

PRESS DISPATCHES, PASSED IN EUROPE, BLOCKED BY CENSORS

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The war department here continues to censor news dispatches from France which have already been passed by foreign censors.

It defects incoming cablegrams at New York to Washington, where they are censored and turned over to representatives of the press associations and newspapers to whose New York offices the cable messages are addressed. The accounts of the Fourth of July celebration in Paris were among the dispatches thus deflected and delayed.

Secretary Baker in a statement last night said the present arrangement is temporary and will be maintained "only so long as is necessary to perfect a smooth working plan to handle this matter without imperiling the lives of American citizens."

Mr. Baker has made no effort to find legal authority for the establishment of the new censorship, he said, and does not intend to ask for legislation in that regard.

"The secretary of war," he said, "by unanimous consent, is empowered to take any steps necessary for the protection of American soldiers." Congress refused to authorize a press censorship.

Neither Secretary Baker nor Secretary Daniels would express any opinion today as to whether word of the departure of American troop transports had been transmitted to Germany in such time that a U-boat trap had been laid. Both indicated that they had no specific information on this point. It was made clear, however, that additional precautions to prevent such a happening were being considered, the nature of which was not disclosed.

The war department censorship has been in operation since Tuesday, when by official order all news cables from France began to be diverted to the secretary of war for his inspection, instead of being delivered to those to whom they were addressed.

BANTAMS MAY NOW ENTER ARMY IF FIVE FEET ONE INCH HIGH

WASHINGTON, July 11.—New army regulations made public today reduced the minimum weight limit for recruits from 130 pounds to 110 pounds and the minimum height from five feet four inches to five feet one inch. This will add thousands who otherwise would be exempt to the national army to be raised by draft and open the doors of the regular army and national guard to many volunteers turned down in the past.

To clear misunderstanding, Provost Marshal-General Crowder issued a statement today explaining that under the regulations for the draft claim for exemption may be filed not only by the registered person himself, but by members of his family or any third party with knowledge of the facts in his case.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Members of the house and senate military committees will witness the drawing to select men for the national war army. Secretary Baker said today that he or some other official of the war department and not President Wilson, as has been suggested, would make the drawing. No date will be announced until all exemption boards have been organized. Officials hope this may be by the end of this week.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT PENDLETON CAUSED BY MAN'S JEALOUSY

PENDLETON, Or., July 9.—John M. Bowman, a carpenter, shot and killed his wife, Mable A. Bowman, and then turned the gun on himself, dying instantly, at their apartments early this morning. Jealously is assigned as the cause. Two bullets entered the woman's body, one in the back and one in the temple. The couple came here from Klamath Falls and had been operating a rooming house. Mrs. Bowman was formerly Mrs. A. D. Imbler, of Spokane.

RED CROSS GETS ALL FROM GREEK WHO IS INSANE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—John Lampas, who enlisted in the regulars Monday after giving an automobile and \$546, his entire savings, to the Red Cross, went suddenly insane Tuesday at the recruiting depot on Angel Island.

Military authorities telegraphed to the police to meet the boat which brought Lampas back to the detention hospital.

Lampas is 26 years old. He is a native of Greece and has been in the United States for nine years.

PROMINENT PAIR SEEK DIVORCE IN ROSE CITY

PORTLAND, Or., July 8.—Suit for divorce has been filed by Mrs. Ruth Schwitter against Albert M. Schwitter, principal owner of the Northwest Drug company, and a prominent business man of Portland. The decree is asked on the grounds of cruelty which is said to be of such a nature as to undermine the health of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Schwitter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sichel. She was married in Portland June 19, 1911. Mr. Schwitter at that time being a resident of San Francisco. In her complaint she charges that further married life is intolerable. She also alleges that her husband is of a sullen and stubborn disposition and perpetually finds fault with her.

EXPLOSION WOUNDS 31 AT ISLAND MAGAZINE

VALLEJO, Cal., July 9.—Six persons were killed and 31 injured at Mare Island navy yard when the black powder storehouse of the island exploded at 7:55 o'clock this morning, according to an official statement issued at noon by Commandant Harry George.

He declared that the dead are: Chief Gunner A. S. MacKenzie and his wife and two daughters; George Stanton and N. C. Damstead. Four of the injured are in a serious condition, he said. All of the injured are in the navy yard hospital.

So terrific was the blast that most of the houses in South Vallejo, across the straits, facing the part of the yard where the magazine was located, were badly damaged. Most of them had their fronts blown in and several were unroofed.

In Vallejo proper thousands of dollars worth of plate glass windows in Georgia street, the main thoroughfare, were shattered and much other damage was done.

