

DRAFT LIMIT BILL BEFORE BOTH HOUSES

CROWDER SUGGESTS SEPTEMBER 5 FOR REGISTRATION OF MEN WITHIN LIMITS

WILL HELP WORK OR FIGHT RULE

Senator Chamberlain Favors Men in National Guard Being Below the Draft Age

Washington, Aug. 5.—The bill extending the selective service act to all men between the ages of 18 and 45 was introduced into both houses of congress today.

Senator Chamberlain said that everything possible was being done to expediate its passage. Provost Marshal Crowder in a statement, submitted by Chamberlain, suggested that September 5 be set as the date for national registration of all men within the proposed limits.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Secretary Baker's approval of Senator Chamberlain's plan for extension of the draft ages so as to include all those who have reached the age of 18 and have not reached the age of 45 probably insures the enactment of a law fixing practically those limits.

A month ago there was a strong element in both houses in favor of such legislation, but action was deferred at the request of the war department.

There will undoubtedly be strong opposition to the measure, on the ground that such wide limits are not necessary, but it is believed that considerations other than the actual need for men in training will have a strong influence.

One of these will be the notice to Germany that America stands ready to call out her entire fighting power if necessary. Another is that extension of the age limits will make it possible to enforce more generally than at present the fight-or-work regulation.

It is understood that Senator Chamberlain also favors legislation amending the provision for reorganization of the national guard, so that the guard shall be composed of men below the draft age, thus bringing into training men who are potential soldiers. He holds it unnecessary and wasteful now to reorganize the national guard with men in the draft ages. It is expected that he will offer a bill or amendment for this purpose.

HUNS EVACUATE FRONT LINES IN FLANDERS

With the British Army in France, Aug. 5.—Advance lines in one sector half a mile long, north of the La Basse canal were evacuated by the Germans today, and the British have pushed forward and occupied this ground.

LIBERTY BONDS HAVE DEFINITE LOAN VALUE

Owners of liberty bonds should be able to borrow 80 per cent face value.

Where a bond owner is hard pressed for money the banks will usually loan them money as a patriotic service, based on 80 per cent of the face value. This will relieve those persons whose money margin is small but who have purchased through patriotic feeling. The liberty bond has precisely the same security back of it as government greenbacks and the only difference is, the greenback is legal tender and the bond has a definite number of years to run before it is redeemable.

HOG ISLAND MAKES FIRST LAUNCHING

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Christens the Quinstock—President Given a Great Ovation

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson christened the Quinstock, the first steamer to be launched at the great Hog Island shipbuilding plant today. The president, who accompanied her, was given a great ovation.

AMERICAN SOLDIER FALLS IN ACTION

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—Lieutenant-Colonel Herman Craig, formerly stationed at the Presidio here, was killed in action on the western front July 21. News of his death was received today by his wife, who resides in this city.

AUSTRIANS ADMIT ALLIED VICTORY

Vienna, Aug. 5.—The following statement was issued from the war office today: "The enemy occupies portions of our position here, but the enemy has there lost the Fleri-Berat line in the Carpathians."

SUBMARINED VESSELS RESTORED TO SERVICE

London, Aug. 5.—Not all the ships which German torpedoes and marine collisions send to the bottom of the sea stay there. In less than three years more than 400 sunken merchant vessels have been restored to service. And more than one ship has been raised, repaired, sent forth on a new career, and then sunk and raised anew for a third lease on life.

This rescue work is done by the salvage section of the British navy. Before the war no one thought of attempting to save such wrecks as are now brought up from the depths, but ships now are priceless. The financial value of the salvage work is enormous. The cargoes salvaged are themselves worth many millions of dollars.

Recently a big American tanker collided on a dark night in the English channel with a sturdy British standard ship carrying oil. There was an explosion of benzine, and both vessels were quickly swept by flames. Of the crew of the British ship only eight men, who jumped overboard, were saved.

Salvage work on both ships began with the arrival of tugs which, after overcoming many difficulties, managed to tow them close in shore. There it was necessary to sink them by gunfire. They are now being brought to the surface, a long, arduous task.

The tanker, a fine vessel some 500 feet long and new-built, had on board 16,000 tons of oil, and, though she blazed for four days, half of the cargo was salvaged. When thoroughly repaired, the tanker will be returned to the United States; not much worse for wear, the damage being estimated at \$750,000—a small amount in marine figuring in these days when persons think in millions.

