

3 SHIPS SUNK FOR EVERY ONE BUILT

U-Boats Make Deadly Record in Year.

BONAR LAW GIVES FIGURES

Ratio of Vessel Losses Will Be Changed in 1918.

CONSTRUCTION SPEEDS UP

Ravages of Submarines to Be Materially Checked This Summer, According to Expressions of Daniels and Jellicoe.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Ship tonnage sunk by submarines in 1917 was nearly three times as great as the total production in the United States and Great Britain during that year. This was disclosed today by the announcement of Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the British House of Commons that Great Britain produced only 1,182,474 tons of shipping last year.

The output in the United States was \$91,227 tons, making a total combined tonnage of 2,664,672, while sinkings by submarines last year generally are reckoned at 4,000,000 tons.

Construction Data Incomplete.

While complete figures on construction in Japan, Italy, France and other nations in 1917 are not yet available, officials here do not believe their aggregate equaled the total of the United States. If that is the case, submarine sinkings more than doubled all tonnage produced.

Both American and British officials expect a very different story in 1918, however. The United States and Great Britain are speeding up their shipping programmes and naval officials in both countries have confidently predicted that the submarine will be curbed this summer.

Best Result Soon to Emerge.

Secretary Daniels believes that effective results will be obtained in the early summer.

Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, former chief of the British naval staff, recently predicted that by August it could be said that the submarine menace is killed. However, he predicted dark months before that time.

The output of ship tonnage in the United States in 1918 has been variously estimated at from 2,500,000 tons to 4,000,000 tons, with shipping board officials confident that at least 3,000,000 tons will be completed. No estimate of Great Britain's output has been received, but that country is expected to materially increase its 1917 figures.

3 FLYERS PERISH AS AIRPLANES CRASH

SON OF GEN. PEYTON MARCH ONE OF VICTIMS.

Lieutenant Wray, of Los Angeles, and Cadet Porter, of Long Island, are killed on Hicks Field.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 13.—Three more fatalities, due to two separate crashes, were added today to the ever lengthening roll of deaths at Hicks Flying Field, 12 miles from Fort Worth. The dead are:

Lieutenant Peyton C. March, son of the newly appointed acting chief of staff of the United States Army.

First Lieutenant J. L. Wray, a native Canadian, but who had resided for years at Los Angeles, Cal.

Cadet Piyer R. Porter, whose father is R. A. Porter, a jeweler of Long Island, N. Y.

Lieutenant March crashed one thousand feet into the air at Hicks Field Tuesday afternoon. He died today at the base hospital at Camp Bowie.

Lieutenant Wray, who was 32 years old, and Cadet Porter, 23, crashed at 11 o'clock today four miles from Hicks Field. A party of cadets from Benbrook saw them plunge earthward and hurried to the scene, arriving only a few moments after the machine almost buried itself in the sod. The bodies of the lieutenant and the cadet were pinned beneath the wreckage.

How control was lost of either machine never will be fully known, but each plane was seen to plunge into a nose dive, one of the most dangerous plunges in which a flyer can be placed, and which has caused most of the fatalities at the aviation camps about Fort Worth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Army officers attribute the growing frequency of fatal accidents at the military aviation schools largely to the fact that large numbers of the thousands of students are just reaching the stage of qualifying as fighting flyers. The student officer must go through all the perilous maneuvers he might have to execute at the front.

There are many thousands of students at more than a score of training stations, and the percentage of serious accidents so far has been regarded as gratifyingly small.

FRIENDS LOST, HE ENLISTS

Clackamas County Agent Incensed at Torpedoing of Tuscania.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Angered at the torpedoing of the Tuscania, because 23 of his former college mates were on the ship, and grieved over the death of his chum, William (Billie) Williams, who went down with the ill-fated vessel, R. G. ("Dick") Werner, county agricultural agent, is going to the front and leaves Friday. He has enlisted in Base Hospital Unit No. 48. He will be succeeded by Wallace L. Kaddery, who has been assistant state leader of county agents.

Mr. Werner determined some months ago to enter the Army, but was induced by the state and United States authorities to stay at his post. He expects to be in France within two months.

CITY FLAKED WITH WHITE

Swiftly Falling Temperature Turns Rain Into Snow Storm.

