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HUGHES WILL AID PROBE IN **AIR PROGRAM**

Letter Sent by President to Senator Martin Creates Stir in Capitol-Heated Discussion Follows

WANT OF CONFIDENCE SHOWN IN RESOLUTION

Wilson Says Its Passage **Would Challenge Conduct** of War

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- President Wilson has summoned Charles E. Hughes to act with Attorney General Gregory in the investigation of criminal charges made in connection with aircraft production. Mr. Hughes acceptance of the task was announced today at the White House and he will come to Washington in a few days to go over plans with the attorney general.

This announcement overshadowed interest another development which created a great stir at the capitol. . In a letter to Senator Martin, the Democratic leader, the president earlier in the day had emphatically reiterated his opposition to the phrasing of a pending resolution authorizing further inquiry by the senate military committee into aviation and other phases of war preparations. He declared he would regard the passage of such a resolution as a vote of want of confidence in the administration and virtually as an attempt to take over the conduct

Martin's Letter Discussed. designating former Justice Hughes, whose record in the New York insurance investigation is well remembered, the president said he felt the department of justice's in vestigation was of the very greatest importance, that if any person were found to be guilty they must be prosecuted vigorously and promptly and that the repuations of those attacked must be protected if the

The letter to Senator Martin was the subject of heated discussion Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who introduced the resolution of inquiry, called before the senate committee, considering it, declared there was no intention of investigating the 'conduct of the war' and that the' resolution was worded as if it was only to give the military committee of which he is chairman authority to resume its previous investigations. The senator also issued a statement in which he explained that no charges had been made against Major General Squier or Rear-Admiral Taylor, the army and navy members of

the aircraft board. The expenditures committee, by vote of three to two, amended the resolution by striking out reference to the conduct of the war and adding a proviso specifically limiting the scope of the committee's activities If the senate refused to adopt the resolution as amended, Senator Chamberlain indicated he would drop

the investigations planned. Administration leaders were the opinion tonight, however, that the amendment would be acceptable at the White House and that the resolution would be passed. If so, the military committee will proceed independently of the department of justice's inquiry.

Preparations for the department's investigation ordered recently by the president as a result of sensational charges based largely upon statements by Gutzon, Borglum, the sculptor, already are proceeding under the direction of Assistant Attorney General William L. Frierson.

Vote May Be Deferred. Frierson now is examining docu ments furnished by the war department showing how contracts for airplanes, engines and parts were left, and giving other information in the airplane manufacturing program. He also has the report to the president of the investigating committee, headed by H. Snowden Marshall, and that of Mr. Borglum.

As modified, the Chamberlain res olution will be reported tomorrow. A vote may be deferred until Saturday or early next week,

At a conference of Democratic senators during the day. it was agreed that the administration forces would oppose adoption of a resolution in a form which might be considered to authorize an inquiry into general conduct of the war and also to oppose authorization of experts

for the committee. The choice of Mr. Hughes to act with the attorney general was met with expressions of satisfaction on all sides at the capitol.

TWO ITALIANS RESIGN. ROME, May 15 .- General Dallolio, little lives?" minister of munitions, and Signor Bianchl, minister of transport, have has been appointed minister of ministry of munitions.

Bill Prohibit Immoral Places Near Army Camps

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- Chairian Dent of the house military committee toudy introduced a war department bill prohibiting immoral places within any distance of mili-tary camps or areas that the secre-tary of war may deem necessary for the welfare of the army. The measure provides a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a fine of \$1000, or both.

Position of Irish Chief Secretary Not Changed

LONDON, May 15 .- There has been no change in the constitutional position of the chief secretary for Ireland, but in view of the situation there, the lord lieutenant would exercise to a greater extent than recently the customary full responsibility attaching to his office, the house of commons was informed today by Chancellor Bonar Law, spokesman or the war cabinet.

The lord lieutenant and the chief secretary, while not in the war cabinet, would have the equivalent of cabinet rank, the chancellor added.

WORKERS ASKED TO GATHER AT SUNDAY RALLY

Red Cross Fund Solicitors Are Summoned to Meet at Methodist Church

COUNTY DIRECTOR BUSY

Mr. Page Visits Dallas, Independence, Silverton and Woodburn

The second Red Cross war fund campaign will open in Salem with a faster than the economic, which will grand raily of war fund workers at probably take several months to the First Methodist church at 3 o'clock on Sunday next, May 19. Workers will be notified by letter

charges were found to be groundand each is asked to make no conflicting dates that will prevent his or her attendance. A stirring address will be made

for the especial benefit of workers. Following the Sunday meeting there will be noon luncheons at the First Methodist church on Monday and Tuesday covering the period of forty-eight hours within which the local drive managers have planned "over the top." to go

Literature Is Mailed. Headquarters of the war fun drive are now established at 385 State street, telephone 263. Headquarters secretary, Rev. H. N. Aldrich, is busy distribuitng a great variety of most convincing literature and advertising matter calling public attention to the great activities planned for next week.