DESTROYERS ARE SUNK KILLING NINETY SEVEN

London, Aug. 4.—Two British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk by enemy mines August 2, according to an official statement by the British admiralty. Five officers and 92 men were lost.

BIG ENEMY STOREHOUSE CAPTURED BY ALLIES

Fismes Falls to Franco-American Forces—Enemy Preparing to Assume Offensive on Ypres-Rheims Front—Stubborn Resistance Shown Along Aisne River

Paris, Aug. 5.—The Germans are preparing to assume the offensive on the front from Ypres to Rheims. While continuing their retirement, the Germans abandoned good defensive positions in Picardy.

The allied troops have not advanced so rapidly in the last eight hours. There is little doubt in the allied capitals but that the crown prince will retire north of the Aisne.

Great quantities of ammunition and guns have been taken by the allies. The Germans' resistance on the Vesle and the Aisne is growing more stubborn.

Paris, Aug. 5.—The town of Fismes, Germany's great storehouse on the Aisne, on the Marne battlefield has been taken by the French and American troops, according to a French official announcement last night. The French have also crossed the Vesle river at several points.

Paris, Aug. 5.—The French troops who crossed the Vesle are getting stronger resistance from the Germans, says the war office announcement today.

There was a lull along the Soissons-Rheims front last night extending into the morning. The Germans, favored by the heavy rains are making a stiffer stand than was expected.

The Americans covered themselves with glory in capturing Fismes yesterday. The fighting was the bitterest of the war. The Prussian guards asked no quarter and were bayoneted at their guns.

FIRST AMERICAN TANK BATTALION READY FOR SHIPMENT TO FRONT

With the American Army in England, Aug. 5.—Another consignment of American man power that might be labelled "Made in England" is ready for shipment to the western front. It is the personnel of the first American tank battalion.

Trained by veterans of the British tank service, and equipped with the most modern of the land warships, the new force is expected to give an excellent account of itself. The British coaches of the American crews have expressed their approval of the manner in which their pupils have adapted themselves to the operation of the machines and, unless they are mistaken, the men whose training in England is just being completed will be given enviable roles. Their machines have the best points of both the British and French tanks and the training of the men has been in the light of experiences already gained by the fighters of France and England.

To every man in the American outfit there have been imparted the stories of mistakes made in the early history of tank warfare. Enlisted men and officers have been told what to do and what not to do; all their admonitions have been based not on theory but on actual experiences, gained in the face of German fire, loosed always upon the slightest intimation that the tanks are lumbering to the front.

But as a reminder, perhaps, that the enemy's fire is seldom effective is the insignia adopted for the American tank corps—two salamanders, crawling creatures that worm their way unharmed through the flame and smoke.

It is expected that because of the excellence of the weapon with which

Paris, Aug. 4, Sunday.—The number of prisoners captured by the allies during the last two days will thrill the allied world when announced.

The Vesle river, which was flooded owing to the recent heavy rains, hampered the German rear-guards, which were unable to ford the stream. Most of those Germans were killed and the rest were made prisoners.

Allied forces in pursuit of the Germans have passed through veritable charnel houses.

Bodies of men and horses are mingled with broken down vehicles alongside ammunition dumps, some exploded and others intact.

Bodies of Germans found in clusters beyond the range of the allied artillery indicate that severe punishment was inflicted on the fleeing columns by the aviators.

Washington, Aug. 5.—"The enemy has proved incapable of stemming the onslaught of our troops fighting for liberty side by side with French, British and Italian veterans," are words of General Pershing in the official communique to the war department today, announcing that the German army had been driven in confusion beyond the line of the Vesle river.

More than 8,000 prisoners and 133 guns have been captured by the American troops alone, participating in the counter-drive against the Germans which began at the Marne on July 18.

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150 PATIENTS GO DOWN WITH SHIP

English Ship Returning From France Torpedoed—Seven Americans on Board

London, Aug. 5.—One hundred and fifty patients were reported killed by an explosion of a torpedo, which sank a hospital ship today. The vessel was returning here from France, when the torpedo struck, penetrating the ward room, where the patients were.

