

MISS RANKIN WINS PLAGE FOR WOMEN

Representative's Speech on Floor of House Results in Amendment.

UNANIMOUS VOTE IS GIVEN

Successful Effort Made to Have Members of Her Sex Included in Officials Who Will Make Food Supply Survey.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Representative Rankin, of Montana, made her maiden speech on the floor of the House today and incidentally won her initial fight. She succeeded in amending, by a unanimous vote in the committee of the whole, the food bill so as to provide that in making the proposed food survey the services of women shall be used insofar as practicable.

Women Declared Well Fitted. "The work such as gathering information and preventing waste includes activities that we have been accustomed to seeing women engaged in," said Miss Rankin.

Women officials, with their understanding and sympathy for home problems, will inspire a confidence in the home woman and will encourage her to co-operate with the Government in this emergency.

Many Are Highly Trained. "By using women officials to aid in this work we will concentrate the attention of all women on the larger bearings of the food problem. It will bring the home woman into closer cooperation with the Government."

"Our high educational institutions have been turning out a large body of women who are trained to deal with fundamental problems from a scientific standpoint. We have in these women a new source of service which we should not waste at this time.

70 IN JAPAN DIE IN FIRE

PROPERTY LOSS AT OSAKA IS ABOUT \$6,000,000.

Conflagration Follows Explosion in Warehouse and Causes Widespread Panic.

OSAKA, Japan, May 28.—(Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Seventy persons were killed and 200 injured in a series of terrific explosions and a fire which occurred in the warehouse district of Osaka yesterday.

The first explosion, which occurred in the Tokyo Dynamite Company's storehouse is believed to have been due to the spontaneous combustion of chemicals. Firemen and fire engines rushed to the scene and tried to combat the fire, but the men and women, dying from their wounds, and countless people rushing in all directions crying for help, prevented effective firefighting.

Not a person who happened to be passing in the neighborhood escaped injury. Heavy pieces of burning concrete and red-hot iron bars and other debris fell upon the heads of pedestrians.

Rear-Admiral Sims Promoted. WASHINGTON, May 28.—Rear-Admiral Sims, in charge of American naval operations in European waters, was formally appointed today a vice-admiral by President Wilson.

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SEATTLE LABOR LEADER AND SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR ARRESTED IN ANTI-DRAFT CONSPIRACY.



H. M. WELLS.

LABOR LEADER HELD

H. M. Wells Charged With Plot to Prevent Enlistments.

MANY PAPERS ARE SEIZED

Socialist Candidate for Mayor Is Accused in Connection With Circulars Urging Mutiny Against National Draft Measure.

(Continued From First Page.) their utterances that the police found no reason to interfere.

Papers Considered Profane. "The Government's proof against Wells is absolute," United States Attorney Allen said today. "It is documentary in character and shows him to have been the head of the movement."

Captain Thomas B. Foster, of the Secret Service, said that the plan to distribute the "no, conscription" circular was reached about three weeks ago at a secret meeting between Wells and his associates in the Socialist hall.

The men and women attending this meeting, officials said, were cautioned to enter and leave the hall one at a time and to make sure they were not followed.

All the arrangements for the "no conscription" propaganda were made at this and subsequent meetings," Captain Foster said. "The circular was written, printed and distributed with the greatest possible secrecy, those concerned working only under cover of darkness or early in the morning."

Mutiny Is Urged. "No conscription! No involuntary servitude! No slavery!" and was signed by the "Seattle Branch No-Conscription League, Postoffice Box 225." It counseled mutiny, defiance and death before conscription. In another place the circular said:

"Resist! Refuse! Don't yield the first step toward conscription. Better to be imprisoned than to renounce your freedom of conscience." Aaron Fisherman, secretary of the King County Central Committee of the Socialist party, and Robert E. Rice, a lawyer, were arrested May 12, charged with participation in circulation of the circular attacking the draft.

SOCIALIST EDITOR ARRESTED

Anti-Draft Articles Cause Trouble for Detroit Newspaperman.

DETROIT, May 28.—Nathan L. Welch, of Detroit, editor of the Michigan Socialist, was arrested by Federal officials today after copies of Welch's paper containing anti-draft articles had been seized.

RUSSIA UPON ABYSS RUIN

(Continued From First Page.) of raw materials and with bankruptcy. Not only have the prices of products not met the advance in wages, but payment has been so slow that industry is in urgent need of working capital.