Chilly weather yesterday turned a drizzle of rain into a genuine snow storm as night came on. At 7 o'clock the big flakes began their descent, and in a short time the downtown streets were avenues of slush. With the advent of the storm the temperature dropped to 33 degrees.

Though the snowfall melted rapidly in the downtown section, suburban alleys, on higher heights, donned their coat of spotless white for the second time this winter, and gave promise of sledding for the children.

The prediction of Weatherman Wells for today is rain or snow.

MAMMOTH HOP RANCH GOES

Horst Brothers to Grow Vegetables on Independence Property.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Information which has been received here is to the effect that the great Horst Brothers' hop ranch near Independence, said to be one of the largest in the world, will be converted largely into a vegetable ranch and that the dryers will be used for evaporation of vegetables.

It is stated that 400 acres of the ranch are to be leased for vegetable growing.

IOWA BANKER SHOTS SELF

W. F. Coan Victim of Revolver in Own Hands; Cause Unknown.

CLINTON, Ia., Feb. 13.—W. F. Coan, state counsel for the Lincoln Highway Association and prominent Clinton banker, killed himself this afternoon. Mr. Coan discharged a pistol which had been lying under the teller's window, sending a bullet into his brain. Whether the act was intentional or accidental has not been determined.

2 TONS OF SEED SHIPPED

California Sends Shipment to England for Rehabilitation.

HOLLISTER, Cal., Feb. 13.—Two tons of garden seed, one of many similar shipments to the British government for use in rehabilitating agriculture, left here today by express for New York, whence it will be transported to England.

HAYS OF INDIANA G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

Committee Elects by Acclamation.

ADAMS, ONCE PRO-HUN, QUILTS

Perfect Harmony Restored After Early Storm.

HONORS PAID TO PERKINS

Moose Leader Credited With Feat of Sending to Junk Heap Room That Had Been Launched for Iowa Man.

BY ARTHUR M. EVANS. (Staff correspondent of the Chicago Herald.) ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Will H. Hays, the original "Live Wire" of Indiana, whose activities put the Hoosier state in the Hughes column in 1916, was elected by acclamation today an national chairman of the Republican party.

All the storm blew over and all was peaceful as a Red Cross knitting circle. John T. Adams, of Iowa, whose pro-German utterances before America entered the war stirred up the trouble, withdrew from the race and nominated Mr. Hays.

Vote Made Unanimous.

No other candidate was named which made it unanimous for Hays. He is Republican state chairman in Indiana and also chairman of the Indiana State Council of Defense.

After that the committee proceeded to what speakers termed "a complete housecleaning."

Members of the executive committee, among them Mr. Adams, arose one by one and resigned to give the new chairman a free hand. The next executive committee will be named at the next meeting of the National committee.

Upham Chosen Treasurer.

Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, was elected National treasurer of the party to succeed Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., who resigned on account of his Red Cross work.

Mr. Upham handled finances in the West in the Taft campaign of 1908, and again during the Hughes campaign. George H. Sheldon, of New York, was put up, but Upham ran away with the office, getting 34 votes to 12 for Sheldon.

E. P. Thayer, of Indiana, was made sergeant-at-arms of the party, to succeed the late Colonel William F. Stone, veteran of many campaigns. James B. Reynolds, of Washington, was re-elected secretary.

Adams Has Nothing to Do.

Mr. Adams remains in his old place as vice-chairman. But the leaders point out that the holder of this job has (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

SPIRITUAL LIFE TO BE GIVEN BREADTH

ADDITIONAL CHAPLAINS ASKED BY GENERAL PERSHING.

Conduct of Men Abroad Excellent, but Conditions in France Require Increasing Vigil.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—General Pershing has recommended to the War Department that the number of chaplains in the Army be increased for the war.

While the conduct of the expeditionary forces has been excellent, the general said, fortitude born of great courage and lofty spiritual ideas is required to overcome entirely conditions found in France, and it is his desire to surround the men with the best influence possible.

"In the fulfilling of its duty to the Nation," said General Pershing's cablegram, made public tonight, "much is expected of our Army and nothing should be left undone that will help in keeping it up to the highest standard of efficiency. Counting myself responsible for the welfare of our men in every respect, it is my desire to surround them with the best influence possible. In the fulfillment of this solemn trust it seems wise to request the aid of the churches at home.

