

WAR MINISTER OF RUSSIA SEES DANGER AHEAD

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REFUSES TO LONGER SHARE RESPONSIBILITY

Disappointed Official Prominently Identified With Overthrow of Czar.

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Exemption of Ministers as Cass Opposed

Berkeley Unitarian Pastor Hopes for General, Organized Protest From Preachers.

Berkeley, Cal., May 14.—(U. P.)—Declaring that there is no reason for ministers and theological students being exempted from conscription, Rev. E. Speight of the First Unitarian church has issued a statement protesting against this exemption clause of the conscription bill.

He believes the vast majority of the ministers in the United States are referring to the exemption. "Those ministers and students who have not yet abandoned their work to enlist have refused from that state for no different reasons, I am sure, than those which hold them of other callings. I hope there will be a general and organized protest by the ministers throughout the country on the ground that only sufficient reason for any man's exemption should be one which applies universally to all occupations."

ENGINEERING RESERVE CORPS OFFICERS FOR TRAINING ARE NAMED

Colonel Heuer, Division Engineer, Makes Public List of 149 to Attend Camp.

San Francisco, May 14.—(P. N. S.)—Colonel W. H. Heuer, division engineer, has made public the names of 149 officers of the engineering reserve corps which will attend the training camp at the Presidio in San Francisco.

The names of the officers are: Major William F. Allison, Seattle; Major Harold J. M. Baker, Seattle; Captain Clarence B. Lamont, Seattle; Captain George R. Campbell, Olympia; Captain Clifford E. Chase, Brewster; Captain Albert B. Cutler, Everett; Captain Bertram Dodd Dean, South Seattle; Captain Albert B. Deane, Pomroy; Captain John T. Dovey, Seattle; Captain Garrett A. Frazer, Seattle; Captain G. F. Goodspeed, Jr., Seattle; Captain J. P. Waples, Portland; Captain A. B. Haynes, Dieringer, Wash.; Captain Howard Norman Hill, Seattle; Captain Raymond D. Hoyt, Portland; Captain Nelson Barnes Hurd, Olympia; Captain Paul S. Jones, Hermiston, Or.; Captain D. Lewis, Seattle; Captain Frank A. Lewis, Seattle; Captain Henry Laughlin McGillivray, North Seattle; Captain Henry M. Parks, Corvallis, Or.; Captain Edgar F. Pearson, Portland; Captain W. D. Peaslee, Portland; Captain Edgar R. Perry, Seattle; Captain Lester D. Picking, Seattle; Captain Oscar A. Piper, Seattle; Captain C. E. Putnam, Tacoma; Captain Carl M. Reeves, Seattle; Captain William C. Sadler, Seattle; Captain William A. Schoel, Chehalis, Wash.; Captain Vernon C. Suckow, Seattle; Captain Walter McEwen Tomkins, Seattle; Captain George Triplett, North Olympia; Captain Raiston T. Wilbur, Spokane; Captain Charles Herbert Wilson, Portland; Captain K. J. Zinck, Portland.

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Eleven Die in Auto Mishaps in Chicago

Chicago, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—An investigation today of a series of automobile accidents in the Chicago district yesterday that cost the lives of 11 persons. In one of the accidents three men and three women were hurled to their death by the collision of their automobile and a Rock Island train traveling at 40 miles an hour.

Philadelphia Youth Now French Aviator

Paris, May 14.—(U. P.)—J. A. Drexel, Jr., of Philadelphia, is now a member of the La Fayette escadrille, the division of American aviators fighting on the western front.

Drexel, until Saturday, was attached to the aviation school at Fleiss-Belle-ville.

Hindenburg Is Loser in Fight With Hollweg

Chancellor Is Said to Have Threatened Resignation if Reichstag Session Were Terminated as Desired.

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SPEECH IS EXPECTED IN REICHSTAG TOMORROW

Central Powers' Peace Terms or Statement of German Situation Expected.

