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Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

Every shipyard in the United States is asked to speed up production and make July 4 the greatest ship launching day in the history of the world.

A German, who objected to a Red Cross button on the coat of Edward Jordan, stabbed him at San Francisco Friday when he refused to remove the button, according to the story told by Jordan.

Every brewery workman in Omaha struck for higher wages Friday morning. Since prohibition went into effect the breweries have manufactured near-beer. The men ask an increase of 25 to 40 per cent.

Seventeen hundred needy farmers in Montana have been lent approximately \$200 each this spring by the State Council of Defense from its \$500,000 defense fund, to buy seed grain and in some instances horse feed.

Nearly a score of persons dead, about 100 others injured, several seriously, and property damage estimated to exceed \$1,000,000, represents the toll taken by a series of tornadoes in Central Iowa late Thursday.

Physicians attending Charles W. Fairbanks, ex-Vice President, who is ill at his home in Indianapolis, say that there is slight improvement in Mr. Fairbank's condition, although his condition is still causing much anxiety.

The railroad administration has begun looking for the most able operating officer of each of the 200 roads under government control to become federal director of his line to replace the president as chief executive for operations.

Kissing is a luxury to be indulged in only by the ultra-wealthy at Oak Grove, it would seem, according to a \$10,000 damage suit filed at Oregon City, by a 17-year-old schoolgirl, Florence Cheney Bullard, against her teacher, G. W. Guthrie.

One ship was wrecked, three were beached and two others trapped and held fast by an ice pack off Bristol Bay, Alaska, within the last ten days, according to advices received in San Francisco by the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce.

Nine miners, who were caught behind a wall of fire, when the main entry of the Mill Creek Cannel Coal Mining company's mine at Villa, W. Va., burst into flame, from some undetermined cause last Monday, were found dead in the workings.

Eight bottles of whisky, a portion of which angry women jurors aver was consumed by men jurors while they were deliberating, was not returned with the exhibits when Nick Penoff was found not guilty in Judge Webster's court Tuesday at Spokane.

Mrs. Pauline O'Neill, member of the Arizona lower house from Phoenix, offered a joint resolution soon after the legislature convened Wednesday denouncing the I. W. W. as a menace, and calling upon every state official to work to rid the state of the organization.

The admiralty official statement gives the losses to British, allied and neutral merchant tonnage due to enemy action and marine risk in April as follows: British, 220,709 tons; allied and neutral, 84,393 tons; total, 305,102 tons. Clearances in and out of ports, 7,040,309 gross tons.

There will be no controversy in the senate over the military committee's war-inquiry plans, to which President Wilson objected, and the department of Justice investigation of aircraft production directed by Charles E. Hughes will proceed without having its path crossed by congress.

56 U. S. BOYS ARE MISSING

British Transport Moldavia Sunk by
Enemy Submarine.

The British mercantile cruiser Moldavia, carrying American troops from America to Europe, has been torpedoed and 56 American soldiers are reported missing. The liner was sunk Thursday morning, according to an official statement by the British admiralty.

The Moldavia is the third transport carrying American troops to be torpedoed and the 15th troop ship sunk by the Germans.

That German submarines are operating off the South coast of Ireland is evidenced by the sinking of the steamer Inniscarra of Cork, with loss of life.

David Lloyd George, speaking at Edinburg, said that the submarine is still unconquered, but that it is no longer a vital menace to the entente allies. He said that the U-boats are being destroyed faster than they can be built by Germany, while the allies are building ships faster than the submarines are sinking them.

London—The British armed merchant troop ship Moldavia, with American troops on board, has been torpedoed and sunk, according to an official bulletin issued by the admiralty.

The text of the admiralty statement follows:

"The armed mercantile cruiser Moldavia was torpedoed and sunk Saturday morning.

"There were no casualties among the crew, but of the American troops on board 56 up to the present have not been accounted for. It is feared they were killed in one compartment by the explosion."

MEXICO AND CUBA SEVERE RELATIONS

Ministers Are Recalled From Various
Posts—Washington Sees Indirect
Aggression Towards U. S.

Mexico City—Mexico has severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

This was learned officially late Saturday after a report that Mexican Charge d'Affaires at Havana and the Cuban minister here had been recalled from their respective posts had been confirmed at the foreign office.

