



MARE ISLAND MAGAZINE IS BLOWN UP

HOLLWEG'S SPEECH TOMORROW EAGERLY AWAITED

MANY ARE REPORTED KILLED

SOCIALISTS GET AFTER PRUSSIA

Objection to Present Electorate Is Preponderance of Prussian Representation.

By JOHN GRANDENS (United Press Staff Correspondent.) BERLIN, (via London), July 9.—Signs multiply that the political liberalization of Germany is impending.

A week's important conference preceding the Reichstag's session brought the situation to a head today. Tomorrow Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg is expected to make a formal statement.

From the central wing to the socialists all opinion in the Reichstag is united that a reform electoral system must be applied in Prussia if Prussia fails to adopt such a plan of her own accord.

INDIANA WILL BE FAVORED

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, July 9.—States who have patriotically answered the call for volunteers will have less men to supply by draft than the slacker states.

Regulations issued today by President base the levies on new population estimates with deductions for heavy enlistments to date though exact numbers are yet to be compiled.

IT'S ALWAYS SAME OLD GRAND JURY

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 7.—The Federal grand jury will be in session again next Wednesday. It is understood that the Federal authorities are not yet through with their delving into election frauds in Indiana, and there is a belief that another large flock of indictments may be in sight.

KERENSKY VISITS THE BATTLE FRONT



Kerensky in two poses during his recent visit to the battle front. The inspiration for the present Russian offensive came several weeks ago when the great Kerensky, youthful war minister and the idol of all Russia, visited the battle front.

OIL TANK SET AFIRE

Special to The Times. WHITING, IND., July 9.—During an electrical storm here lightning struck and set fire to one of the huge oil storage tanks belonging to the Indiana Line company, situated at Ann street and Indiana boulevard, destroying it.

FOUND DEAD ON RAILROAD TRACKS

The body of a man believed to be D. S. Stewart, 25 years old, Charlton, Ia., was found along the Michigan Central right of way in Tolleston, Gary, at 7:40 a. m. today. Apparently the young man had been dead but a short time when found. He was stretched out on the ground and may have died while having an epileptic fit. The police noticed he had on a pair of kid gloves. On his stockings were printed in ink the address of his father in Charlton, Ia. In the pockets of the clothing were instructions to notify his father in case of accident and the usual "God bless my mother" and a half filled bottle of liquor was also among the effects.

OFFICER REID BADLY INJURED

While alighting from a Gary street car last night Officer Ephraim Reid sustained a rupture that may result fatally. He was removed to General hospital, where his condition is said to be critical.

Better than Ordinary.

This is the universal verdict of all our eyeglasses and spectacles. S. Silver, Manufacturing Optician, 177 State St., Hammond, Ind. 9-7-1

WHITING'S NEW BANK OPENS SOON

(Special to THE TIMES.) WHITING, IND., July 9.—The Central State Bank, Whiting's newest financial institution, will open its doors Saturday after a short delay owing to the fact that the vaults were not completed. The Central State Bank has a capital of \$50,000 and will do a general banking business.

BETTER DIM THE LIGHTS

Motorists who are in the habit of using the excellent roads of Indiana will do well to note that this state, like Illinois, has a new dimmer law. It went into effect a few days ago, and provides, as does the Illinois regulation, that headlights must be dimmed whenever another vehicle approaches on any road on the state.

GARY MERCHANT KILLED BY AUTO

Morris Bobele, 35 years old, a Gary business man, was instantly killed at McCool on Saturday when a B. and O. east-bound flyer struck an auto in which he was riding. Mr. Bobele, who was in the dry goods and commission business, went to McCool early in the morning.

GOVERNOR ON INSPECTION TRIP

(By United Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, July 9.—Gov. Goodrich left today for Michigan City to start an inspection trip of state institutions. He will go over the state prison at that place and then will look over the boys' school at Plinfield, state reformatory at Jeffersonville, penal farm at Greencastle and girls' school at Clermont. He will return to the city Thursday to greet Gov. Cox of Ohio, who will review the Ohio men in the officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison on that day.

WHITING LADY PREPARED FOR FUNERAL

(Special to THE TIMES.) WHITING, IND., July 9.—Mrs. Sophia Wuestenfeld, aged 81 years, who passed away at her home in 1124 1/2 street on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, was firm believer in preparedness. Mrs. Wuestenfeld about a year ago arranged completely for her funeral with Undertaker Heyden. She purchased her casket, rough box and shroud and even dictated as to the number of autos to be used for her funeral. At her home in a dresser drawer she had all her clothes ready to be used when the end came.

Enlist In The Woman's Army By Conserving Foods.

SOLDIERS DIE WHEN SHIP IS TORPEDOED IN MEDITERRANEAN



British transport on rocks just after having been torpedoed in Mediterranean.

KNESETH ISRAEL TO HAVE NEW SYNAGOGUE

Congregation Holds Enthusiastic Meeting Yesterday. Thirteen hundred dollars was contributed to note that this state, like Illinois, has a new dimmer law.

Seventeen hundred bakers and 500 cooks are needed immediately for the United States army. It is preferred to have men of some experience, but if a young man who is bright and physically qualified, has not had any experience and is willing to be taught and trained as cook or baker, the army will accept him and so train him.

GRAND JURY REPORTS ON CO. INSTITUTIONS

(Special to THE TIMES.) CROWN POINT, IND., July 9.—The report of the Grand jury on the county jail and county poor farm is as follows: We visited the county poor farm and found the conditions of the same satisfactory. We recommended, however, that the county commissioners take steps to repair the roofs of the buildings which are badly in need of such attention.

