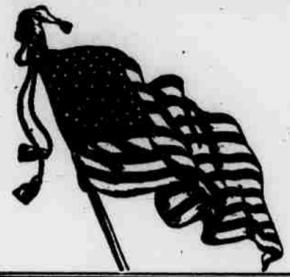




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Thursday, July 26, 1917.

The Australian House of Representatives has passed a bill suppressing the activities in Australia of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Samuel Samuels, M. P., announced in a speech in London Saturday that the British government intends to adopt a policy of reprisal for German air raids.

The Mexican newspapers Saturday print extensive decorations of rejoicing over the announced removal of the embargo on arms from the United States.

Mexico is soon to secure a loan from the United States, it was reported in official circles Saturday. It is understood that it will be \$30,000,000 or \$50,000,000 and that part of it will be used to establish a government bank.

The sergeant will have some trouble in calling his role of names: Hong Ham, Til Your Young, Chung Lee, Young Oak Augh, Moy Goon, Chow Jun and Moy Yin. The seven Chinamen were among the first 1,000 in Chicago.

Total loans by the United States to Great Britain, including the 85 million dollars placed to that country's credit Friday, stand today at 770 million dollars and the grand total of all loans to the Allies at 1,388 million dollars.

Six men at Zion City recently were fined from \$10 to \$50 for using tobacco. Fifty special police appointed by Voliva, the Zionist leader, patrol the streets to catch smokers. Signs warn the public it is a crime to smoke within the city limits.

Secretary Daniels submitted to the House Saturday estimates aggregating \$137,366,177 for war needs of the navy, including ammunition, ordnance supplies, improvements of yards and docks, clothing and enlargement of the navy yard and gun factory here.

Official warning was made by the Department of Justice Saturday advising the people of Kansas not to use court plaster except from approved sources of supply pending an investigation by the department into the poisoned plaster charges from Kansas.

Ruth Armstrong, former Los Angeles high school teacher, is being sought by the Cuban secret service following her mysterious disappearance Monday night while out walking at Havana. She was employed as a governess and lived recently in Youngstown, O.

One reason ex-King Constantine of Greece left Lugano, Switzerland, so hurriedly was learned in Paris. He had his ears soundly boxed by a woman. Why and wherefore was not made known by discreet Swiss newspaper men who were present and who brought the story.

President Wilson Thursday pardoned the 16 woman's party suffragettes sentenced to 60 days in the Occuquan Workhouse for demonstrating before the White House. This action was taken after a fight had been started in Congress to have the women freed and also to foster a bill for equal rights.

An order in council issued in London Saturday prohibits, either by publication or by speech, the giving of any report of the proceedings of the coming Irish convention, except such as has been officially authorized. Offenders of the prohibition are liable to punishment under the Defense of the Realm act.

Another I. W. W. attempt to curtail the food supply of Oregon is believed to have been made near Klamath Falls, Ore., Saturday when several buildings on a dairy farm were destroyed by fire. Farm hands sleeping in a barn were awakened by the flames, and after a hard fight, gained control of the fire. The damage is \$2,000.

Interesting Bargains in These

Men's Work Shoes at \$3.00 and \$3.50 Mens Packard Oxfords \$3.50 Mens and Boys Sport Shirts Fast Colors 50c Indigo Blue Overalls \$1.25 Extra Good Socks 15c

Wash Goods Bargains 35c Fancy Voiles 25c 25c Fancy Voiles and Tissues 15c 35c Sport Skirtings 15c \$1.00 Allovers 50c \$1.25 Allovers 62c

Childrens Dresses \$1.00 and \$1.25 Gingham Dresses, Made of Amoskeg Brand, On Sale 75c

Extra Values in Womens House Dresses, 36 to 42

Amoskeg Gingham \$1.15 Percale Aprons 59c

Lot White Wash Skirts Special \$1.98

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WALKER-McKIBBEN'S The Quality Store

the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Several villages and lumber camps have been wiped out, according to information reaching Winnipeg on Saturday afternoon. The city of Coleman is threatened. Another big fire is raging between Cranbrook and Fernie.

By a vote of 72 to 12, the senate Saturday afternoon accepted the Pomerene amendment authorizing the president to take control of coal at the month of the mines and to direct the federal trade commission to fix prices from the producer to the ultimate consumer. The amendment takes the control of coal out of the hands of the fuel commission.

"We will keep the troops so busy they won't get a chance to get to France to fight," said Charles Little, a member of the executive board of the National I. W. W., who arrived at Butte, Montana, Saturday, from the refugee camp in Arizona, speaking to an I. W. W. gathering. He declared plans are on foot here to deport all agitators and urged his hearers, if deported, to go to points where I. W. W.'s are active and keep up the fight.

The Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday was arrested Thursday for exceeding the speed limit in his automobile on the Broadway bridge across the Willamette river near Portland, Ore. The arresting officer said Sunday's chauffeur was driving the car at a rate exceeding twenty-five miles an hour. Sunday was on his way from his ranch at Hood River to Portland when arrested. The driver was fined \$5, which was paid by the evangelist.