London, May 14.—(U. P.)—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg probably will face the Reichstag tomorrow in a speech in the reichstag, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam asserted today. The German chancellor has just returned to Berlin from a series of conferences with officials in Vienna. This followed a visit to German great headquarters for a conference with the kaiser.

Other information from Germany, received today via Holland, indicated that the chancellor on Tuesday would make a speech in the reichstag, outlining the general military and political situation, but not covering German's peace aims. Such a statement will be withheld until July, when the reichstag is to be reconvened, according to German newspapers.

Hindenburg Opposes Hollweg

That section of the German press which is hostile to Von Bethmann-Hollweg declared today that the chancellor recently went to the front to present his resignation to the kaiser. The most circumstantial of these stories insisted that Field Marshal von Hindenburg raised a storm of objection to the reform recommended by the constitution committee, which would grant the reichstag control over the army, and that he and his Junker friends conceived the plan of nullifying the committee's recommendations by terminating the reichstag sitting, rather than recessing the body until later in the summer or fall.

Such procedure would mean automatic death of the constitution committee, and make necessary reappointment and repetition of its work, which would avert another issue between the reichstag and the army for several months.

Hollweg refused to take such a course, insisting German liberals could not permit the kaiser to play a trick, he was played upon them. He was said to have announced an ultimatum to the kaiser that he would resign if such a scheme were attempted, and to have won out over Hindenburg.

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Forecast in the changes announced is the appointment of Sir John Jellicoe, first lord, as chief of the naval staff. The new post is in addition to his command of the first sea lord, Sir Henry Oliver was named deputy chief.

Purposes Are Announced. "The purpose of the changes," Sir Edward Carson announced to the house, "is to free the admiralty from administrative work and, secondly, to strengthen the shipbuilding department of the admiralty."

Sir John Jellicoe was the main figure in the last admiralty shake up by which Admiral Sir Henry Jackson was retired from the post of first sea lord. The cry then was for young blood in the navy. Jellicoe became first sea lord and Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander-in-chief of the main battle fleet.

Criticism Has Been Strong. Of recent weeks a storm of criticism of the admiralty has been brewing of such size as to lead to the belief that Sir Edward Carson's retirement would be followed by the administration was attacked first because of concealment of exact losses of allied merchantmen in the submarine warfare, secondly because it was charged the number of merchantmen sunk indicated lack of initiative and energy by the navy in running down the German trade, thirdly because of lack of any comprehensive shipbuilding plan fathered by official sources.

The Northcliffe papers pounded away continually against the admiralty and in the house of commons there were numerous exceedingly pointed criticisms of the admiralty. Another complaint was against the frequency with which German cruisers and destroyers managed to elude British submarines and bombard various British coast cities.

Final Instructions to Mission to Russia Given by President

Every Effort to Be Bent Toward Making Russia Big Factor in World War.

Washington, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—All of the members of America's diplomatic, military and naval mission to Russia were in conference with President Wilson today. Headed by Elihu Root, former American secretary of state, the members of the mission went to the White House to receive final instructions from the president.

All of the problems with which the mission will have to deal upon its arrival in Petrograd were discussed at length and the prospect was that its long journey very soon.

The United States intends to bend every energy to make Russia a beneficial factor in the world war. To that end the Root committee will become active as soon as it reaches Petrograd. It is expected that it will lay down the law insofar as organization of a permanent government with the consent of the people is concerned.

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Port Facilities Lacking. "But what we lack are facilities. Other ports have provided facilities and are going ahead. We have failed to do so and are going backward," Mr. Hegard's address, illustrated with slides showing port conditions here and throughout the world, constituted an unimpaired argument for opening the terminal plan and bonds which has been submitted by the dock commission to the voters.

Mr. Smith clinched his assertions with the declaration that analysis of the facts shows with ominous finality that "Portland must act now or lose out as a port." He pictured the harbor as that would be laid on every form of commercial, manufacturing, transportation and realty enterprise by the latest available port facilities and develop commerce.

