

WAR BILL REACHING FINAL STAGE

RAILROAD MEASURE ALSO NEAR CONCLUSION IN CONGRESS

FURLOUGHS TO BE GIVEN SOLDIER FARM WORKERS

Reimbursements for Losses Sustained by Tuscania Survivors Reported Favorably by Committee

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The war finance bill which the senate passed with three dissenting votes, and the railroad bill are reaching the final processes in congress. Control conference reports are up for ratification of both houses, after which it is expected that President Wilson will affix his signature immediately.

Strong opposition to a number of the amendments to the war finance corporation bill is expected to delay its passage in the house.

Furloughs to Farm Workers.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The house has approved the bill which has been passed by the senate authorizing the secretary of war to grant soldiers furloughs to work on farms during the planting or busy seasons whenever the situation demands. The senate military committee has reported favorably the resolution empowering the president to draft aliens whose governments have concluded or may conclude treaties with the United States to this effect. The resolution will permit aliens to have the option of enlisting under their own flag.

The committee has reported favorably on the bill for reimbursements for clothing and equipment losses sustained by Tuscania survivors.

Soldiers for Harvesting

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Soldiers will be released for harvest work on their own application if these are approved by the division commanders on the showing that the men are needed. It is estimated that men will be drafted from four hundred branches of industry soon to fill the army needs in France.

Many Soldier Letters Lost

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Thirty thousand letters en route from American soldiers in France were lost when the steamer Andania was torpedoed in January.

The department of justice has recommended to indict slackers into service immediately on their arrest.

New Grounds for Divorce.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 8.—Pro-Germanism is now listed as grounds for divorce.

Alleging that her husband married her through fraud by telling her he had taken out first citizenship papers, and that since then he has switched his views and roots for the Kaiser to win the tussle, Anna Appelhagen today has a divorce suit on file against Otto Appelhagen, a native of Germany. Since the wedding, she alleges, Appelhagen boasts he will never become an American and has been paying too much attention to movements along the water-front.

LAST NIGHT WAS QUITE

Home Guard Found No Necessity for Continuing Patrol

The city slept in peace last night and the Home Guard were permitted to regain the loss in rest entailed by their vigil of the night before. It is believed that there will be nothing more, at present at least, to fear from the threatened burning of the city.

LUSITANIA MAY AGAIN SAIL THE SEA

(United Press) LONDON, Feb. 15. (By Mail.)—

The Lusitania may yet carry American troops to France to beat the Germans.

Salvage experts are now working on the problem of raising her from the 300 feet of water she lies in off the Old Head of Kinsale. At all events, an attempt will be made to recover the treasure from the strong room on one of the upper decks. The possibility of beaching the vessel on the Irish coast is also being considered.

Some of the keenest engineering minds of Great Britain are devising plans and means of raising torpedoed ships after the war. Many of the submarine ships lying on the ocean floor in the "graveyard of the Atlantic" off Ireland are in water shallow enough to make the project feasible.

In addition to the value of the ships, vast fortunes in metals and imperishable cargoes are resting in the holds of the wrecks.

"Salvage companies are laying plans for raising both ships and cargoes on a big scale," said R. H. Davis, managing director of one of the largest submarine engineering corporations in the world. "Cargoes to the value of millions of dollars are awaiting recovery. Apart from the silver and bullion in sunken ships, there is a huge quantity of other metals.

"In many cases where ships cannot be raised, the cargoes can be salvaged. We recovered \$350,000 in Spanish gold from the Alphonse XII some years ago. She was lying 165 feet under the sea. We also recovered a large quantity of silver bars from the steamer Skyro off Cape Finisterre in 186 feet of water. This shows what can be done after the war."

Owing to the scarcity of tonnage after the war, every ship that can float will be worth a fortune. The salvage companies expect to raise many of the lesser damaged vessels with little trouble and put them into commission shortly after the war is ended.

Horse Inspection Held Tomorrow

"The cavalry horse inspection we had planned on having here early next week must be held tomorrow (Saturday the 9th)," says Paul H. Spillman, county agricultural agent.

"Wheel hubs will be inspected at the same time. If the board finds that we have the type of horse they are looking for in this section they will probably call for a later inspection which will give us more time to let the farmers of the county know so that they will be able to bring in horses from a distance. Horses shown tomorrow must be shown under the saddle; weight from 1000 to 1200 pounds; 15 to 16 heads; no nags, greys, light roans or buckskins taken. The inspection will be held at the Farmer's feed barn on Adams avenue."

Horses may be brought in for inspection at any time tomorrow.

Sheepman Leaves Large Estate

The will of the late Donald Boss, of Unadilla county, has been filed for probate. He left an estate worth \$150,000. His heirs are a wife and seven children.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, March 8.—Weather forecast: "Rain."