"Men selected through these forces a definite character, with reputations well established as sensible, practical, active ministers or workers accustomed to dealing with young men. They should be in vigorous health, as their services will be needed under most trying circumstances.

"It is my purpose to give the Chaplain Corps through these forces a definite and responsible status and to outline, direct and enlarge their work into co-operative and useful aid to the troops."

\$2.75 WHEAT IS PROPOSED

Bill to Give Farmers Greater Profit Introduced in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A bill to fix the price of wheat for the 1918 crop at not less than \$2.75 a bushel, instead of \$2, as now provided, was introduced today by Senator McCumber, Republican, of North Dakota, and referred to the agriculture committee. The Senator said the price of materials and labor had become so high that something must be done to increase the profits of the farmers and induce them to increase production.

Senator Gore, Democrat, of Oklahoma, also introduced an amendment increasing the Government's guaranteed price to \$2.50 a bushel.

ROOSEVELT IS IMPROVING

Doctors Report Patient Weak, but Condition on Whole Satisfactory.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—A marked improvement in the condition of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was announced at Roosevelt Hospital this afternoon. He passed a comfortable night and awakened at 7 o'clock greatly refreshed. Mrs. Roosevelt spent some time early in the day at the bedside.

A bulletin issued early this afternoon said: "Doctors Martin and Duell report very satisfactory progress of Colonel Roosevelt. He is, of course, weak, but on the whole his condition is most satisfactory."

VALENTINE DAY IN GERMANY.



SHERIFF ON TRAIL OF A. C. TOWNLEY

Non-Partisan Official to be Taken Soon.

SEDITION WARRANT IS ISSUED

Light Thrown on Alleged Mobbing of Attorney.

BOYCOTT TALK RESENTED

Citizens of Lakefield Rally When Manahan Says He Will Use His Influence With Farmers of That District.

LAKEFIELD, Minn., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Following the conviction last night of Joseph Gilbert, manager of the Non-Partisan League, on a charge of creating an unlawful assembly, Sheriff Lee, of Jackson County, has gone to the Twin Cities with a warrant for A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, charging him with conspiracy to discourage enlistments.

Now that somebody else is telling about them, new light is being thrown on the circumstances of James Manahan's departure from Lakefield Monday night after citizens of Lakefield, reacting to threats charged to Manahan, reported in kind and moved the counsel for the Non-Partisan League to hurry out of Lakefield.

Accounts of the circumstances attributed to Manahan included assertions of attack on him by a mob of 500 persons.

Manahan was in Lakefield defending Gilbert, manager of the league. During the course of a statement by Manahan, the attorney threatened to have the town boycotted by the farmers, men in the audience said.

This angered the citizens and many gathered around Manahan and Nels Johnson, league organizer, threatening them. Johnson left the town on his own accord.

Guard Left at Lakefield.

Sheriff Lee returned to the county seat of Jackson County today, leaving 15 deputy sheriffs at Lakefield.

Non-Partisan League headquarters issued statements giving their version of the Lakefield affair and condemning some of the public officials.

"I was in Lakefield as legal counsel for a client who was on trial for a alleged misdemeanor," Manahan's statement says. "While acting in this capacity—just after I had conducted an auction to raise funds for the Red Cross—I was assaulted by a mob.

Rights Declared Violated.

"The peace officers of that county gave me to understand they could not protect me—that I had better leave town and stay away. I was forced to leave my client in the midst of a trial."

GIRL IS ARRESTED AT PRISON CAMP

SUPPOSED FIANCEE OF INTERNED ALIEN HELD.

Officials Say Young Woman Conspired With Ogden Pastor to Compass Escape of Germans.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 13.—Charged with rifling the United States mail and with violation of the espionage act, Miss Augusta Minnie Deckman, said to be the fiancée of Ernest A. Leybold, an interned enemy alien, was arrested late this afternoon in the office of the Federal censor at the war prison headquarters at Fort Douglas.

The arrest of Miss Deckman brings to light the fact, officials say, that it was she who wrote the note which Rev. B. Henry Loesman, Ogden, Utah, pastor, was caught in the act, it is charged, of attempting to smuggle into the civilian section of the compound last Sunday night.

Both Miss Deckman and Loesman were arraigned late today on the charge of violating the espionage act and pleaded not guilty. Both were held in the sum of \$2000.