The port side of the Southern Pacific steamer El Capitan, 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. They are Lieutenant C. Bird, D. W. Sausburg of Pasadena, Carpenter J. D. Soule, L. S. Tighe, F. C. Sheldon and A. Widenburg.

All the windows in the office of the Southern Pacific station agent and the roadmaster's office were destroyed, the baggage room doors of the station were blown off and other damage done to the station.

The steamer Iriquois, which was in the strait at the time, was also damaged.

Half an hour after the blast it was impossible to get details of the accident but it was reported that the black powder magazine had blown up.

The magazine was located at the extreme south end of the navy yard, directly across the straits from South Vallejo. More than a hundred men have been employed there.

Meager advices from across the straits indicate that several buildings were destroyed and one building was burned down, but these reports cannot be confirmed. Since the declaration of war with Germany, all entrances to the navy yard have been carefully guarded, and newspaper men have not been permitted to enter except by special permit, which have been sparingly issued.

A few minutes after the explosion all the navy officers at Mare Island and about 1000 marines and other recruits were hurried to the scene to fight the fire which was expected to result.

The blast was heard as far away as Sacramento, where buildings were rocked and dishes shaken off shelves. It was also felt in Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley.

20,000,000 MEN ARE READY TO ENTER WAR AGAINST HUN EMPIRE

WASHINGTON, July 11.—China will soon be ready and willing to draw upon her countless hordes of men to aid in beating Germany.

In fact, oriental diplomats today predicted that she will enter the war with an initial contribution of 500,000 men.

She has 20,000,000 physically fit men of military age, with the first 500,000 already equipped and vast national resources to draw upon for further equipment.

As the orientals see it, China's participation in the war would mean her salvation, inasmuch as it would train her masses in the ways of battle and make the nation strong to resist what might threaten later—Japanese aggressions.

Parliament must reassemble before China can take any action looking toward actual war participation.

PORTLAND MAN MARRIED

Walter S. Daniel, of 725 Hawthorne avenue, Portland, and Lulu L. Sauer, were married here Saturday by Justice of the Peace John N. Sievers.

COPPER MINE NEAR GRANTS PASS SOLD GROUP FOR \$150,000

GRANTS PASS, July 11.—The last chapter in the most important mining sale Southern Oregon has seen in many years was closed when a sight draft for \$150,000 was paid completing the purchase price of \$150,000 for the Queen of Bronze mine.

The draft was drawn by Charles F. Tatts of Colorado Springs and was paid by John Hampshire of this city, who represented, as former owner, the associates in the purchase of the property. Judge John Twohy, R. H. Miller, M. S. Boss, T. P. Ryan and Roy H. Clarke.

In a statement made by the purchasers the fact was made known that the entire purchase price of the property had been made in profit from its operation for 17 months, during which time \$283,000 had been received from the Tacoma smelter in ore shipments. The ore has been hand sorted, that which was shipped averaging 3.48 per cent copper and \$3.45 per ton gold.

The low grade ores have been held for future treatment by a new separation process now being perfected by representatives of the United States bureau of mines acting with the state bureau at Corvallis.

The phytolite content of the ore, which because equally heavy with the chalcopryite, cannot be separated by the ordinary jig table, will be separated by an oil flotation process. Experiments which have demonstrated the commercial feasibility of the process, have been worked out at this Queen of Bronze property.

The mine is now shipping 700 tons of ore monthly. It has the largest payroll in southern Oregon, \$13,000 per month, of which about \$2300, or \$4.50 per ton, is paid to teams and trucks for hauling the ore 27 miles to the present terminus of the California & Oregon railway.

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 11.—A contract for the grading of a two-mile section of the Pacific highway between this city and the Jackson county line, was granted by the county court to Albert Anderson at the price of \$7200. Work will start at once.

SON OF THE RICHEST WOMAN IS MARRIED AT SIMPLE WEDDING

CHICAGO, July 10.—Edward H. R. Green, Terrell, Kaufman county, Texas, aged 46; Miss Mabel E. Harlow, Highland Park, Lake county, Ill., aged 48 years.

That's the way it reads on the marriage license of the most proposed to bachelor in the world, who forsook bachelorhood this noon.

Colonel Green, who came here from New York with his secretary, W. H. Marshall, Sunday, refused yesterday to admit the impending marriage to newspaper men who were "tipped off" from New York. Late yesterday, however, he and Marshall slipped out of town to Waukegan, Ill., where the license was obtained. Last night the colonel "tipped up."

"I am marrying the best and most sensible little lady in the world. I am marrying a quiet little lady, whom I can go to when I am burdened with the troubles of the world; I am marrying for a real home," was the way Green put it.

