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## GERMANS BACK OF RESISTANCE TO DRAFT LAW

### Grand Jury Probe in Texas Reveals Connection of German Agents With Plots to Resist Conscription Law—Eleven Indictments Returned—Spontaneous Efforts Made Elsewhere—Heavy Penalties Provided.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—German influence to discourage army enlistments and the selective draft in Texas, uncovered by a federal grand jury investigation, has resulted in eleven indictments. Other arrests on the same charge made in various cities by agents of the department of justice apparently are not so closely linked with German influence but are being investigated.

In the Texas case, according to an official announcement by the department of justice, an organization was formed some time ago ostensibly for the purpose of co-operative buying. Its members were required to take a secret oath and soon after the enactment of the army draft law, the official announcement says, "a strong German influence succeeded in inducing the organization to turn its efforts to combatting conscription and high powered rifles were obtained to intimidate persons subject to registration and the officials who will be appointed to perform the registration."

### Efforts Made Elsewhere.

In some western cities there are evidences of an effort afoot to defeat the registration but the department of justice, it was officially announced, is fully prepared to deal with the offenders under the existing law and the new espionage bill now nearing completion in congress which imposes heavy penalties for such offenses.

Scattered over the country are sporadic efforts to interfere with registration but officials here do not believe they are connected. The Texas case, in which the German influence is clearly established, and the arrest of two mountaineers in southwestern Virginia, are the most conspicuous instances.

The two Virginians, William McCoy and J. W. Phipps, both well known characters in the fuel region, are in jail at Roanoke and government agents say they have complete evidence to show they plotted organized resistance to the draft as well as a wholesale attack upon the landed people of the vicinity whose property they intended to divide between themselves.

### Prepared for Action.

As the day of registration draws near, the department of justice and other agencies of the government are carefully watching for evidences of resistance to the law and are prepared to deal with them promptly.

"These arrests," said Attorney General Gregory, in an official statement referring to the proceedings already under way, "should be accepted by the country generally as a warning against interfering with the enforcement of the provisions of the new army law."

A section of the espionage bill dealing with interference with army registration provides penalties of 20 years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. This section of the bill says:

"Whoever, when the United States is at war, shall wilfully make or convey false reports or false statements with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States or to promote the success of its enemies and whoever, when the United States is at war, shall wilfully cause or attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny or refusal of duty

## OAKLANDER AGAIN ATTACKS DRAFT LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Ferdinand Claudius of Oakland, who recently attempted to prevent by legal proceedings the registration of citizens under the selective draft law on June 5th, again applied to the state supreme court today for a writ of prohibition. He wants Mayor John Davis and other city officials restrained from forcing him to register.

## U-BOAT SINKS HOSPITAL SHIP DOVER CASTLE

### British Hospital Ship Torpedoed Twice Without Warning in Mediterranean—Patients Transferred—Six of Crew Killed—Armed Merchantman Hilary Submerged.

LONDON, May 29.—The British hospital ship Dover Castle, has been torpedoed and sunk, it is announced officially. The British armed merchant cruiser Hilary also has been torpedoed and sunk and a British destroyer has been sunk after a collision.

The text of the British announcement reads: "His majesty's hospital ship Dover Castle was torpedoed without warning at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday in the Mediterranean. At 8:30 she was again torpedoed and subsequently sank. The whole number of hospital patients and the hospital staff were safely transferred to other ships and the crew were also saved with the exception of six men who are missing and are feared to have been killed by the explosions.

"His majesty's armed merchant cruiser Hilary, acting Captain F. W. Dean, has been torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea. Four men were killed by the explosion.

"One of his majesty's torpedo boat destroyers has been in collision and sunk. There were no casualties."

The Dover Castle, 8271 tons gross, and 476 feet long, was built in 1904, and was owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamship company. The Hilary, a Booth liner of 6329 tons gross, 418 feet long, built in 1903.

## KAISER DECLARES BRITONS FIGHT ONLY TO INCREASE POWER

AMSTERDAM, May 29.—Emperor William, during his recent visit to the Arras front, says the correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, delivered an address to his troops in which he said:

"The enemy, relying on his experience in the Somme battle and on his unprecedented supplies of munitions, has been trying to break the German resistance.

"The French flatter themselves with the hope of liberating their country—a good enough motive—but the British have no such justification. They fight only to increase their power and don't inquire where the right may be.

"Our people and our army stand firmly together. How long this may last must depend upon God's will, but meanwhile we must keep firm and the people in the fatherland will give us their gratitude.

"In the meantime our comrades in submarines are doing everything possible to cut off the enemy's source of living."