AMERICANS ATTACKED BY LIQUID FIRE

(United Press) LONDON, March 8.—A German

attack with liquid fire on the American forces northwest of Toul yesterday was immediately repelled. American sentries at that place also drove off a German patrol of forty men.

There is considerable enemy artillery across the Ypres sector between the Main road and Houbaert; also in the Scarpe valley.

In Honor of Enlisted Men

Preparations are being perfected for the luncheon tonight at the Foley hotel in honor of the twelve boys who will leave tonight to enter the military service of their country. Two new names have been added to the list that was published yesterday, F. J. Mann and Dalbert Fuller. About fifty persons have signified their intention of attending the luncheon and a very interesting program has been arranged.

One party will leave on the 8:35 train, which consists of Harley Richardson in charge and Howard Richardson, Hugh Hulise and Jay Wilson Johns members of the party. Another party consisting of Glenn Thompson, Dalbert Fuller, Claude Wright, Wesley McCrary, Moody Eckley, Arthur Ash and Dallas Green will leave on No. 5 for Portland on their way to Camp Kelly Field.

F. J. Mann will leave in a few days, just as soon as he can settle up his business. Mr. Mann is from Flint, Michigan, but has resided in LaGrande since 1913. Among the speakers tonight will be Fred Curry, toastmaster; E. E. Bragg, H. E. Coeldige, A. C. Hampton, C. E. Humphries, E. E. Kidde, A. T. Hill, T. J. Scroggin and Walter Pierce.

A Bereaved Widow.

MADISON, Wis., March 8.—The following paragraph is clipped from a letter received by the Wisconsin industrial commission today from a widow recently granted an award by the board, on the death of her husband:

"I am having so much trouble in trying to collect the money that I sometimes almost wish I had my husband back."

ELEVEN KILLED IN LONDON AS RESULT OF AIR RAID

(United Press) LONDON, March 8.—Eleven are dead and fifty injured as the result of two airplanes dropping bombs over London last night, Lord French has announced. Several buildings

TUSCANIA SURVIVORS



This picture, just received from London, shows the survivors of the Tuscania lined up at an Irish port for a roll call to determine the missing. The dozen or more soldiers nearest the camera are readily recognizable. Perhaps your boy is one of them.

LOAN DRIVE WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 6

ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA'S DECLARATION OF WAR

MANY DETAILS ARE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED

Campaign Will Probably Cover Period of From Three to Four Weeks

Secretary McAdoo authorizes the following:

The campaign for the third liberty loan will be opened on the 6th of April, 1918, the first anniversary of the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

The amount, terms and conditions of the loan have not yet been decided because these features are dependent upon further legislation. I expect to ask the congress at an early date to grant the necessary additional authority. Of course, the opening date of the campaign is somewhat dependent upon the new legislation, but it is hoped and believed that the matter can be considered and determined in ample time to begin the campaign on the date suggested.

Day Consecrated in History.

April 6 will forever be a consecrated day in American history and it seems peculiarly appropriate that the opening of the second year of our participation in this war for the honor and rights of America and the freedom of the world should be celebrated with a nation-wide drive for another liberty loan.

The campaign should begin with great demonstrations of patriotism in every city, town and hamlet in the country that will truly express the spirit of aroused America. On this date every American should pledge anew to his government the full measure of his resources and resolve to make every required sacrifice in the same fervent spirit that impels our gallant sons in the trenches of France and on the waters of the Atlantic to shed their blood in America's sacred cause.

Date Considered a Fitting One. To carry forward America's essential part in this war for righteousness—

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PRESIDENT'S WORK PRAISED BY THE POPE

ROME, March 8.—"President Wilson's pen is doing more for just peace than twenty million swords," is the expressed belief of the Pope, according to vatican attaches who further add in effect that the addresses that have been made by America's chief executive will be as noble posts by which history will measure events of the war in the years to come. Foreign newsmen in their reports to the vatican make practically the same reports.

ARMS FOR ALL RUSSIANS

PETROGRAD, March 8.—The war commissariat has published a plan for arming all the Russian people and offering to all who so desire the opportunity for becoming proficient in military science preparatory to a renewal of war in the future.

Mrs. Schilke Goes to Washington

Mrs. Schilke, state chairman of the child's welfare committee of the women's council of defense, has received a telegram to be in attendance at a child's welfare conference at Washington, D. C., on March 14 and 15, and will leave for the east on No. 18 tomorrow night.

FLOCK OF SHEEP IS STOLEN

Driven from Malheur Ranges to Winnemucca and Sent East

VALE, March 8.—Theft of 2400 blooded ewes, worth \$50,000, a forced drive of these into Nevada and shipment of them to Omaha commission men for sale are the charges on which officers of two states seek Frank Pratt, trusted employe of the N-Bar-N Livestock company. A reward of \$1500 has been posted for his arrest by the company.