Rollin K. Page, director of county work, returned last night from Silverton and Woodburn, where he is organizing for the big drive which will actively begin on Monday morning next.

On Tuesday Mr. Page visited Dallas and Independence, where arrangements were made for the complete organization of Polk county. Posters calling attention to the

second Red Cross war fund drive, scheduled for May 20-22, are the most striking and attractive that have characterized any of the war activities.

One shows within the flowing stripes of the American flag the portraits of Hay, Enright and Gresham, the three first American soldiers to die in battle in France. The inscription is: "The First Three, Give till it hurts-they gave till they

died." Another with the inscription, "The Greatest Mother in the World," shows a Red Cross nurse bearing a wounded soldier on a stretcher with all the evidence of anxious tender- tion, Agralus Stubbs, commissioner ness a mother would bestow upon a child.

Posters in Demand. The two posters just described are houses ask for them with which to adorn their windows and the attention of the people is caught and held by their striking effectiveness.

Another is composed of an arm and hand in Red Cross uniform and emblem, in the act of gathering in the outcast and afflicted. It is in- the state for the removal of Jenkins scribed: "Keep this hand of mercy at its work."

A fourth depicts a Red Cross nurse with features showing anxious courage and determination in every ine, bearing one end of a stretcher, the other end of which awaits the arrival of necessary assistance.

The fifth shows a Red Cross nurse surrounded by a throng of destitute and starving children and bears the question, "How much to save these

The sixth and last of the series shows a large Red Cross surroundresigned. Senator Giovanni Villa ing which are the words, "A little starving child brought back to life of New York, La Follette's former because you went without some lux- law partner, that it was without jur- that there were some dates in it that that: will take charge temporarily of the ury. All of the Red Cross war fund isdiction in the proceeding and sumgoes for war relief."

AUSTRIA AND NEW TREATY

Duration of Alliance Mili-More Strict

ECONOMIC PHRASES TO REQUIRE MORE TIME

Object of 'Emperors' Conference to Strengthen Mittel-Europa Alliance

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- Accord ing to a dispatch from Switzerland. the Berlin newspapers indicate that the basis of a new treaty of alliance agreed upon at the recent conference between the German and Austrin emperors contemplates fixing twenty-five years as the period for the duration of the alliance, the imposition of stricter military obligations upon each nation and the regulation of economic relations so as to realize the Mittel-Europa plan.

The same message says advices from Vienna are to the effect that no formal agreement was signed because the moment did not seem opportune, but that nevertheless the direction and basis of the new treaty were definitely fixed and that it only remains to frame the definite clause

MAIN POINTS DECIDED ON. AMSTERDAM, May 15 .- An official dispatch from Berlin today says that now the main lines for the cementing of the alliance between Germany and Austria have been fixed. the political, military and economic negotiations will doubtless begin

It is obvious, adds the dispatch, hat the political and military arrangements can be carried through complete. The phrase in the official report

of the emperor's conference regarding the consolidation and deepening that he sought to form a private air of the alliance, says the Barlin Tage- plane corporation to take governblatt, permits of the assumption that the aim of the convention is a close military and political union and a complete blending of military re-

Germany, during the conference of the two emperors, agreed to the solution of the Polish question desired by Austria on condition that Austria-Hungary conclude a 15-year cona Vienna dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzelger.

Complete union between Austria-Hungary and Poland may shortly be expected, the message adds.

REPORTS DISAGREE ON TIME. ZURICH, Switzerland, May 15 .-Vienna dispatch to the Neuste Nachrichten of Munich says the new Austro-German alliance is fixed for period of twenty years, includes a the closest economic and customs

relations.

MORE THAN 180 ARE REJECTED

No Jury Yet Secured in Praeger Trial-Sheriff Jenkins Disqualified

EDWARDSVILLE, III., May 15,-Following the action of Judge Louis dent desired his services. The Bernreuter, presiding at the trial of eleven men charged with the lynching of Robert Paul Praeger, in disqualifying Sheriff Jenkins, from summoning talesmen for examinaof highways, was appointed to suc- his tale of woe" and nothing else was ceed Jenkins and a new panel was talked about. Examination of talesmen continued but so far not a single in demand everywhere. Business juror has been agreed upon. More than 180 men have been examined and all but three said they had made up their minds. These three have tentatively been accepted by the

> The action of Judge Bernrenter followed a request on the part of on the grounds that he was prejudiced in favor of the defendants.

