

STRONG EFFORTS MADE TO KEEP WIRES OPEN

Gompers to Confer With President Regarding Threatened Telegraphers' Strike.

(International News Service.) Washington, July 1.—Even though the administration is unable to prevent the Western Union telegraphers' strike called for next Monday by S. J. Konenkamp—and concerted efforts will be made to forestall its drastic steps will be taken to keep the wires open. This was indicated today in circles close to the White House. It was made plain that any walk-out of the Western Union men would be anticipated and steps taken to insure against government work being hampered in any way by a lay-off.

Preparations Underway. (International News Service.) New York, July 1.—In the face of declarations of labor leaders that big preparations are under way to make

"Non-Producers," Their Exceptions and Excuses

Table with 4 columns: Place or Branch of Employment, Non-Producers, Excuses, Exceptions. Rows include Stores, Offices, Salesmanship, Hotels, Clubs, Sports, Homes, and Chauffeurs.

Here, in tabulated form, The News presents to Chattanooga a careful compilation of the employments viewed as "productive" or "non-productive," according to the latest regulations issued by Provost Marshal-General Crowder to govern the application of the famous "work or fight" order.

a strike against the Western Union Telegraph company throughout the country, called for July 5, Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, would consent today to make nothing other than the following statement:

"None of our employees is a member of that union (Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America), which is heading the strike movement, so we do not see how the strike affects us. I have nothing to add at this time. If I decide on a further statement I will notify the newspapers."

At the request of President Wilson, the house interstate and foreign commerce commission will favorably report the Aswell resolution giving the president power to take over telegraph, telephone, cable and radio systems, to the house late this afternoon.

SOCIALIST LEADER GETS THREE YEARS

Providence, R. I., July 1.—Jos. M. Caldwell, state socialist leader, was today sentenced to three years imprisonment at the federal prison in Atlanta on being found guilty of violation of the espionage act.

PLEASURE FLIGHT ENDS IN DEATH OF AVIATORS

(Associated Press.) Fort Worth, Tex., July 1.—Lieut. Wm. DeC. Raveland, of Washington, D. C., and Corp. R. L. Danning, of Cresco, Ia., a mechanic, were killed Sunday when the airplane in which they were flying on a pleasure flight fell near this city. The plane caught fire and their bodies were badly charred.

MASSACHUSETTS COTTON MILLS RESUME WORK

(Associated Press.) Lowell, Mass., July 1.—Twenty-five per cent. of the 15,000 cotton mill operatives here went to work as usual today despite a strike order voted by the Lowell textile company. Union leaders said, however, that the force reporting for duty largely comprised unskilled employees and that the plants would be unable to operate if the others remained out.

PRESIDENT WILSON GIVEN FREEDOM OF FLORENCE

(Associated Press.) Florence, Italy, July 1.—President Wilson has been given the freedom of the city by unanimous vote of the city council. A testimonial in the form of a parchment scroll embossed with red lilies and signed by the mayor and aldermen will be sent to President Wilson shortly.

HOW THIS LITTLE BOY RECOVERED STRENGTH AFTER SICKNESS

Garrett, Texas.—"The measles left my little boy, aged nine years, in a very weak, run-down condition—he coughed a good deal, and as medicines did not seem to help him, we finally took him out of school, and thought he would never be strong again. One day I read about the cod liver and iron tonic known as Vinol, and such a change as it has made in my little boy—it stopped his cough, he is now back in school, strong and well."—Mrs. E. A. Wright.

ARMY CASUALTIES TO DATE REACH TOTAL OF 10,383

American army casualties to date number 10,383. Of 1,491 killed in action, 291 were lost at sea. Marine corps casualties total 1,252 out of a force of 12,000.

A recapitulation of the American expeditionary force casualties follows. Killed in action, including lost at sea, 1,491; died of wounds, 479; died of disease, 1,287; died of accident and other causes, 465; wounded, 5,024; missing in action, including prisoners, 385; total casualties since last week's summary, 497.