The colonel, who shares with his sister, Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks, the \$100,000,000 estate left by their mother Mrs. Hetty Green, met his bride when he called at the home of her uncle, George H. Crampton, with whom he was interested in a real estate deal, 15 years ago.

Miss Harlow has resided at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Crampton, since the death of her mother, five years ago. While not shunning society, Miss Harlow has devoted most of her time to charities, both in Chicago and New York. The wedding took place at the bride's home.

Green and his bride will leave for New York, where they will board his yacht, the United States, to go voyage through the Caribbean.

GLAFFIG FLOURISHED GERMAN WAR BOND FOR \$2500 AND IS JAILED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—August Glaffig went into battle in a restaurant early today reinforced with an Imperial German war bond for \$2500. That's why he languishes in jail today waiting for federal officers to investigate his case.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR UNSELFISH SACRIFICES

WASHINGTON, July 11.—President Wilson appealed to the country's business interests tonight to put aside every selfish consideration and to give those who go out to offer their lives their aid to the Nation as freely as on the battlefields.

In a statement addressed to the coal operators and manufacturers he gave assurances that just prices will be paid by the government and the public during the war, but warned that no attempt to extort unusual profits will be tolerated.

"Your patriotism," said the president, in his appeal, "is of the same self-denying stuff as the patriotism of the men dead and maimed on the fields of France, or it is no patriotism at all. Let us never speak then, of profits and patriotism in the same sentence."

"I shall expect every man who is not a slacker to be at my side throughout this great enterprise. In it no man can win honor who thinks of himself."

The president declared there must be but one price for the government and for the public. He expressed confidence that business generally would be found loyal to the last degree and that the problem of wartime prices, which, he declared, will "mean victory or defeat" will be solved rightly through patriotic cooperation.

In unmeasured terms, however, Mr. Wilson condemned the shipowners of the country for maintaining a schedule of freight rates which has placed "almost insuperable obstacles" in the path of the government.

"The fact is," he asserted, "that those who have fixed war freight rates have taken the most effective means in their power to defeat the armies engaged against Germany."

Coal production and other industries for whose products the government has negotiated price agreements are not taken up in detail by the president, his appeal dealing only with the general principles involved in the determination of war prices.

EMBARGO IS PLACED ON ALL FOODSTUFFS BY THE GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, July 9.—America's embargo, curtailing supplies to neutrals, lost they be re-exported to Germany, will be effective July 15. Thereafter no vital foodstuffs, munitions, fertilizers, or metals can be sent abroad without licenses from the department of commerce.

Certain congressmen strongly favor having the president to screw down these limitations that the neutrals will have to align themselves with the United States against the central powers unless they wished to starve.

Neutrals will suffer more unless they divert their tied-up shipping to allied uses and likewise permit an allied patrol of the Scandinavian coasts, to bag submarines, now using territorial waters as a safe outlet to the sea.

EMMA GOLDMAN AND ALEXANDER BERKMAN GET 2-YEAR SENTENCE

NEW YORK, July 29.—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, anarchists, were found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct operation of the selective draft law by a jury in the federal court here today.

Judge Mayer imposed the maximum penalty of two years in the federal penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000 upon each of the prisoners.

FIGHT FOR GERMANY BE DIVORCED FIRST FORGET YOUR BILLS

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 9.—Because Gustav Kloninger is in Germany and can neither come to the United States or have any one legally represent him, his divorced wife, Anna Kloninger, filed an unusual suit in the superior court yesterday. She asks that she be allowed to pay a note and mortgage for \$5500, which she gave her husband when they were divorced.

EVASION OF DRAFT MADE POSSIBLE BY FORMING OF NEW UNIT

PORTLAND, Or., July 10.—Two new divisions for the Oregon naval militia have been allotted to Oregon by the navy department, according to Adjutant General White, making four in all. One has been filled and a second is now forming. Recruits are being received at two stations, Fourth and Washington streets and 106 Fifth street.

It has not been decided where the new divisions will be assigned. St. Helens, Marshfield and Astoria are under consideration. A number of ensigns are being appointed to take charge of the recruiting work, each division being allowed three. Men qualified stand a good chance, but men trying to get such places through "pull" will immediately be dropped from consideration. This is after the system employed in the army, says the adjutant general.

As soon as the divisions are enlisted to full strength and ready for service, they will be sent to Bremerton and placed in training. One of the divisions is expected to be in shape to leave by July 25.

A point in connection with the recruiting of these divisions is that men who enlist will be exempt from selective draft.