Washington, D. C.—In Mexico's sudden breaking off of diplomatic relations with Cuba is seen an indirect action against the United States.

Those here most familiar with Latin-American affairs profess to see in it the forerunner of more direct action, possibly an interruption of intercourse between the United States and Mexico.

Although without official information of a detailed character, it is understood here that Mexico's real grievance against Cuba is the recent incident in which the Mexican minister to Argentina, Senor Ysidor Fabela, was delayed in Havana while some official, ostensibly a Cuban customs inspector, searched his baggage and probably removed some papers said to be of an international character.

This incident is believed here to be the real cause of the break and those who entertain this belief are firm in the conviction that Mexico was convinced that the United States was responsible for the incident.

When Senor Fabela's luggage was searched it was maintained by some that the person who did it was not a Cuban official at all, but some other agent in disguise of a Cuban inspector or gendarme. Later, however, it is seemed to have been satisfactorily established that the man really was a Cuban inspector.

A break between Cuba and Mexico, it is felt, disrupts practically nothing but a long-standing friendly relation.

In the opinion of those in close touch with the subject it may actually give Cuba a free hand, as the Mexican foreign minister says in his announcement, but perhaps not in the manner suggested.

American agents for some time have been reporting Gearmn agents operating in Cuba, some of them crossing frequently to the United States as Cuban citizens or Mexican citizens. A severance of diplomatic relations probably would leave the Cuban government feeling more at liberty to investigate their activities.

U. S. HAS 2 MILLION MEN UNDER ARMS

1316 Airplanes Now on Battle
Front—Many at Home.

TROOPS POUR ACROSS

Over 200,000 Will Arrive in France in
Course of Present Month—Huge
Army Budget is Reported.

Washington, D. C. — The full strength of the army, including National Army, National Guard and regulars, is now 2,000,000 men, chairman Dent, of the house military committee, announced Monday in his report on the army appropriation bill.

The total number of officers in the army was given in the report at 140,133, while the total of men before the April draft was 1,506,152. The drafts since that time carry the total of enlisted men slightly above 2,000,000. There are 504,667 men in the regular Army, the report said, 510,963 in the National Army; 411,952 in the National Guard, and 78,560 in the Reserve Corps.

"While some mistakes and delays have occurred," the report said, "on the whole we think the country is to be congratulated that after a little more than a year from the date of the declaration of war our country has constructed a wonderful military establishment."

"While it has been generally rumored that we had no airships with our army in France, the fact is that we have between 1300 and 1400 of them, at least 200 of which are fighting machines," the report says.

The report of the committee disclosed that the exact number of American airplanes in France is 1316, of which 325 are combat planes. There are 3760 planes in the United States, the report said.

More than 200,000 Americans will be sent abroad during May, and that number probably will be much exceeded next month, members of the senate military committee were told that at their weekly conference with Secretary Baker and his assistants.

RAISE VOLUNTEER AGE LIMIT

Secretary Drafts Bill Which Will Open
Army to Men of 55.

Washington, D. C. — Another move toward full utilization of the country's man power was made Saturday when Secretary Baker sent to congress the draft of a bill proposing to raise the maximum age limit for voluntary enlistment in the army from 40 to 55 years. All men over 40 so enlisted would be assigned to non-combatant service.

In a letter to Speaker Clark asking that the bill be pushed, Secretary Baker said:

"Every man above the age of 40 years who is enlisted in non-combatant branches of the service will make available for duty with the line troops a man within the prescribed age limit for all troops.

"Many men whose long experience as mechanics and artisans will make them particularly valuable to the various staff corps and departments may be thus secured instead of younger men without such experience and the efficiency of the staff corps and the departments thus will be increased."

There are probably 7,500,000 men between the ages of 40 and 55 and many thousands of them have already attested desire to serve by bombarding the department with applications.

While the great majority of the men in this class undoubtedly will be restrained from enlisting by family and business ties, the number at liberty to join the colors is expected to be more than sufficient to meet the purpose in view.

Staff corps positions include many duties behind the front. Every headquarters unit includes a number of positions for which the older men would be just as well suited as the present occupants, who, under the new plan, would be released for line duty.

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