> Three letters were received at Edwardsville purporting to couse from three citizens of Niobrara, Neb., and all three alleged that Praeger had been run out of that town last fall because of alleged disloyal acts.

G. M. ROE SUMMONED.

WASHINGTON, May 15. The ing Senator La Follette's much discussed St. Paul speech, today considered the protest of Gilbert M. Roe moned Roe to appear next Tuesday.

Election of Presbyterian

COLUMBUS, O., May 15 .- Election of a new moderator at the opening here tomorrow of a ten-jay session of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, North, today assumed the nature of a three-cornered contest, when Dr. J. H. Vance of Detroit announced his candidacy for the highest position in the

Practically all of the candidates Twenty-Five Years Period of for the place today opened headquarters and there was much campaigning among their friends. Other itary Obligations Made candidates are Dr. J. Frank Smith of Dallas, Texas, and Dr. W. C. Covert of Chicago.

An organic union of all evangelical churches of the country under the name "The Church of America," promises to be one of the most important overtures presented to the ssembly.

STREET CAR MEN RAISED

Omaha, Neb., May 15 .- One thousand motormen and conductors of the Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway company were today granted an increase of five cents per hour each. This is the second increase this month. The schedule of pay is now 35 and 40 cents per hour for

STATEMENT IN SELF DEFENSE

Sculptor Places Part of Evidence Before Senator Brandegee in Letter

EXPLAINS MIX CHARGES

Says Malice Is Entire Purpose of Investigation Into His Personal Object

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- Gutzon Borglum sent to Senator Brandegee of Connecticut tonight a part of the evidence he desires placed in the senate record in answer to the charge ment contracts while he was investigating aircraft production at the invitation of President Wilson. It was in the form of a long letter reiterating and amplifying his denial of the charge, accompanied by affidavits from Hugo C. Gibson, an employe of the British war mission at New York, and Benjamin Harris.

Gibson, named as associated with vention with Germany, according to the sculptor in the proposed private corporation, swore in his affidavit that in December, Borglum had intended to engage with him in a commercial enterprise, but that after receiving authority from the president to make an investigation, Borglum withdrew and they had no further negotiations. Harris, said to have been selected to represent Borglum in the proposed corporation, denied that Borglum ever had asked him to become interested in an aeromilitary convention and provides for nautic company, either on his own the closest economic and customs behalf or as a representative. In his letter the sculptor declared every effort was being made to prevent him from getting affidavits; that several of his witnesses had been 'summarily spirited away from Washington," and that others were pleading with him not to involve them for business reasons.

Denies Charge of Mix. Discussing the telegrams put into the senate record with the statement of Kenyon W. Mix of the Dodge Manufacturing company, accusing him of negotiation with Mix for the organization of the airplane company, Borglum said the first message was sent five or six days before he had any intimation that the presiothers, he asserted, had no connection with the first and were written for the purpose of learning more from Mix about his troubles with the aircraft board. He said when he came to Washington Mix "began

"Mix had stated," wrote sculptor that he had been bitterly disappointed at the inactivity of the aircraft board and placed before me a lengthy typed statement criticising the department in the extreme. His document was, in fact, the first placed before me when I took up the investigation in Washington.

At this interview, Borglum said. Mix gave a record of his experience with the aircraft board and asserted that he had in the past "pulled off two crooked deals" for Colonel Deeds of the signal corps. The letter continued:

Statement Is Returned. "Mix, being interested in the lam-

nated wood for airplanes and in Washington for the purpose of seek- eral are grandfathers. ing a contract, had an appointment on the following morning with returned in a very different mood, nervous, excited and yet apparently pleased. He said he wished the return of his statement on the ground

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Moderator Three-Cornered HUN REVOLTS PLANNED FOR U.S. IN 1914

estimony Given Yesterday During Investigation of Reports of Hidden Munitions Exposes Plot

GERMAN RIFLE CLUBS STOCKED IN ADVANCE

W. W. and Socialists to Have Been Assisted When America Entered War

NEW YORK, May 15 .- Plans had the Populist ticket in 1897. been made in 1914 for a revolution of Germans in the United States in case this country should be drawn into the European war, according to testimony today at the state attorney general's investigation of reports of hidden munitions.

Ivan Norodny, vice president of the Russian-American Asiatic corpo ration, who admitted he had sympathized with Russian revolutionists before the emperor was overthrown attributed the revelation of the plans for an uprising in the United States to Baron von Gersdorff, friend of the German crown prince, and a former agent in Mexico, who was interned after the United States entered the war.