Marine corps casualties, totalling 1,252, were divided as follows: Deaths, 407; wounded, 812; captured, 1; missing, 2.

WORK OR FIGHT ORDER BRINGS FORTH RESULTS

Thousands Registrants Abandon Nonessential for Essential Jobs. (International News Service.) Washington, July 1.—The "work-or-fight" order of Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder, which went into effect today, is bringing even better results than the general expected, he said today.

FORCIBLY REMOVED FOR CONDUCT IN HOUSE COMMONS

(Associated Press.) London, July 1.—Having refused to leave the house of commons when ordered to do so by the speaker for disorderly conduct, Noel Pemberton-Billing, member for Hertfordshire, was forcibly removed by the officials.

FRAULEIN GERMANIA NOW MISS COLUMBIA

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WAR SUMMARY

(Associated Press.) Both the French and the British continued yesterday and last night their recently adopted program of prodding the Germans at various points along the Franco-Belgian line, capturing advantage points here and there and harassing the enemy while the preparations for the resumption of his offensive are under way.

The French hit the line in local attacks at two separate points, but both on the western side of the German salient, which projects down to the Marne from the Aisne. They gained ground in each attack and took prisoners and machine guns.

The most pronounced gain was effected by Gen. Petain's troops just above the point where their line joins the American sector on the west of Belleau wood. They advanced here south of Passy-en-Valois and carried their line forward so that it now runs east of the Chezy-Villy railroad, and in addition they held on firmly to the ground gained the night previous, just to the north in the region of Mosloy, fighting off two German counter attacks.

Southeast of Soissons, where the brilliant stroke of last week placed the French in a strong position on the important Laveraine plateau, they moved ahead again the center of their new line, gaining ground by the capture of a strong point north of Coutry. In all, the French took some 200 prisoners in these actions.

The British stroke, which was also a local operation, was well toward the southern end of their line, just above Albert, north of the Somme river. An improvement in the British positions was effected here and machine guns and prisoners fell into their hands.

Severe battles are brewing on the fighting fronts. All indications point to an early resumption of heavy fighting on the western line. In Italy the mountain zone is again the scene of infantry operations.

Tension is increasing along the British front in France as the crescendo of the German artillery fire mounts higher and higher. From Ypres to Rheims, the big guns are busier than they have been for some days and the Germans probably are preparing to react strongly against the allied nibbling tactics which cost them important points last week.

The German command is known to have large forces in readiness on the main battlefields of France. They may strike anywhere on the 200-mile front and their communications give them much elasticity of movement. It is expected also that the blow, when and where it does come, will be the mightiest the enemy can make.

Unconcerned apparently about the German plans, the French continue to perfect their defensive positions between the Aisne and the Marne. Southeast of the forest of Villers-Cotterets, they have extended their line and taken 255 prisoners while north of the forest 100 Germans were taken in a small advance near St. Pierre Aigle. The enemy did not react strongly and the French hold their new positions firmly.

Along the line northwest of Cha-

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British army disciplinarian, who has been at Camp Forrest for the past week or so giving the soldiers instructions in discipline, has returned to Washington.

teau Thierry where the Americans hold a sector, the Germans are reported concentrating troops and supplies. Aerial fighting has been severe near the American lines. It is not unlikely the Germans may plan to give the Americans a hard blow in reply to the recent American successes on that front.

West of Brenta, Gen. Diaz is preparing for eventualities by strengthening his line as the opportunity offers. East of Asiago, Italian troops have occupied the height of Monte di Val Bella, capturing 800 prisoners. Strong enemy attempts to retake the height were hurled back. Nearer the Brenta the Italians took thirty prisoners, gaining a fortified point on Sasso Rosso. Vienna says the Italians were thrown out of the Austrian first line in Monte di Val Bella and that further attempts to advance were checked.

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