SPIRITS THAT WED THEM CAN ALSO SET THEM FREE, SAYS WIFE

ST. LOUIS, July 10.—Mrs. Estelle Hamsley, "spiritual bride" of Elwood V. Matlack, St. Louis capitalist, stands ready to "spiritually divorce" him.

She made this announcement here today on her arrival from Chicago.

"I will try to see Mrs. Matlack today to effect a reconciliation," she said. "If she will take him back and promise to love and cherish him then I will pass out of his life forever and our pure love shall die—the child of a dream."

"I am doing this for the sake of his child and home. I am doing this because I love him and put my love above selfish interests."

Mrs. Matlack has been quoted as saying she will "forgive and forget all if he will leave 'Spooky Estelle' and return to her fireside."

Matlack returned here with Mrs. Hamsley from Chicago but he would not discuss his plans.

"I doubt whether Mrs. Matlack means all she says about taking him back and forgiving him. I sometimes think she is shamming to give us newspaper notoriety. If when I talk to her today she convinces me she does not mean to take him back then I will probably marry Mr. Matlack according to the conventions."

"But if she will promise me to take him back and love and cherish him forever then I will pass out of his life."

DRAFT NUMBERS ARE POSTED BY COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Registrants subject to draft for the new national army were today notified to hold themselves in readiness to appear before boards which will conduct examinations and consider exemption claims. Detailed instructions regarding the course to be pursued are contained in a circular sent broadcast by direction of Provost Marshal General Crowder. Details of the means to be employed in making selection were withheld today pending the completion by delinquent states of the organization of all local and district exemption boards.

The official government serial number by which the draft will be made, has been assigned to every registered man in Clarkamas county and the list posted in the corridors of the county court house. The officials who will handle the draft, point to the fact that the burden of learning of your drafting depends upon the individual, hence the posting of the numbers.

It is expected that the registrants ascertain their number and then when the draft is announced from Washington the chosen ones can learn of the choice of the official members of the staff.

NAVAL AIRPLANE PROGRAM MAY GET 45 MILLION

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Appropriation of \$45,000,000, in addition to the money already available for naval aeronautics, was recommended to congress this afternoon by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

The money would be used to expand the present air service of the navy by establishing new schools and buying new air craft for school duty with the ships and coast patrol work.

PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER OF WIFE AND CHILD

LOS ANGELES, July 9.—Asking clemency, William Bicker today pleaded guilty before Judge Willis to the murder on March 5, 1916, of his wife, Mildred Bicker, and 3-year-old daughter, Laura Rita Bicker, whom he shot following a quarrel with his wife after she had gone to a dance against his wishes. After whispering the two, Bicker turned the weapon on himself, but inflicted only a scalp wound, from which he soon recovered. He will be sentenced Thursday.

INDICT 131 ON CHARGE OF AIDING THE ENEMY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—One hundred and thirty indictments, 98 bearing on an alleged world-wide plot to bring about a revolution in India against British rule, and 41 bearing on the so-called steamship Sacramento neutrality case, in which it was charged that efforts were being made to provision German warships at sea, were returned by the federal grand jury here today, after many weeks' investigation.

The first batch of 98 indictments was on secret file and John W. Preston, United States District Attorney, refused to divulge the names of the defendants until their arrest. Those indicted live in various parts of the United States, and include men ranging from millionaires to Hindu laborers.

Former German Consuls in Chicago, Honolulu, Shanghai, Manila and San Francisco, together with members of their staffs and former attaches of the German embassy at Washington, are among those indicted.

The government charges that men involved in the plot recruited men and collected money in this country to be sent to India in furtherance of the revolt. Also that ships were outfitted and dispatched with men and supplies for the revolutionary forces.

The other 41 persons indicted, whose names were made public, include German officials formerly stationed in the United States, local shipowners, customs and shipping brokers and members of the crew of the Sacramento.

Among these were F. Von Papen, former military attaché of the German embassy in Washington; A. H. Von Schack, former vice-consul of the San Francisco German consulate; Hans Tauscher, husband of Madame Gaski; Walter Sauerback, lieutenant in the German navy, now interned in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Robert Capelle, local agent of the North German steamship company; Henry C. Kaufman, former chancellor of the San Francisco German consulate; Louis Hengartner, former admiral's lawyer of the German government here, and former member of the faculty of the University of California; T. A. Anderson, captain of the steamship Sacramento; Ram Chandra, a Hindu, alleged leader of the Indian revolution in this country, and J. Clyde Hissar, officer of the California naval reserve.