A hundred wounded were landed at a British port. Four hundred privates were on board. Two American officers and five privates were killed on the ship. The loss of life is not known as yet.

MARY ESPINA SLAIN BY REJECTED SUITOR

Portland, Aug. 5.—Mary Espina, aged 18, was slain at her home this morning by a man who entered her room through a window. He shot her seven times. Her father, Eugenio Espina, told the police that John Monaco, a rejected suitor, was the slayer. Espina said that he grappled with the murderer but was overpowered so that Monaco escaped. The girl's younger sister was in bed with her at the time and she also says that the slayer was Monaco.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

Washington, Aug. 5.—The army casualty list for today shows 293 killed in action. Thirty seven died from wounds and nine of disease. One was killed from an airplane accident and 48 wounded severely. Those wounded to a degree undetermined number 100. Three are missing, making a total of 407.

Lieutenant Lambert Wood was slain in action in France. He was a son of Dr. W. L. Wood, of Portland, and was a first lieutenant in the regular infantry.

UNITED STATES TO FINANCE FARMERS

Washington, Aug. 5.—President Wilson has placed at the disposal of the treasury department and the department of agriculture \$5,000,000, to be used in financing farmers in certain parts of the west who are not able to secure loans through the usual channels. Plans are now being formulated for making loans under this authorization.

ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE FOUND NEAR PORTLAND

Salem, Aug. 5.—Fred Thurber, James Kelly, C. D. Jones and H. Armstrong, convicts who escaped from the penitentiary last week were all returned last night, having been captured near Portland. Bennett Thompson, murderer, is still at large.

LONG RANGE GUNS ARE AGAIN BUSY

Paris, Aug. 5.—The long range bombardment of the Paris region began today.

HOG PRICES RAISED 55C PER HUNDRED

Portland, Aug. 5.—In the livestock market here today, hogs shot up 55 cents, making the present price \$19.15 per hundred. This is the highest ever paid here for hogs.

U-BOATS SINK TWO VESSELS OFF EAST COAST

CAPTAIN AND THIRTEEN OF CREW MISSING FROM TORPEDOED STEAMSHIP

THIRTY SURVIVORS LANDED

Presence of at Least Two German Submarines Operating Off Atlantic Coast Is Revealed

Washington, Aug. 5.—The American tank steamer O. B. Jennings was sunk by a German submarine yesterday off the Virginia coast.

Thirty survivors of the crew were landed at Norfolk by navy department. They were informed that the captain and one boat with 13 of the crew are missing.

Wireless calls from the vessel yesterday said that she was being shelled by a submarine.

The sinking of the Jennings revealed the presence of at least two German submarines on this side of the Atlantic. The second has been operating off the coast of Nova Scotia for several days.

A Canadian Port, Aug. 5.—The fishing schooner Nelson was added to the list of vessels sunk by German submarines off the Atlantic coast yesterday. The crew landed here.

ROYAL MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Amsterdam, Aug. 5.—According to the Dresden Nachrichten, the engagement was announced recently of the Crown Prince George of Saxony to the Duchess Maria Amelie of Wurtemberg, daughter of Duke Albrecht of Wurtemberg.

STRANDED CANADIAN STEAMSHIP IS SAVED

A Canadian Port, August 5.—The steamship Canada Maru is floated and steaming to shore. It was stranded last week.

PALESTINE JEWS HAVE ARRIVED AT CAMP LEWIS

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 5.—Palestinian Jews have arrived at Camp Lewis in the last draft and are now in training. All of them are able to speak and write several languages.

One new recruit writes eight different languages and is a graduate of the University of Jaffa, Palestine. English, French, Spanish, Greek, Turkish, German and Hebrew are at his command.

JACKSON BEAN GROWERS WILL FORM ASSOCIATION

All the bean growers of the Evans creek and Applegate sections except one who is going out of business, favor the formation of a bean growers association, according to County Agricultural Agent Cate who has just completed a survey in those districts, and a meeting will be held in the near future to organize. The new association will endeavor to sell beans to the government by the car load.

Mr. Cate announces that the Jackson county beans are looking fine and that there will be a good sized crop despite the inroads made by the disease known as bean Mosaic, which seems to have affected the bean crops all over the coast country this year.—Madford Mail Tribune.