JIMMY IS SOME TRAP SHOOTER

Hammond Court Bailiff James (Jimmy) Frost at the opening shoot of the Lake George Gun club at Kindel's grove Sunday, showed the boys how to shoot. In some record for a first-class professional to make, Jimmy doesn't claim to be a professional—yet.

THIS TIME THE GUN WAS LOADED

Every morning when Sam Bulkis, a bakery wagon driver, came into the American restaurant at 7 West Eleventh avenue, Gary, Sam Spiro, one of the waiters, would "kid" him and point an unloaded revolver at the baker. He did it again this morning and pulled the trigger. Bulkis, who had jumped at the command, "Now, jump," was shot through the foot. The police learned that the "unloaded" revolver had received three cartridges, which had been inserted last night by the proprietor, who hadn't said anything about it.

The Red Cross—the symbol of a cause—wide as the world and high as Heaven.

FIVE MORE ENLIST FROM HAMMOND

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600 HAMMOND WOMEN REGISTER

For every man in Hammond who has registered to vote for delegates to the constitutional convention a hundred women of the city have registered. To date six hundred women of Hammond have registered and as near as can be learned, six men. The Equal Franchise League continues the campaign to register women for the constitutional convention.

GARY POLICE NAB MORE SLACKERS

Eleven more men, not possessing registration cards, were booked as not being round-up. Every eligible man, who has no card will be presumed as a slacker and will face summary arrest and be detained until the contrary is shown. Will Wilson, a negro refugee from East St. Louis, claimed he had registered but that his card was in his "work pants."

Latest Bulletins

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, July 9.—The first draft of America's citizenship for war service will be 667,000 men, the war department announced today. These will be singled from the great registration roll. The number is just enough to fill the regular army to war complement, fill the national guard to war strength and provide 500,000 for the sixteen continental camps where the men will be trained.

About 50,000 men are needed to bring the regular army to its full war strength. More than 130,000 others are needed for the national guard. From official sources it was learned today that the first men drawn by the selective draft will be put into the regular army ranks and the national guard.

(By United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, July 9.—The carrying out of a successful raid southeast of Harghouth by the British forces and repulse of an attempt of a raid by the Germans southwest of Lecon was reported by Gen. Haig today.

(By United Press Cablegram.) PETROGRAD, July 9.—Russia centered her drive on Lemberg in Galicia, today with a powerful offensive west of Stanislau which took several villages, according to the official report. Gen. Korniloff was in charge of operations in this section and reported complete success of the drive.

(By United Press Cablegram.) LONDON, July 9.—Sinking of the American steamer Manasquan, 3,193 tons, owned by the New York & Porto Rico Steamship Co., by a German submarine Saturday, was officially announced today. The crew was landed at a French port twenty-eight miles southwest of Brest.

(By United Press Cablegram.) A FRENCH PORT, July 9.—America's first expeditionary army in France was unloading today for the trip to the battle front. Major General Sibert was as enthusiastic as the soldiers. The troops celebrated as they climbed aboard the train. Many of the officers went on ahead. The townspeople turned out in force to cheer the departing Sammies. Yesterday hundreds of French people watched the baseball game.

(By United Press Cablegram.) PARIS, July 9.—Suddenly assuming the offensive French troops went forward last night between Bovettes and Chevigny, recapturing the first line trenches over a front of a mile, according to the day's official report.

(By CARL D. GROAT. (By United Press.) WASHINGTON, July 9.—Declaring Holland is starving, Chevalier Van Hapard, Dutch minister in Washington, today bespoke the grave apprehension of neutral nations at America's embargo.

U. S. Powder Mill Shattered by Explosion In California

(By United Press.) VALLEJO, CAL., July 9.—The black powder magazine at the south end of Mare Island Navy Yards across the straits from here blew up this morning. Many lives are reported to have been lost. Workmen returning to Vallejo declare nearly all the houses used by workmen and officers in the immediate vicinity were destroyed or badly shattered. It is feared the casualties are large.

Ambulances have been hurrying back and forth from the navy yards main yard to the scene of the explosion. The strict censorship established by the navy department at the beginning of the war has made it impossible to get details. One of the workmen turning here declared his belief that houses at the scene had been blown to pieces.

Chimneys in both Vallejo and Sausalito toppled and fell under the blast. Many houses had their fronts blown off and several were unroofed. The roof of the round house at that point was blown in. The port side of the South Pacific steamer El Capitán which was in mid-stream when the explosion occurred was blown out and two doors of the vessel were shattered. Six men on the steamer were injured, none of them seriously.

The magazine is located at the extreme south end of the navy yard. More than one hundred men have been employed there. The explosion was the most terrific heard hereabouts in years. Several thousand dollars damage was done in Vallejo. The blast was heard at Sacramento where buildings were rocked and dishes shaken from shelves. It was also felt in several other distant cities. All the windows in the office of the Southern Pacific station agent and the road master's offices were destroyed. The steamer Iroquois which was in the straits at the time was also damaged slightly.

Representatives of other countries affected by President Wilson's proclamation declared "their actual existence is threatened." "We are starving," said Van Hapard. "Our people are on rations. We will suffer most of war's terrible evils without being a belligerent. We are forced to depend on Germany for coal and on America for grain. Holland is at the mercy of your country."

To Arms—Your Country Calls

LONG LIVE AMERICA!



Sarah Bernhardt photographed during her Brooklyn speech.

Fifty thousand people set up a rousing cheer when Sarah Bernhardt, the world's greatest actress, in an impassioned speech at Brooklyn, New York, raised her hand toward Old Glory and cried, "Long live America!" She then repeated the gesture and called "Long live France!" pointing to the tricolor. Another cheer, equal in volume, greeted her.