In addition, the following shipping firms were indicted: C. D. Bunker & Co., Swayne & Hoyt, the Northern & Southern Steamship company, the Golden Gate Steamship company and the Maverick Steamship company.

"For more than a year prior to the outbreak of the European war, certain Hindus and German agents in San Francisco were openly preparing for war with England," said Mr. Preston today. "At the outbreak of the war Hindu leaders, members of the German government here and attaches of the German government began to form plans to incite revolution in India for the twofold purpose of attempting to free India and to aid the Germans in their military operations."

CONDUCT OF WAR IS SUBJECT OF ALLIED COUNCIL

PARIS, July 11.—An allied conference to discuss the entire conduct of the war will shortly be held here, the newspaper Excelsior announced here today.

It is likely that the United States will be formally represented at the conference.

GREECE SEEKS AID OF FRANCE IN WAR PLANS

ATHENS, July 11.—The government has decided to ask French aid in the reorganization of the Greek army. The assembly, which will revise the Greek constitution, will be called in October.

SILVER AT 79 1/2 NEW YORK, July 10.—Bar silver was quoted at 79 1/2 an ounce in the local market today, the highest price since the beginning of the war.

The advance was almost wholly attributed to the increased foreign demand for the metal, silver having been substituted for gold coin by most of the European countries.

J. W. NEUSTADTER IS DEAD IN CALIFORNIA AT AGE OF 72 YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—J. H. Neustadter, founder of the firm of Neustadter Bros., dealers in men's furnishing goods, whose only branch is located in Portland, died Sunday afternoon at the Adler sanatorium here at the age of 72. At the death bed were his widow, his son, Louis W. Neustadter, and daughter, Mrs. Clarence H. Walter, all of San Francisco.

Mr. Neustadter was stricken with cerebral apoplexy at the Concordia club July 4, and was immediately removed to the sanatorium, where he died without regaining consciousness. News of his death was at once wired to the Portland branch, and Clarence H. Jacobson, connected with the firm there, started for San Francisco. He is expected to arrive here Tuesday morning or evening.

Mr. Neustadter was one of the best known merchants on the Pacific coast, having been engaged in business in San Francisco for about half a century.

Mr. Neustadter established the branch factory in Portland in 1877, and until his last visit three years ago was frequently in Portland in consultation with his partners. The firm employs several hundred people in its factory here and it never has had any difficulty with them, wages and conditions being settled by friendly conferences. Mr. Neustadter always insisted upon this method of adjusting differences. His employees were his friends.

HOLLAND SAYS SHE IS STARVING AND AT THIS NATION'S MERCY

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Declaring Holland is starving, Chevalier Van Rappard, Dutch minister in Washington, Monday spoke the grave apprehension of neutral nations at America's embargo.

Representatives of the other countries vitally interested by President Wilson's proclamation shutting off food, feeds, fuel and other necessities, declared their actual existence is threatened.

"We are starving," Van Rappard declared. "Our people are on rations. We will suffer most of war's terrible effects without being a belligerent. We are forced to depend upon Germany for coal and America for grain. Holland is at the mercy of your country."

It was the first outcry against the drastic action forced upon President Wilson by the war. Other neutrals are equally apprehensive. Each nation has its own case which it is placing before Uncle Sam's trade tribunal.

BUMPER CROP IS THE RESULT OF NATIONAL APPEAL TO FARMERS

WASHINGTON, July 9.—America's farms have responded to the call of war.

According to estimates compiled today by the bureau of crop estimates, the winter and spring wheat crops will total 678,000,000 bushels, or 38,000,000 bushels more than 1916 yield.

Corn will reach 3,134,000,000 bushels, far over the 1916 yield of 2,883,000,000 bushels.

White potatoes promise 457,000,000 bushels against 285,000,000 in 1916, and there will be 10,000,000 bushels more sweet potatoes this year than last.

Thus, department of agriculture officials said, the American soil has responded to save the allies in their crying need for food.

RAILROADS EARN WADS OF MONEY IN SINGLE MONTH

WASHINGTON, July 11.—A net excess of revenues over expenditures of more than \$164,000,000 during May, 1917 on 178 out of the 186 railroads of the United States, was shown by a report of the interstate commission today.

MAGAZINE KEPT FROM THE MAIL BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The August number of the Masses, the New York radical magazine, has been suppressed by being denied the right to the mails. Postmaster General Burleson told Merrill Rogers, business manager of the publication, today, "the general tenor of the magazines is objectionable."

FALLS GIVE UP DEAD

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 11.—The body of the first victim of the Niagara Gorge railway accident of July 1 to be recovered was cast up today by the whirlpool. It was that of Frank Gorska, 22 of Chicago.