Rushing Out Bonded Whisky.

Washington, July 18.—Liquor dealers, alarmed at the prospect of the government seizing, under terms of the Food Bill, vast quantities of distilled spirits in bond, are withdrawing whisky from bonded warehouses at a rate never before equaled. Within the last ten days more than 10 million gallons have been withdrawn and the ratio of 1 million gallons a day bids fair to continue. Withdrawals have been almost exclusively from warehouses in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Maryland and the Cincinnati and Peoria, Ill., districts. As a consequence of the scare, internal revenue receipts this month have made a record, the total for the first seventeen days being approximately 7 1/2 million dollars more than last July.

And Then Draft Missed Him.

Boonville, Mo., July 21.—Fear of being drafted caused Edwin Kramer, 23 years old, to shoot himself in the forehead early this morning. Kramer has been obsessed by the idea that the sheriff was going to call him for the new army and the worry caused him to attempt to kill himself. His parents were awakened last night by a shot and found him lying in the yard with a bullet hole in his head. He is paralyzed as a result and no hope is held out for his recovery. His home is near Charleston in this county.

Extraordinary Cash Sale of ROOM RUGS Axminsters—Velvets—Brussels All Up-to-Date This Year's Rugs at Below Wholesale Prices This is a selling event which it will pay you big to attend, as you will never again have an opportunity to buy good room rugs at such prices. We also offer a Choice Assortment of Quaker Lace Curtains in lot of one to three pairs of a kind at exactly HALF PRICE COME AND SEE—YOU WILL BE DELIGHTED. Walker-McKibben's The Quality Store

USE GERMAN GOLD IN U. S.

Millions Being Spent in Propaganda Work, a Statesman Says.

Washington, July 20.—Evidence that millions in German gold still are being poured into propaganda work among Americans has been laid before the State Department by a statesman of international reputation, it was learned today. In an interview the statesman, whose name for obvious reasons cannot be mentioned, said: "German bought papers are being published, unhindered, under the very nose of the American government every day.

"Hundreds of ministers are using their holy offices to turn Americans into German sympathizers. "The condition is not local, but country-wide."

A dangerous situation is resulting from the machinations of these pro-German propagandists, he asserted. They are stepping us in an atmosphere of hatred. The alleged pro-German operations of German churchmen in Nebraska, the statesman added, are only surface outcroppings of a honeycomb propaganda embracing more than one religious body, hundreds of individuals and many newspapers throughout the country.

"My fellow statesmen," continued the speaker, "were amazed at formal findings which I submitted. I take an exceedingly gloomy view of the situation in America. Serious trouble threatens if America does not immediately crush the serpent's head."

"I also feel that the Allies should organize their own propaganda more strongly in neutral countries. That is the only point upon which Germany has been wide awake and we have been asleep."

Mrs. George D. Teeter Dead.

Mrs. George D. Teeter died at her home in Apache, Okla., Monday, July 16, 1917, aged 47 years and 23 days, says the Adrian Journal. Mary, daughter of Wm. J. and Martha Crow, was born in Johnson county, Mo., June 23, 1870, and moved with her parents to Bates county in 1879, locating near Ballard, where she grew to womanhood. In girlhood she was converted and joined the Baptist Church, remaining a faithful member until death. Dec. 6, 1893, she was united in marriage with George D. Teeter, they immediately moved to Oklahoma, where they have since resided. To this union three daughters were born, all of whom with the husband survive.

Oil Well Abandoned.

The oil drill which has been drilling on the Patton farm east of Archie for the past two or three months, moved their rig last week and gave up the hole. About three weeks ago they got a drill bit wedged in the bottom of the well and worked for two weeks trying to get this removed, but were not successful. They were down over 100 feet when this happened. We have never seen a rig that will quit so soon. It is a pity that all our oil wells are not drilled in this manner.

KERENSKY NAMES CABINET OF TEN

Premier Forms Coalition Similar to One Lvoff Had, But Smaller.

Petrograd, July 24.—Premier Kerensky has completed the constitution of the new provisional government. Like the ministry of his predecessor, Prince Lvoff, the cabinet is a coalition, but is limited to ten members. Five of the ministers belong to the socialist group and five are members of non-socialist parties. The other offices of state will be directed, not by ministers, but by non-political directors of departments who are not members of the cabinet.

M. Eftremov has been appointed minister of justice and a member of the provisional government. M. Boecknikov has been named minister of public aid. Both the ministers are members of the duma, representing the progressive party. "A blood and iron policy," will be put into effect if needed to save Russia by the government of Premier Kerensky, to which unlimited power has been granted. In an interview today the premier said: "Relying upon the confidence of the masses and the army, the government will save Russia and Russian unity by blood and iron if argument and reason, honor and conscience are not sufficient."

"The situation at the front is very serious and demands heroic measures. But I am convinced the organism of the state is sufficiently vigorous to be cured without a partial amputation."