According to the officers, Miss Deckman has been the outside agent in a plot that had for its purpose the delivery from the compound of Leybold, Alvo von Alvensleben, the Kaiser's former financial agent in British Columbia, and a number of other dangerous enemy aliens held in the war prison camp.

With the arrest of Miss Deckman, two new tunnels were found today in the prison camp through which the interned prisoners were seeking to dig their way outside the enclosing fence.

The woman has been under surveillance since last Summer, immediately following the arrest of Leybold von Alvensleben and William Schloeterberg and others, who were caught in Seattle and interned as dangerous agents of the German government.

Miss Deckman said she was born in Schleswig-Holstein, a German port in Schleswig, in 1891. She is 25 years old.

W. F. SKIFF, 55, SALEM, DIES

Prominent Dentist Resident of Portland for Nine Years.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Will F. Skiff, 55, a prominent dentist of this city, died at his home on Fairmount Hill here tonight. He was a native of Salem and with the exception of one and one-half years spent in California and nine years in Portland, had resided here all his life. He retired from business about a year and a half ago. He had been ill for some time.

For many years Dr. Skiff was active in many ways in Salem's civic life and was one of the best-known residents of this section.

PRICE OF BREAD UP AGAIN

Chicago Bakers Find Substitutes as Costly as Wheat Flour.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Because wheat flour substitutes are as costly and hard to secure as wheat flour itself, Chicago bakers have again raised the price of bread, 9-cent loaves advancing to 10 cents and 13-cent loaves to 15 cents.

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SNIPPER ATTACKS 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Miss Lillian Rosheim, Silverton, Victim.

HAIR IS STOLEN BY ASSAILANT

Young Woman, Unconscious, Found Lying in Puddle.

BLOODHOUNDS TAKE TRAIL

"You're Too Beautiful to Have Such Hair," Cries Masked Man as He Throws Girl to Ground and Cuts Curls From Head.

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.) Miss Lillian Rosheim, aged 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rosheim, long and well-known residents of this city, tonight lies in a sanitarium here in a serious condition as the result of an attack by an unknown masked man who tried to steal her hair about 11 o'clock this morning one and one-half miles out of town.

Mrs. Hugh Small, at whose home the girl had been visiting, found her lying unconscious in a puddle of water back of the house an hour after the attack was made.

Man in White Mask.

The assailant wore a white mask, Lillian said afterwards, and as she walked out of the Small house and went around the corner she was grabbed, thrown to the ground, her cries for help muffled and with some instrument the assailant cut several curls from her head, crying:

"You're too beautiful to own such fine hair."

During the fight which the girl made with her assailant her dress was torn and she was seriously injured. No further violence than the cutting of her hair was attempted, she declared.

The Constable of Silverton, A. F. Fernal, immediately notified the Sheriff at Salem, who, with two deputies, rushed here in an automobile with two bloodhounds, the men and dogs taking the trail at once.

No theory has been advanced for the strange assault, but it is possible an insane person or a degenerate living in the vicinity may have been watching the girl's movements and, lying in wait for her, timed his attack when Hugh Small, at whose home she had been, was in Silverton and there were no other men near at hand.

Small Home Isolated.

The Small home is located in a wooded district and there are no other houses within half a mile. Mrs. Small was in the house when the attack was made, but declares there were no cries, or at least she heard none, and it was not until the dog, barking loudly, attracted Mrs. Small's attention that she went back of the house and found Lillian.

Early in the evening a man answering the general description of Miss Rosheim's assailant was seen running across the fields toward Scott's Mills, and four men from here jumped into an automobile and pursued him. They have not been heard from yet.

The girl declared that her masked assailant was short and wore an Army hat and a khaki suit.

Further examination of the girl will be made at the sanitarium for possible internal injuries, it being believed by Mrs. Rosheim that her daughter's back has been wrenched.

Mr. Rosheim is a millman here.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The latest elopements from the Oregon State Hospital were Evelyn Day and E. Skog, both male patients from Portland, who left together about two weeks ago.

One of the hospital physicians stated tonight that Day was considered to have some degenerate tendencies. The men both suffered from religious hallucinations. Neither dressed when they left the institution in correspondence to the description given of the assailant of the Silverton girl, and hospital authorities believe these men made their way to Portland.

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