

SELECTIVE SERVICE BILL DRAWN
WILSON ASKS BILLION FOR SHIPS

WORLD EVENTS REVIEWED

50,000 GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN
UNUSUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

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Happenings of Note the World Around During the Week
Reviewed for Convenience of the Busy Reader.

European War.

MORE than 50,000 German prisoners have been taken by the British and French forces in recent weeks, it was announced last week. The British have captured 20,000 men and a large quantity of guns and material since April 1. Since April 16 the French forces have taken approximately 30,000 Germans. Along the British section of the west front, the most severe fighting of the week centered around Fresnoy and Bullecourt and the favorable weather prevailing in the middle of the week brought about a resumption of aerial warfare on an extensive scale. On Tuesday the official report announced that seven British planes had knocked down an equal number of German balloons in a single engagement.

Frank admission that free Russia's future is darkly menaced by the quarrel between the duma provisional government and the soldiers' and workmen's committee was made in striking phrases of a proclamation posted Thursday throughout Petrograd inviting a coalition government. "The provisional government cannot conceal from the people that of late its difficulties have increased to such an extent as to give rise to serious fears for the future of the government," the proclamation declared.

"Germany holds no reason for an offensive against America, but will not forego her present use of submarines for peace. The war can be ended only on the basis that no dishonorable terms be inflicted upon any nation." These expressions were obtained at Berlin Thursday by the United Press and already tended his resignation, but there was no confirmation of such a rumor.

Germany is so concerned about the recent tremendous increase in pro-ally sentiment in Sweden—due to America's entry into the war—that she is probably going to send her most expert propagandist there as ambassador. He is Count von Bernstorff, formerly minister to Washington. Such was a report received Thursday from Copenhagen.

Pope Benedict may throw the weight of his influence in the Irish situation, according to information from high Vatican authorities Monday.

Kaiser Wilhelm had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet while motoring to Berlin, a Zurich dispatch to the Corriere d'Italia of Rome asserted Tuesday. An unidentified

man fired three shots at the kaiser's car, two of them striking the tonneau, the third going wild. He was arrested. The dispatch said the police were silent on the incident.

International Affairs.

THE week brought the two houses of congress nearer an agreement on the selective service bill, saw the war tax bill more definitely formulated and secured for President Wilson assurance from the leaders of congress of a billion dollar fund for the building of ships. The house and senate conferees reached an agreement on the selective service bill Thursday that included the elimination of the Roosevelt division amendment, the retention of the senate prohibition amendment, the elimination of the amendment providing for a division of volunteers for border duty and the fixing of the age limit of men subject to selective draft from 21 to 30 years inclusive.

On Wednesday the \$1,800,000,000 war tax bill was formally reported to the house by the ways and means committee. With the present normal annual revenue of \$1,500,000,000, it is clear that when the terms of the measure become effective American people will be subject to direct taxes of \$33 per capita. Notable increases are proposed in income and profit taxes, internal revenue rates and customs duties, and additional levies are proposed on many items affecting every home that might be classed as luxuries or at least as non-necessities. The bill will have to be threshed over in the senate and stubborn opposition to certain features leads to the prediction that the upper house may largely rewrite the measure. It is certain that some time will elapse before the bill is perfected and enacted into law.

On Wednesday President Wilson summoned a delegation of 30 of the strongest leaders in the senate and house into conference and laid before them the immediate necessity of a billion dollar appropriation for the shipping board so that it can inaugurate an extensive shipbuilding campaign to counteract the destructive work of the German submarines. Their support was assured.

In the wake of this conference the Portland steel shipyards were advised Thursday to prepare to have government work and accordingly boats now under construction here for private firms will be rushed to completion.

Nine additional regiments of engineers were authorized Monday for immediate organization for service in France on lines of communication. Men who have had experience in railroad construction as track bosses, laborers, etc., are eligible for enlistment in the ranks of these regiments, which will not be subjected to rigid training as far military drill is concerned.

A unit comprising some 60 men who will be engaged in transporting ammunition to the front in France arrived in Paris from the United States Wednesday and were roundly cheered in the French capital.

On the same day an American hospital unit, the first of others to follow, sailed from the United States. This unit, the first to include regular army surgeons in its personnel, comprised 25 surgeons, 65 women nurses and 153 enlisted men.

An item of news that visualizes the participation of the United States in the conflict was received Thursday in the announcement that the American flag flies from the cars employed by the American ambulance field service at the front.

On Tuesday official announcement was made of the names of the men selected to attend the reserve officers' training camp to be opened this week at the Presidio. Included in the list were names of 175 men from Portland, a larger number than from any other city of the nation. The applications from Portland far exceeded this number and consolation to the disappointed ones came Wednesday in

the announcement that their applications will be kept on file for consideration in the selection of men for subsequent camps.

