Col. George Truesdell and Gen. John A. Johnston, members of the executive council.

"To keep down the expenses of conducting the war," said the league's statement, "the government should avoid, as far as possible, the calling of men with dependents. Even at greater cost it is doubtful whether as many men can be secured between the ages of 21 and 31 as will be available between 19 and 21.

"The amendment could be so framed that the men called out under it would not be placed in active military service until they have reached the age of 21.

"The time that has been consumed in putting into effect the existing law should convince anyone who has been watching the progress of our preparations for war that congress should take this legislation immediately."

SAYS HE WELCOMES U. S. INVESTIGATION

BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—"I'm certainly glad to hear that the government is going to look into this case," was the statement of District Attorney Fleckert today on receipt of word that President Wilson had asked Attorney General Gregory to probe the conviction of Thomas Mooney in the preparedness parade bomb murder cases.

DRAFT RESISTERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—Daniel O'Connell and his five co-defendants today faced sentence for obstructing the draft and violating the espionage act. After an hour's deliberation a jury in Federal Judge Van Fleet's court returned a verdict of guilty on two counts.

PULLS DEPUTY'S GUN ALTHO HANDCUFFED

SHELDON, Or., Sept. 26.—After a running battle in the main street of Sheldon yesterday, Jeff Baldwin, escaped convict, was captured and returned to the state penitentiary at Salem.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph R. Frum and his prisoner were on their way to Albany when Baldwin, altho handcuffed, pulled a gun from the officer's pocket and snatched it at him. The gun was unloaded.

BERLIN PEDDLES SOME MORE HOT AIR

BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE
BERNE, Sept. 26.—Foreign Secretary Kuehman has assured the Vatican that Germany will "bear her share of the damages done to Belgium, provided Belgium guarantees to cease her menace to Germany," according to official dispatches received here today from Berlin.

The Rising Tide



NO DECISION YET BY ARGENTINE

BY CHAS. P. STEWART
United Press Staff Correspondent
BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26.—Argentina still hesitated between war and neutrality today, while proof piled up that the general strike thru the nation was being actively fostered and aided by German agents.

Best information today was that President Irigoyen would either maintain neutrality or declare war, that he would not take the middle of the road course of breaking relations.

A powerful impetus to the movement for a break has been given by reports received here from reliable sources that Paraguay and Uruguay are on the verge of such a step against Germany. Chile was reported determined to maintain her neutrality.

Meanwhile the government is informed that the German consul at Santa Fe was actively encouraging strikers in Argentina. There was no change in the strike situation early today.

DENY REPORT THAT STRIKE IS SETTLED

BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE
BUTTE, Sept. 26.—Officials of the Metal Mine Workers' union sent letters thruout the country today, denying published reports that the strike had been called off.

"No copper is being produced," George R. Tompkins said, "and the industry will be completely crippled until the strikers' demands are granted."

Thief Got Overalls Containing \$28.35

Mike Thomas, U and I hotel, would have the police detect the thief who stole his overalls Tuesday night.

SUB ATTACK ON U. S. TROOPS REPORTED

BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE
AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 26.—Two submarine attacks on a steamer carrying 3,000 American troops were repulsed off Fastnet and another attack on a ship carrying 2,500 Canadian soldiers was defeated and two U-boats are believed to have been sunk, passengers arriving here from England said today. Both attacks were made within the last two weeks. The steamer which was carrying the Americans flew the British flag.

Soldiers on the transport's decks saw German sailors carried past in the sea, struggling to keep afloat. Several were later picked up by a destroyer, the passengers said.

ROOT SAYS RUSSIA HAS NO FLAG NOW

HELENA, Sept. 26.—Russia has no flag.

A committee of citizens wanted to decorate the city with the flags of the allies. The committee wired Elihu Root for information about the Russian emblem.

"Russia has had no flag since the revolution," Root answered today.

BENNETT GAINS ON MAYOR MITCHELL

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—William M. Bennett, claimant of the republican majority nomination, gained steadily but slowly on Mayor Mitchell today in the recount of votes cast in the primary election.

WOMEN GARDENERS SAIL FOR FRANCE

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Twenty women gardeners recently sailed to France to tend the graves of British soldiers behind the lines.

Other contingents are in training and will follow to take up the novel duty.

ALL INVITED TO HEAR GERARD

James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany from the United States, will arrive in Seattle, at the King street station, at 8:10 p. m. Wednesday.

He will remain here Thursday as guest of the city, and make a public address at the Arena Thursday evening.

There will be no reserved seats and no admission charge. Arrangements are in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club.

He is expected to describe many of his experiences in Berlin after war was declared, outline the German viewpoint toward Americans, and tell of brutal treatment by Germany of her war prisoners.

President Rhodes, of the chamber, and J. W. Spangler, of the members' council, will welcome the diplomat, and accompany him to the Hotel Washington.

U. S. WAR BILL TO BE 18 BILLION THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—America's war bill for the first year will be at least eighteen and a half billion dollars.

Treasury experts today computed that the United States government is spending about \$1,500,000,000 a month, \$50,000,000 a day, or more than \$2,000,000 an hour.

America has loaned to the allies to date \$2,426,400,000—at the rate of about \$13,480,000 a day.