Pratt was in charge of the sheep on the ranch here. Acting with G. A. Wheat of San Antonio, Texas, and C. H. Brown of Boise, an uncle of Pratt, the fugitive is alleged to have relentlessly driven the ewes into Nevada, despite the nearness of the lambing season, and, assuming the name of a prominent stockman, arranged to ship them east, sending Brown and Wheat with the cars to collect the money.

The unfit condition of the ewes excited comment at Winnemucca, Nevada, where they were loaded in cars, and word of this reached the N-Bar-N as its first intimation of the affair. Similar comment from Omaha commission men regarding the condition of the sheep caused them to investigate and Wheat and Brown were arrested there. They are in jail here today, awaiting arrest of Pratt, who is alleged to have 600 sheep with him.

SHIP WORKERS DEMAND MORE PAY FOR OVERTIME THREE THOUSAND ARE OUT

Demand Double Pay for Overtime. Saturday afternoon and for Holidays Conference Arranged In Effort to Avoid Tie-up.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—De-

manding double time for overtime, for Saturday afternoons and holiday work, hundreds of carpenters, machinists and pile drivers employed at the Hog Island yards have struck, after notices were posted announcing that time and a half for overtime and Sunday would be paid.

Labor representatives say that that the strike will spread to all shipyards in the district. The men say that the reduction by the federal wage board in the overtime rate breaks a 20 year custom in the Philadelphia district.

A conference between the workers and officials has been arranged for this afternoon in order to avoid a tie-up.

AUSTRIANS ARE SENT TO WEST FRONT

ROME, March 8.—Austrian forces have been sent to France, the Prussian war minister told the reichstag today, according to dispatches received at Berne. The number that have been sent is not stated.

Berlin papers say that a Japanese expedition to Siberia with the assent of the allies will be a false move.

WHEAT STANDARDS REVISED

Less Exactng Rules Have Been Arranged For Grading.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—A new and less exacting plan of wheat standards has been adopted by the government. Tentative revisions announced by the agricultural department will be laid before farmers and grainmen before final action is taken. Five meetings will be held at wheat centers, one at Spokane, March 18, for price fixing. The use of wheat substitutes will permit relaxation from former gradings which many hold have been too strict.

ENLISTMENTS DECREASED FRUITDALE POPULATION

Among those who enlisted yesterday were three who are residents of Fruitdale. This locality which is just across the river north of La Grande, has now furnished sixteen to go with the colors. There are but three possible soldiers of that entire locality now left at home and all of them have been classed as "farmers" and are not subject to call for the present at least. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wright furnished four, all the sons they have of military age; while both the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Thompson are registered with Uncle Sam's men. The same proportion of enlistments to population as that of Fruitdale would probably raise an army of twenty million men.

CAPTURED BY FRENCH NURSE

Surgeon at Hospital Capitulates—Wedding in the Spring

By J. W. PEGLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)—WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, FRANCE, Feb. 11. (By Mail.)—And they will be married next spring.

He is a surgeon of the Roosevelt base hospital.

She's French, dark-eyed, brunette and ever so fetching in her white nursing costume with the little red cross on the front of the snow white cap.

And only eighteen years old.

It has been announced—and everything. The papers have been signed according to the French custom and the young surgeon has shaken hands with her gray-haired father, a proud member of the Legion of Honor who performed operations in open trenches under fire at Verdun.

They met over the cot of a dying Poilu. The American surgeon was called in to help when the French surgeons were working 18 hours out of 24.

She had adopted this patient as her particular protegee and prayed that he might be spared to go back to his family in the sun country.

The young surgeon did his best with his first war case. The Poilu struggled and pulled through. He went back to his wife and babies, minus an arm but wearing the military medal and the cross of war.

So she thinks the American surgeon is just the greatest in the world.

And they will be married in spring.

HAS SEEN PERISCOPES

Pendleton Young Man Writes of War Zone Experience.

In five trips across the big pond, as a member of the marine armed guards on the transport Philadelphia, Earl Friedly, Pendleton boy, says he has seen seven periscopes but has so far escaped danger. Writing to his father, A. C. Friedly, he tells some of his experiences. He has been 32 days in all in the war zone and, as a member of the crew on the forward gun, was the first to sight a sub during their last trip. For that he will receive a prize of \$100. He says he has had the experience of seeing a torpedo slip by the stern of the ship about 3:30 in the morning when there wasn't a sub in sight and said it felt like having rocks thrown at one and not knowing where they came from.

Residence Property Changes Hands.

A. V. Andrews has sold his residence property on the corner of O avenue and First street to F. S. Joster. The price paid was \$2600.

RUSS-GERMAN PEACE IS NOT APPROVED AT MOSCOW

(United Press) WASHINGTON, March 8.—Consul Summers of Moscow, cables to President Wilson that the Russ-German peace is not approved there and that the anarchistic sentiment is growing stronger. Several have been killed with bombs. One of the Polish brigades has deserted the Austrian army in a body, owing to disaffection with the Ukraine peace, and is bearing on Poland.