GERMAN LOSSES DURING PRESENT DRIVE TERRIFIC

Number of Killed, Wounded and Captured From April 16 to May 1 on French Front Placed at 200,000.

Greater losses have been suffered since scientific calculations confirmed by special information obtained.

With the French armies in the field, May 14.—(U. P.)—Between April 9 and May 12, the French and English troops in the present offensive captured a total of 49,579 prisoners.

Included in this number were 374 officers. Other captures comprised 444 heavy and field cannon, 943 machine guns and 284 trench mortars.

This vast number of prisoners is being added to hourly raids all along the front last night brought in dozens of French troops harrrying German lines and seizing prisoners so that they could ascertain from the German soldiers' stories and their regimental insignia how Hindenburg's troops are now disposed against them.

183,000 MEN ADDED TO REGULAR ARMY BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

Vancouver Barracks to Get Regiment; Trained Regulars to Be Used as Basis.

Washington, May 14.—(U. P.)—The president today authorized four additional increments for the regular army, approximating 183,000 men.

The new regiments, each of which will have a nucleus of trained regulars, will be raised as follows:

Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth regiments of infantry, Syracuse, N. Y.; Twenty-fourth artillery, Fort Myer, Va.; Forty-seventh to Fiftieth (inclusive) regiments of infantry at Syracuse; Fifteenth field artillery, Syracuse; Fifty-eighth to Sixty-first (inclusive) infantry, Gettysburg national park; Nineteenth and Twentieth field artillery at Montauk Point, L. I.; Fifty-first to Fifty-fourth (inclusive) infantry, Chickamauga park, Ga.; Twenty-second and Twenty-third cavalry, Chickamauga, Ga.; Fourteenth and Forty-fifth regiments of cavalry, Minn.; Fort Douglas, Utah; Tenth and Eleventh field artillery, Fort Riley; Twentieth and Twenty-first field artillery, Fort Riley; Sixteenth and Seventeenth field artillery, Sparta, Wis.; Thirteenth and Fourteenth field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.; Twenty-second, Sixty-second and Sixty-third infantry, Reservoir, San Francisco; Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth cavalry, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.

In most cases one regiment of already trained regulars will be used as the basis for the formation of two regiments of recruits.

The regiments issued today, the regular army will be filled to its full war quota of nearly 300,000 men. More than 100,000 new troops authorized in the four increments had already been recruited since April 1.

Orders were given the quartermaster general to prepare shelter for the regular army at the points designated for each regiment.

War Tax Measure Discussion Brings Out Various Views

Some Senators Contend That Movies, Cabarets Should Be Liberally Taxed.

Washington, May 14.—(U. P.)—"Passing the buck of war taxation," was the title of a three-act comedy drama, staged before the senate finance committee when it reopened hearings on the revenue bill today.

The principals in the show were representatives of the movie, cabarets and legitimate theatricals. Before the curtain descended almost all those interested directly or indirectly in the business of entertainment came in for denunciation of one kind or another.

Senator Thomas, from the winners, scored the large hotels for charging \$5 for theater tickets ordinarily sold for \$2. Scalpers were assailed by the whole cast.

Johnson Lignon represented the legitimate stage and appeared to defend somewhat censored, running as follows:

"We who have visited cabarets soon find out they are not giving their entertainers for nothing. Cabarets are not a slapstick comedian as much as the combined salaries of the United States senate and the first lady, president, his cabinet and the supreme court all together, might well be called upon for, copious contributions in this tax on."

British Rulers Are On Inspection Tour

London, May 14.—(U. P.)—King George and Queen Mary today began a tour of northwestern England, inspecting factories and other war work. Their visit today was to one of the largest British munition factories.

Unmasked Burglars Rob Postoffice

Spokane, Wash., May 14.—(P. N. S.)—Five unmasked men broke into the store and postoffice at Deep Creek, Wash., this morning, bound and gagged Alfred Erickson and secured about \$500 in cash and stamps.