Fang Accepts the Presidency.

London, July 21.—Confirming the announcement that Fang Kwo Chang has accepted the presidency of China, a dispatch from Peking today says this fact serves to strengthen the hands of Tuan Chi Jui, who has now completed a cabinet of moderate men. "The victorious entrance of the northern army into Peking," adds the dispatch, "places Tuan Chi Jui temporarily in the position of dictator and gives him an opportunity to establish a firm government."

"It is unlikely that China will declare war on Germany now, but when the long deferred step is taken it will arouse much opposition in the south."

For Wheat, \$2.25 an Acre.

Cottonwood Falls, Kas., July 24.—A new high record for heavy wheat yields in Chase County this year has been made on the farm of George Miller, who threshed fifty-three bushels to the acre on twelve acres. The grain tested sixty-two pounds and was sold for \$2.25 per bushel, bringing \$125 to the acre. On the same farm a total wheat acreage of thirty-three acres averaged forty-five bushels to the acre.

Christian Science Services.

Christian Science services and Sunday school will be held each Sunday morning in the new church at the corner of P. Street and Delaware.

Lost and Found.

Lost: A pair of black shoes, size 7, at the corner of P. Street and Delaware.

ORGANIZATION OF HOME GUARDS

Proclamation by Governor Frederick D. Gardner.

WHEREAS, there is a general recognition throughout the State of the immediate need of an adequate home defense in the different sections of the State, on account of the approaching withdrawal on August 5th, of all of the National Guard units of Missouri into federal service, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the constitution and laws of Missouri, and particularly under Section 8373, Revised Statutes of Missouri, the Governor is given the express power to "organize and muster into the service such forces as may be necessary in the temporary absence of the National Guard." And,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all units be organized under the immediate direction of the Governor, now,

THEREFORE, I, Frederick D. Gardner, Governor of the State of Missouri, hereby direct the Missouri State Council of Defense to at once take upon themselves the immediate organization of a body of men for home defense in the different cities and sub-divisions of the State; and to that end

(a) Call to their aid all able-bodied men, irrespective of age, and not in conflict with the draft of the Federal Government;

(b) Co-operate with County and City Councils of Defense, and such local auxiliary committees as the State Council of Defense may select or recognize;

(c) Provide for the temporary officering by men recommended to the Governor by the Adjutant General of the State, who will select the best qualified men for the purpose, in consultation with the Council of Defense and the local committees recognized by said Council.

(d) This body for home defense will serve as volunteers in this hour of nation's need, without compensation, and each local community will provide uniforms as may be needed. It is expected that arms and ammunition will be provided under the provisions of the recent Act of Congress approved June 14th, 1917.

(e) Any citizen contemplating the formation of a Home Guard of any character should communicate at once with the Missouri Council of Defense at Jefferson City, and act in accordance with the rules of said Council.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri.

Done at the City of Jefferson, this 17th day of July, A. D., 1917. FREDERICK D. GARDNER, By the Governor: John L. Sullivan, Secretary of State.

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PAY THE DEPENDENTS, TOO

Scope of Military Insurance Plans Broadened.

Washington, July 23.—The federal government's plan for insuring officers and men of the army, navy and marine corps against death and injury while in service broadened today in a complex program which would provide government allowance for families of soldiers and sailors and the rehabilitation and training of injured men to fit them for making a livelihood after the war.

The program was discussed at conferences today among officials of the War, Navy, Treasury, Commerce and Labor Departments, the labor committee of the Council of National Defense and the presidents and other high officers of leading insurance companies of the United States.

Issuance of insurance policies from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to officers and men at ordinary peace time rates, the government paying the extra cost, indemnities for total or partial disability, and administration of the entire scheme by the government's war risk insurance bureau which is at present insuring officers and crews of American merchant vessels, are among the outstanding features of the proposed program.

SIAM JOINS WITH ALLIES

Entrance May Affect Attitude of China Because of Rice Supply.

New York, July 23.—The announcement that Siam has declared a state of war with Germany, carries greater significance than might at first be supposed, according to a statement here today by John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, Washington, and formerly U. S. minister to Siam.

"Siam's chief importance is that it is practically the rice granary or source of food supply for China and its action may have a direct effect upon China's attitude toward Germany," said Mr. Barrett. "It also gives the allies now, for the first time, an unbroken favorable coastline all the way from China to the Mediterranean, for Siam was the only neutral territory in that entire distance of many thousand miles. It also possesses an excellent little navy adequate to patrol the gulf of Siam coast line of nearly 2,000 miles."

Township Assessors Called.

A meeting of the assessors of the several townships of the county has been called by the county court under direction of the state tax commission at Butler on Saturday, July 28, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of agreeing on a basis for equalization of assessments. Every township assessor is expected to be present.

Leather Burbank in Ill.

St. Louis, Mo., July 21.—Leather Burbank, noted horticulturist, is reported to be in ill health.