At a dinner at a New York hotel in the fall of 1914. Norodny said he met von Gersdorff, Captain Hans Tauscher former German diplomatic agent in the United States, and another German whom he knew as Lagen or Muck and who was the manager of Mme. Gadski, wife of Captain Tauscher. Norodny quoted von Gersdorff as saying:

"The Schuetzenverein (German rifle clubs) have arms in this country and in case of trouble with th United States they will side with Germany. The rifles have come from Germany and in case af war the Germans here will assist the I

W. W. and the Socialists." The efforts of Deputy Attorney General Becker to learn the names of the owners of 1,000,000 Mauser rifles, 1,000,000,000 cartridges which various brokers had testified were offered for sale in New York by Gustav Lussing, a German born American citizen, proved fuffle when Lussing took the stand. He denied the testimony of various witnesses that he represented himself as the agent of the owners. Mr. Becker announced that he would be called to the stand at the resumption of the investigation, May 22.

No Need for Legislation on Ore Control Measure

WASHINGTON, May 15 .- C. F Kelly of New York, vice president of the Anaconda Copper company, told the senate mines committee there was no need for legislation as proposed in the administration ore control bill. Domestic production rapidly is meeting the demands increased by the war.

Mr. Kelly declared that passage of the bill would "stifle and strangle" the mining industry and would establish control over the entire mineral industry of the country. .

COMPLETE PANEL FOR LUSK TRIAL

State and Defense Reach heard in Salem and was given an Agreement for Selecting Twelve Jurors

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 15 .- The jury panel for the trial of Grace Lusk on a charge of slaying the wife With twenty men in the jury box

and four out of the original challenges remaining to each side; the state and the defense will strike four sweeping written statement that was names apiece from the panel at the opening of court tomorrow Morning. without further examination and the remaining twelve will constitute the

> In obtaining the jury panel, more than 175 veniremen have been exumined and rejected because of admitted convictions regarding the guilt or innocence of Miss Lusk.

The final panel is made up of men of middle age, most of them farmers, and only two unmarried. Sev-In court today Miss Lusk showed

little interest in the selection of the senate elections committee consider- Colonel Deeds. That afternoon he jury. Her only comment on the fact that about six out of every seven veniremen examined were excused because of admitted convictions regarding her guilt or innocence, was

> "All the good looking ones seem to be prejudiced."

Postoffice Appropriation Bill Amendment Adopted

WASHINGTON, May 15.—An amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing for an increase of \$200 a year in the salaries of clerks, letter carriers and certain other postal employes and increases of 20 per cent for rural mail carriers and for employes receiving less than \$800 a year was adopted late today by the senate.

Six New Forest Fires Menace Flathead Country

MISSOULA, Mont., May 15 .- Six new forest fires are burning in Flathead county, on state land, according to word received today from Charles Cairneross, state deputy forester at Kalispell. The fires began HEAVY BARRAGE LAID Monday and are burning in loggedoff slashing land in the vicinity of Echo lake, just north of Flathead lake. Two of the blazes are serious, according to report. .

JOHN H. POWERS DEAD TRENTON, Nebraska, May 15 .-John H. Powers, beown as the "Father of Populism" in Nebraska, died here today at the age of 86. He ran for governor of Nebraska on

Young Women Graduates of Salem Hospital Awarded **Diplomas Last Night**

MUSICAL TREAT HEARD

Applause Prolonged as Members of Class Answer Military Roll Call

All of the nurses who were given diplomas last night at the annual neuvered so as to get between graduating exercises of the Salem sun and the enemy and then atta terian church are counting the days the enemy machine wobbled as when they will leave to become ac- to the earth, leaving a trail of tive Red Cross nurses and this fact smoke. lent sentiment to the graduation last night. As a farewell compliment to them, Miss Lillian McNary, superintendent of the hospital, arranged abandon the fight. a musical program which proved to be one of the treats of the season.

Prolonged applause greeted the nurses as they stood before the audience in answer to a military roll call. They were garbed in their immacuate uniforms. Probably no higher eulogy has been given to a class of graduating nurses before but their entrance into war work changed the event from a mere graduation formality. The graduates were Miss Jennie Lucile Pearce, Miss Esther Louise Brightman, Miss Ruthy Eve lyn Ryley, Miss Laura Louise Miller and Miss Ottilie Caroline Montag.