To enlist the aid of the federal government in the construction of a highway along the Pacific coast from British Columbia to Mexico, Samuel Hill left for Washington Monday to interview the president. In the event of the authorization of the road Mr. Hill, who is president of the Pacific Highway association, has pledged his personal service in superintending its construction if so desired.

Of especial interest to the food preparation campaign is the announcement made Tuesday of the forecast of a 1917 crop of winter wheat of 366,000,000 bushels as compared with a 1916 crop of 480,000,000 bushels. Investigation of local conditions showed that Oregon will plant 30,000 acres to corn this year compared with 55,000 acres in 1916, and Washington 100,000 acres as compared with 65,000 acres in 1916. The national sentiment against food speculation was summed up by Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, in an interview in Chicago Wednesday when he said: "Men guilty of speculating in food and grain are enemies of the food and grain and will be taken care of in due time."

Meanwhile the French commission to the United States, headed by ex-Premier Viviani and Marshal Joffre, continued its triumphant tour throughout the middle west and east. After last Saturday's visit to Chicago, the commission's itinerary included stops at Springfield, Ill., Kansas City and St. Louis in the Mississippi valley, and to Philadelphia and New York as the chief stops along the Atlantic seaboard. At every stop throngs of citizens paid tribute to the distinguished visitors in a manner indicating beyond question that the United States is heart and soul with France and the other entente allies in this struggle.

General News.

DEFINITE plans were launched Monday to make American Decoration day, May 30, a general memorial day throughout allied countries of the world. Consul Robert P. Skinner, at London, has forwarded to President Wilson such a proposal, together with definite plans for making the idea a reality.

Parliament, in a get-together session, was urged Wednesday by Premier Tuan Chi Jui and the rest of the Chinese cabinet to declare war against Germany at once.

Four thousand residences, more than 30 warehouses and several factories and public buildings were totally destroyed, 50 persons were killed outright and many injured in an explosion which occurred in munition sheds in Osaka, Japan, last Sunday, according to a special cablegram received by the Japanese American News of San Francisco Monday.

Victor Carlstrom, the first aviator to make a successful flight from Chicago to New York, was killed Wednesday

IN TODAY'S PHOTOGRAPHS

MEN that the circumstances of war have brought to the front in various capacities.

Colonel Jefferson R. Kean, director general of military relief of the American Red Cross, expects to direct the six base hospital units to be established in Europe by the American Red Cross.

Herbert C. Hoover, who attained world-wide fame in his direction of the Belgian relief work, has received prominent mention as a likely candidate for food dictatorship in event such an office is established. In any event, it is expected that his experience along these lines and his organizing ability will be utilized.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston will perform special service in the plans now being formulated for the proper raising and marketing of foodstuffs and for the price control of the same.

Colonel Roosevelt's attempt to receive congressional authorization of his plan to raise and lead a division of volunteers in France has created a wide difference of opinion in the senate and house and throughout the country.

Eliot Wadsworth has been active head of the American Red Cross since last September. He is 40 years old.

Commander Arthur B. Hoff, U. S. N., has been placed in charge of the New York division of the cable censorship.

day at Newport News. Carl Eppes of Newport News, an army student aviator, was also killed. The machine in which Carlstrom and Eppes were flying collapsed at a great height.

Senator Lane, with Mrs. Lane and their daughter Margary, left Wednesday night for San Francisco by the southern route. They expect to stop there a short time while the senator receives treatment before returning to Oregon. The senator's condition is regarded as serious. His eyesight is now impaired, and is extremely weak. A long rest and careful treatment are imperative.

Joseph B. Fomker, former Ohio governor and United States senator, died at his home in Cincinnati Thursday morning. He had been unconscious for 24 hours.

Eastern railroads Monday pleaded with the interstate commerce commission for 15 per cent increase in rates. Thousands of "war-stricken, starving Jews, driven from their homes by Turkish bayonets, are wandering northward from Jerusalem, according to cablegrams received Tuesday by the Zionist organizations in New York.

Logan Billingsley, fugitive bootlegger, surrendered himself to United States District Attorney Clay Allen at Seattle Thursday morning, spent 10 minutes in a cell in the marshal's office at the request of the United States marshal and was finally bailed before Judge Neterer in federal court and admitted to \$7000 bond, pending an appeal from a 13 months' sentence in the federal penitentiary at McNeil's island.

Oregon.

SUIT was filed in the circuit court for Marion county Tuesday to test the validity of the notorious Bean bill, passed by the recent legislature

and suburbs. Flowers will again be placed on the graves of the departed heroes; eulogies will be pronounced and the good deeds of those who fought for their country, including those who wore the uniform of gray in the Civil war, will be remembered.

The taxpayers of Multnomah county will be required to pay the \$6170.54 demanded by the Oregonian and Telegram for the publication of the Multnomah county delinquent tax lists, according to the decision handed down Thursday morning by Circuit Judge Tucker in the injunction suit of Fred C. King against Samuel B. Martin, auditor, and John M. Lewis, treasurer of Multnomah county.