Preacher Held Charged With Slaying Eight

Itinerant Minister Murdered Victims With Ax at Villisca, Iowa, in 1912, Charge.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 14.—(U. P.)—Rev. Lyn George J. Kelly, aged 25, an itinerant minister of Sutton, Nebraska, is in jail at Red Oak, Iowa, accused of the murder of eight persons in Villisca, Iowa, in 1912.

State Attorney General H. M. Havner, who made this announcement here this afternoon, stated that with Kelly's indictment and arrest, the mystery of the famous Villisca ax murders is solved.

Kelly surrendered himself in Red Oak, according to Attorney General Havner. He was indicted by the Monticome county grand jury several weeks ago, Havner declared.

Evidence on which the indictment was based, said Havner, included a statement Kelly is reported to have made on the morning following the crime, that he had "heard the thud of the ax as it cleaved the skulls of eight persons murdered in the home of Dr. Moore at Villisca."

Other evidence, which Havner said made his case "air-tight," will be made public tomorrow by the attorney general.

Senate Debates Plan to Check Food Gambling

Thomas of Colorado Proposes Amendment Giving Authority to Suspend Boards of Trade or Other Exchanges.

Washington, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—The senate late this afternoon passed the espionage bill by a vote of 77 to 6. It carries no press censorship clause, nor was war prohibition provided.

Washington, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—By a vote of 49 to 24 the senate this afternoon rejected the Thomas amendment to the espionage bill authorizing the president to suspend boards of trade, chambers of commerce, stock exchanges and other organizations speculating in foodstuffs.

The administration's effort to restore the censorship provision in the espionage bill was defeated this afternoon by a vote of 48 to 34.

Reversing its action of Saturday, the senate by a vote of 47 to 23 struck out the Cummins prohibition amendment from the bill.

Senator Thomas of Colorado proposed an amendment which provides that all boards of trade, chambers of commerce, stock exchanges or other bodies or associations engaged in or permitting speculations in food products of any character in the form of what are known as futures, or in any other form or character, are hereby suspended until the president by proclamation shall declare the existing war to have been ended, and all agreements, wages and contracts for wages regarding food products of this character and hereafter to be made or entered into by such boards, chambers of commerce or other bodies or associations by the members thereof.

May Corn and Oats Trading Is Barred by Chicago Board Order

July and September Wheat Purchases Also Curtailed for Two-Day Period.

Chicago, May 14.—(U. P.)—Following the action of the Chicago Board of Trade in setting a maximum price for July and September wheat, prices tumbled today in the pit, sending July wheat off 20 cents from Saturday's closing—the maximum—at \$2.55 and September was off 18 cents at \$2.28.

The speculators evidently turned their attention to corn, sending July up 4 1/2 to \$1.56 1/2, and September up 8 1/2 to \$1.50 1/2.

Oats were boosted 3/4 c on July to 68 1/2 c and 2 1/4 c on September to 69 1/2 c.

Chicago, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—J. P. O'Neil, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, announced today that a special meeting of the board of directors had determined to discontinue all trading in May corn and oats. It was further decided that for a period of two days no purchases of wheat will be permitted except where necessary to fill existing contracts.

The action of the board on wheat automatically debars individuals, firms, corporations and governments from carrying up the price of wheat. The action of the directors on Saturday fixed a maximum price for the settlement of existing contracts on May 15 and closed contracts on other futures will be closed on a basis of Saturday's closing prices.

Lake Steamers Sink As Collision Result

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., May 14.—(U. P.)—The steamers Pentecost Mitchell, owned by the Pittsburg Steamship company, and the Saxon, owned by the Tomlinson company of Duluth, are at the bottom of the lake at Pipe Island, Detour, Mich., today, following a collision.

Crews of both were saved. The steamers sank in 40 feet of water.

Italians Increase Activity on Plateau

Rome, May 14.—(I. N. S.)—Increased aerial and artillery activity on the Austro-Italian front, especially on the Carso plateau, indicates that the real spring campaign is about to open.

Dispatches from the front today said that the big guns have been active for 48 hours all the way from Tolmine to the Adriatic.