The dealers find it difficult to borrow money, as the banks naturally are not eager to extend credit to factories which are in control of temporary workmen's committees. As a result some of the factories, according to this information, will be compelled to close within a month.

An ironical feature of the difficulties confronting the employers is that fact that although suffering serious loss they do not dare to close the establishments, owing to threats of bodily and material vengeance. The power of the workmen's committees so far has superseded the authority of the owners.

No man in a factory can be dismissed without the consent of the committee. There is no way of enforcing discipline, said one manufacturer, and idleness is prevalent.

DEMOCRACY STAKE OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Moral Power of Common Aims of Dominions Great Factor, Says Balfour.

OTTAWA SPEECH STIRRING

"No Greater Miracle Than Way in Which Colonies Have Worked Together in Self-Sacrifice," Declares British Statesman.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 28.—Arthur James Balfour, British Minister of Foreign Affairs and head of the mission sent to America, in an address late today before the two houses of the Canadian Parliament, declared that the British Empire "had staked its last dollar on democracy" and that if democracy failed, England and her possessions would be "bankrupt indeed."

"I know the democracies of the old world and the new will come out of this struggle not merely triumphant in the military sense, but strengthened in their own inner life, more firmly convinced that the path of freedom is the only path to national greatness," asserted Mr. Balfour. "I do not believe," he continued, "that anything more unexpected to the outside world ever occurred than the enthusiastic self-sacrifice with which the great self-governing British dominions have thrown themselves into the great contest at the side of the motherland."

COLONEL ZINN IS HERE

COLONEL DENT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TO BE RELIEVED. Man Who Joined General Pershing's Expedition in Mexico Last July to Take Up Work in Portland.

Colonel George A. Zinn, late in command of the Second Regiment United States Engineers, arrives in Portland yesterday from El Paso, Tex., to relieve Colonel Dent, Corps of Engineers, at the Custom-House.

Colonel Zinn joined the General Pershing expedition in Mexico last July, with the Second Engineers, and has since been stationed at El Paso.

"Of course my duties for the present are largely those of war-time," said Colonel Zinn at the Multnomah yesterday. "but the improvement of these waterways should be of vital importance to the district. It will take some time to get acquainted, but I expect to take hold."

Last evening Colonel Zinn dined with Colonel Cavanaugh, Major Jewett and the two prospective Captains of the Eighth Engineers, Kenneth D. Hauser and Harold Young.

STUDENT AVIATORS ADDED

Second Lot of 150 Begin Training at Various Colleges.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The second lot of 150 student aviators for the Army went into training today at the six colleges which are aiding the Government in building up the corps. The plan is to turn out 150 aviation Reserve corps officers each week after the first class finishes its course, the number at the school being kept at 600.

BIG SHEEP SALE IS MADE

Morrow County Men Buy 2069 Ewes and 1200 Lambs at Big Price.

HEPPNER, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—Pat Connell and Frank Monahan, well-known sheepmen of Morrow County, have just closed a deal with John Curran, administrator of the estate of the late Patrick Curran, for the purchase of 2069 ewes at \$10.25 a head and 1200 Spring lambs at \$6 a head, immediate delivery.

PANAMA PROPOSES ROADS

Advance of \$10,000,000 for Canal Defense Is Suggested.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Panama has proposed that the United States advance \$10,000,000 for immediate construction of strategic roads and railways as a step in proper defense of the Panama Canal Zone in the world war.

Offerings for Tuesday—Store Closed All Day Wednesday, Decoration Day A Particularly Worthy Sale of Beautiful Chiffon Taffeta Silks

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amendment June 4," is the statement of G. Clifford Barlow, president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association. "Merchants generally have determined that the increased trade obtained from tourists in communities now blessed with good roads is of great value."

SPANIARDS FAVOR BREAK

Mass Meeting at Madrid Urges Action Against Germany.

MADRID, via Paris, May 28.—Resolutions adopted at the great mass meeting in favor of the entente allies held in Madrid yesterday were presented to the Spanish Minister of the Interior today.

SAVE! By Buying Now

Prices have advanced again, but the stock on hand will go at the old low figures: J. P. Hale \$89, Welsch (former price \$265) \$138, D. S. Johnson \$150, Vose & Sons (never used to speak of) \$187, Lexington (up to date) \$218, Kinder & Collins \$228, Packard (small) \$235, Henry & S. G. Lindeman (sells for \$450) \$287. See them and be convinced.

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