Major-General Thomas McArthur Anderson, United States army, retired, commander as a brigadier-general of the American expeditionary force under General Merritt, which captured Manila during the Spanish-American war, died suddenly Tuesday evening at his home.

The municipal light plan as suggested by Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, will not be on the ballot for the June election, according to a decision reached by the city council.

B. S. Josselyn, former local executive head of the Portland Railway Light & Power company, made formal announcement of his candidacy for election as mayor Thursday morning. Episcopal churches of Portland held their annual parish meetings Monday night, when vestrymen and chapter members were chosen for the coming year. Some of the newly organized vestries and the pro-cathedral chapter elected officers, while others deferred the election until later in the week. Delegates to the diocesan convention were chosen also, and in some cases committees were named.

So keenly was wheat sought at Pacific northwest points by millers of the entire country as war as Europe that as high as \$3.05 a bushel, tide water track delivery basis was paid for bluestem variety, cash delivery in the interior during the day Thursday.

Completely shocked the local trade, both in wheat and flour, on account of the sensational advances made in all breadstuffs and allied products Wednesday, there was a sheer rise of \$1.50 a barrel in the price of flour locally, and a similar advance was made by Puget sound millers. This placed the wholesale price of patent at \$13.70 per barrel—so much higher than any previous market in the history of the local trade that comparisons are scarcely considered.

Charged with murder committed in Italy, 10 years ago, Nicola Emilia, an Italian, was arrested Monday night in Vancouver, B. C.

Dr. David Walker, last surviving member of the McClintock Arctic expedition, veteran army surgeon and devoted citizen of Portland for more than a quarter of a century, died Friday morning.

Battle of Arras Takes Its Name
From Very Interesting French City

Town Is Chief One in Department of Pas-de-Calais and Before War Most Important Grain Market in North France.

From the National Geographic Society.
The battle of Arras, which promises to rank in history as one of the pivotal clashes of the war, takes its name from one of the most interesting of the smaller cities of northern France. Situated on the canalized River Scarpe, 137 miles north of Paris and 57 miles south of Brussels via the French Northern railway, it is the chief town of the department of Pas-de-Calais and before the war was the most important grain market in northern France. Amiens is 38 miles by rail to the southwest, and Calais 82 miles to the northwest. The surrounding territory is a fertile plain, with the Vimy ridge some six miles to the north.

Dates Beyond Christian Era.
The history of Arras dates back beyond the Christian era when it was the chief town of a Gallic tribe known as Atrebatum. It was then known as Nemetacum or Nemetocenna, but its present name is derived from that of the tribe. Traces of the Roman period have been found here but the Vandal, who destroyed the place at the beginning of the Fifth century, and their work of obliteration almost completely. The manufacture of woollens was introduced here at an early date, however, and the town began to thrive again. For some centuries this was one of the centers of tapestry weaving and in England the term "arras" was applied to all richly figured hangings.

Arras boasted of a charter as early as 1180 and the instrument was adopted as a model by many of the neighboring communes. But this document did not protect the city against the ravages of hostile armies which swept back and forth over this fertile region throughout the middle ages. On one occasion the citizens rose against the garrison which had been installed there by Louis XI.

Victory Short-Lived.
They succeeded in driving out the soldiers of the French king, but their victory was short-lived, for the late monarch sent a larger army against them, razed the walls, slew many of the inhabitants and deported the remainder, sending Frenchmen from other parts of his domain to occupy the town, whose very name was changed to Franchise. Louis' successor, Charles VIII, restored the place to its people and rechristened it Arras. Some time thereafter it passed into German hands by the treaty of Senlis but in 1640 was restored to French.

During the French revolution Arras suffered grievously, thanks to the cruelty of her native son, Joseph Lebon, who organized and directed the Reign of Terror here. Maximilien Robespierre and his younger brother Augustin were also born in this city. It is interesting to recall, in view of his subsequent sanguinary career as a member of the Commune and of the Committee of Public Safety, responsible for converting the streets of Paris into rivers of blood fed by the guillotine, that as a young man Robespierre resigned his office as criminal judge in Arras rather than sentence a guilty man to death.

City Was Thriving One.
Tapestries are no longer woven in Arras, but the city was a thriving industrial community at the outbreak of the war, its chief articles of manufacture being hosiery, iron ware, oil products, beet sugar and agricultural implements.

In the Petite place and the Grand place Arras boasts some curious architectural relics of the period of Spanish occupation in the seventeenth century—houses of hewn stone whose upper stories project beyond the foundation walls and are supported by pillars which form arcades over the sidewalks. Beneath the streets are huge cellars or magazines which were originally quarries. The Hotel de Ville is an interesting sixteenth century building with a belfry 245 feet high, in which hangs a great nine-ton bell called "Joyeuse."

Gutta-percha obtained by French manufacturers from the leaves of the caoutchouc tree is said to be more durable than that obtained by tapping the trunks.

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