Sam McCoy, 312 4th ave. S., saw the light of day too late Wednesday morning.

As he awoke, a burglar was just leaving his house with \$18 and some silverware. The thief went out thru the pantry window.

Haig Drive Bloody But Victorious

By William Philip Simms
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 26.—Full success was attained by Anzac and British troops in the Zonnebeke region today, when the great British "push" was resumed.

Close to Zonnebeke, the Anzacs swept forward, taking the whole of the first objectives.

Headquarters reports received as this is dispatched, say the English troops to the right of the Antipodean fighters have been equally successful.

That part of the new British offensive which centered in Polygon wood and astride the Menin road, toward Gheluvelt, developed violent fighting. The Germans opposed the British troops with the most stubborn resistance.

The British assault is the third great drive which has centered in the bloody "Ypres sector" in two months. It comes on the heels of bitter fighting, which was the aftermath of a British success on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road last week.

Haig's report did not definitely fix the "wide front" over which his troops "went over." Last week's drive, which was also initially described as "east of Ypres," extended for a distance of eight miles, four on each side of the Ypres-Menin road.

British forces gained nearly a mile advance in this push. Then came a period of German counter thrusts of extraordinary violence. Last night's reports from Haig detailed a day full of bloody encounters, mostly hand to hand, in which the British repulsed these assaults in some places from their own trenches.

The British offensive, coming after the German counter thrusts had been broken up, was regarded as heralding fighting of a ferocity heretofore unparalleled on this front.

Elsewhere on the British front Field Marshal Haig reported a successful raid, last night, east of Gouzeaucourt.

"In the face of strong opposition," he said, "two occupied dugouts were destroyed and many Germans killed by the bayonet. A few were taken prisoners and a machine gun was captured."

RUSSIA REJECTS BERLIN REPLY

BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE
PEROGRAD, Sept. 26.—Germany's reply to Pope Benedict is warmly repudiated by Russians of all classes, according to a consensus of newspaper opinion today. Even Maxim Gorky's Bolshevik organ joined in attacking the German reply as offering nothing acceptable to the allies.

The military section of the Soviet (council of soldiers and workmen) today issued a formal demand for dissolution of all the Russian "battalions of death."

YO, HO! TROT OUT YOUR SMILE APPARATUS, FOLKS, FOR THESE ITEMS IN TODAY'S NEWS

Kills Bayonet Snake
SPARKS, Ga.—When attacked by a huge bayonet snake, which, after the fashion of this reptile, straightened itself out and stabbed



at him, Henry Hemp shot it squarely in the mouth. The bullet passed the entire length of the snake without perforating the skin, boring it clean, and Hemp uses the snakeskin in place of a rubber hose as a gas stove connection.

Twins Not Neutral
BARABOO, Wis.—The American Siamese twins, who have exhibited in side shows all over the world, and are now at home near here on a vacation, can accept no more



engagements because a feud exists between them. George, the right-hand twin, became strongly pro-German during an engagement in Berlin, and Earl is a loyal American. They fight so constantly they are in danger of dying for want of sleep.

Make Hula Skirt
CARBON, Ind.—A new war conservation measure has been perfected by Alma Jenkins. She observed great quantities of corn silk



going to waste, but was at a loss at first to find a use for it. Now she has erected a factory for weaving the corn silk, after it is cured, into skirts for hula-hula dancers, thus saving for farm use the tons of straw formerly used for this purpose.

Map Fools Miner
BULLION, Nev.—Arlington Bye found a cipher map which he thought directed him to a lost gold mine. After outfitting a burro



and traveling for ten days, he came to the spot on the map, only to find it indicated a government benchmark for the geodetic survey. Bye, a loyal patriot, will wait until after the war before suing Uncle Sam for the \$1,200 expense of his outfit and time.

His Money's Worth
HAMMOND, La.—Sheriff Dallman came upon a negro selling watermelons at \$1.50 apiece. He



thought the price high, in the middle of the watermelon belt and the heart of the season. "A hold-up," he said and bought a melon. "Keep dis end up," said the negro. When the sheriff cut the melon he found a quart bottle of 8-year-old.

Sues Kind Husband
OMER, Mich.—Marrying a young woman who had one leg shorter than the other, Elphaleth Jones thought to please her by building



the kitchen of his house on the slant, so she could walk perpendicularly across the floors without effort. He has now been sued for divorce. His wife charges it is all right when she goes from the stove to the kitchen sink, but when she goes from the sink to the stove she has to walk backward.

Blacksnake Whip
ASPEN, Wyo.—Jeff Broad's in-temperate horse netted him \$5,000 in purses this season. The horse contracted alcoholism tipping at



a bottle Broad's stableman used to hide in the hay chute. Now before a race, Broad gets the horse on the verge of delirium tremens, mounts his sulky with a blacksnake whip, and the horse, fearing the snake, sets new track records.

Dutch Treat \$10
Andrew Herrich, charged with being drunk, was brought before Police Judge Tworoger Tuesday. It was not the well-known local brewer.



"I just walked a little funny." "Ever arrested before in this country?" the court wanted to know. "Yes, in Hamburg," admitted Herrich. "I bought a drink and didn't pay." "I see," said his honor. "It was a case of not standing up to a Dutch treat. Ten dollars."