The Presbyterian church was packed to the doors for the exercises. The program was a little late in starting as the artists of the evening came from Portland. The opening number was given by Lucien E. Becker, who is not unknown to Salem as he dedicated the organ which he played upon last night deeds. about eight years ago, in Salem. Mr. Becker gave one of his own compositions, "American Fantasia," and the organ fairly sang for him. The organist has a delightful sympathetic touch which reached his audience with his first notes. His second number, "The Last Hope," gave a

The soloist of the evening, Mrs

note of peace and quiet.

Arthur Cook (Eloise Anita Hall) of Portland, had never before been ovation. She gave to Salem the polonese, "Io son Titania" from Mignon which she recently led with in Portland in the hugely successful "The Merry Wives of Wind-Artistically speaking it was a big piece and so well was it liked for the enemy. that Salem people brought Mrs. Cook of David Roberts was completed late back to the stage three times. Sho was generous with her encores and each time sang entirely different pieces in delightfully different style. Her first encore was Cadman's "From the Land of Sky Blue Water." An entirely new piece to both Salem and Portland was the happy surprise which Mrs. Cook had for her audience as a second encore. It was a light-hearted number. Dainty Little Love Came Tripping Down the Hill" by Newcomb. The soloist nas a coloratura soprano voice and sings with an ease which was appreciated by her audience.

Adding to an already almost perfect program, a splendid trio backed up the soloists. They were Dorothy Frazier, Genevieve Frazier and John Frazier who held their violin, 'cello and plano well in hand. The players are sisters and a brother and have formed the single trio which has been furnishing Portland with choice music the past winter. Their second group of selections included the "Slavonic Dance" by Dvorak.

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CROSS GIVEN

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Americans Planes in Toul Sector-Lively Combats Take Place in Air

DOWN BY ENEMY ARMY

Biplane Seen Falling Tuesday May Have Been Victim of Hun Machine

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 15 .- American aviators today shot down three German planes in the Toul sector. Five American aviators were later dec-

orated with the French war cross.
Major Richard Bolles Paddock of the signal corps has been recom-mended for the war cross. Recently under terrific fire, he made an inspection of the wire communications which was not expected of him is cause of his rank. He found wire cut by enemy and repaired it, being wounded in the leg while doing no. He is a native of Wyoming. Ser-geant W. B. Connell of Pittaburg. a., and Sergeant N. R. Webb of Monroe, Utah, signal corps, have been awarded the war cross for conspicuous bravery in repairing wi under a heavy shell and gas attack.

Both are now in the hospital.

Air Activities Above Normal. There was a general movem behind the German lines today, pe haps owing to heavy casualties it The air activities were above norm the weather being ideal. The Free brought down a German plane in flames early this morning back of

the American lines. nia met a single enemy b north of Pont-a-Mousson. hospital held at the First Presby- ed. The German took a dive and the American followed suit.

> Late in the day two lieutenants flying in the same field attacked four enemy planes. Their jammed, however, and they had to

> The Americans decorated with the war cross were Sergeant David Pe erson of Honesdale, Pa.; Capti Norman Hall, Lieutenant Charles Chapman, who is missing; Lieutenant Edward V. Rickenbacher, the former automobile racer, and Lieutenant James Melssner. Peterson Just in Time.

Captain David Peterson met two bothe monoplanes north of Toul and immediately attacked one of them which after receiving a stream of American bullets, crashed in flames. Peterson then turned and attacked the other, which started to dive to escape the deadly fire. During the dive a wing of the German mac gave way and it also crasped to earth.

with his companions the cross of war, with the palm, for previous Major Paddock Wounded The casualty list from Washington last Sunday reported Major Paddoc as having been slightly woun-led. He is a nephew of General John J. Pershing, commander of the American

Peterson arrived at his field from

his victories just in time to receive

expeditionary forces in France, and has been in charge of the advanced telephone communications. Major Paddock was born in Lifecoln, Neb., the son of General Paddock, who was killed in the Boxer

uprising. A heavy barrage was laid down by the Germans on American positions northwest of Toul this n ing, but no infantry atack develo ed. The Americans in the line at all times during the firing were ready

Fighting Above Guns. One of the American recenns sance airplanes late yesterday afternoon from an altitude of about 400 yards fired upon German trenches, in which there were a number of the

enemy, with a machine gun. The indications today pointed to the possibility that the American biplane which suddenly dropped out of the clouds yesterday, killing the two men in it, was shot down by an en-emy machine, for it was established that the engine of the hiplane was running at full speed when it hit the

ground HILL 44 AGAIN SHELLED London, via Ottawa, May 15.-Much local enemy artillery activity is reported on various parts of the British battle front in France. During the night the shelling of the Flanders and Somme areas was account panied by a harassing fire against the line from Newar to Wieltje, mear

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THE WEATHER

Thursday, southwesterly winds.

showers;