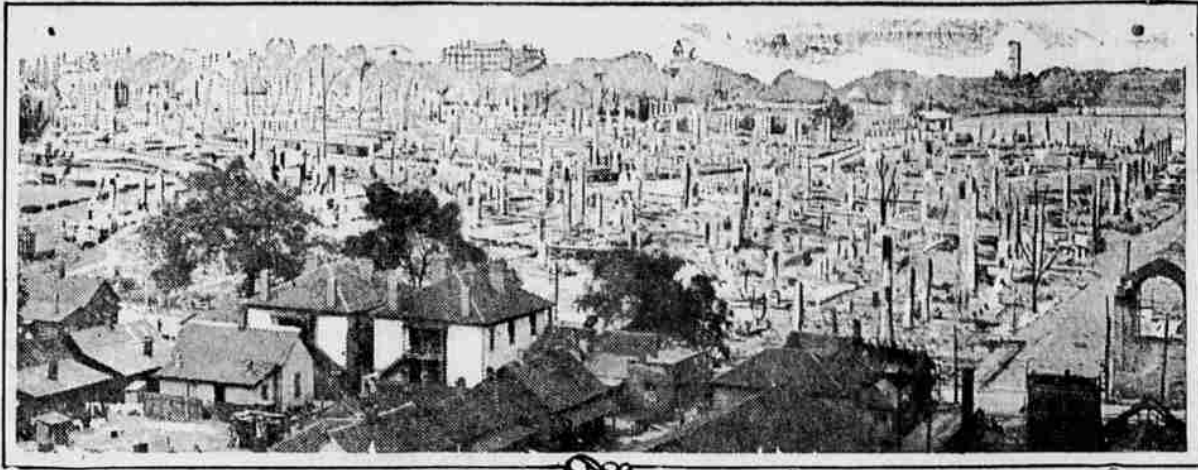
## NEW DIRECTORS MISSOURI PACIFIC

NEW YORK, May 29.—The re-organization committee of the Missouri Pacific railroad company today announced the following new board of directors:

B. P. Bush, Nicholas F. Brady, Harry Bronner, Carl R. Gray, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles I. Ingersoll, William H. Lee, John H. McClement, Edgar L. Marston, John Miliken, Finley J. Sheppard, E. C. Simmons, Cornelius Vanderbilt, C. Moot Weld, Elbert H. Wiggins, R. Lanester Williams and William H. Williams.

Mr. Bush has been elected president and the officers of the new company will probably be the same as those who served under the receivership. It is expected that the Missouri Pacific system will soon be formally restored by the courts to the stockholders.

## FIRST PICTURES OF DESOLATION WROUGHT BY \$3,000,000 ATLANTA FIRE



This picture shows destruction wrought by fire which swept Atlanta, doing property damage estimated at \$3,000,000. Frame houses in the section of the city shown here were burned completely, leaving only a forest of black chimneys. Ten thousand persons are homeless.

## MILITIA QUELLS RACE RIOTING IN EAST ST. LOUIS

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., May 29.—With two companies of national guardsmen patrolling the streets quiet was restored in this city today after last night's rioting caused by attacks of a mob upon negroes. Many negroes were beaten. The trouble was caused, it is said, by the importation of negro laborers.

Mayor Molman today said six thousand negroes had come into East St. Louis in the last six weeks and he said he would ask railroads to discontinue hauling negroes here from the south.

A review of the results of the riot showed that two negroes were shot and nine were beaten so severely that they were taken to hospitals. The property damage is heavy.

In answer to an appeal of the city authorities who fear the rioting will break out again today, six more troops of national guardsmen were ordered here today.

## MITCHELL CHALLENGES LEONARD FOR MATCH

MILWAUKEE, May 29.—Ritchie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight boxer, thru his manager last night issued a challenge to Benny Leonard, new lightweight champion of the world, for a 20-round bout. Leonard recently scored a knockout over Mitchell in this city, the end coming in the seventh round.

## CHICAGO CANVASSED FOR LIBERTY BONDS

CHICAGO, May 29.—Liberty bond salesmen, 640 strong, accompanied by a military escort paraded thru the city today.

Later the salesmen under squad commanders broke up into detachments of ten men each and made a systematic canvass of office buildings, hotels and factories.

## GENERAL TARIFF INCREASES CUT OUT OF REVENUE BILL

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Another fundamental change in the war tax bill was agreed upon unanimously today by the senate finance committee, which decided to strike out the whole section levying \$200,000,000 by a general tariff increase of ten per cent on an ad valorem basis. As a substitute the committee proposes direct excise, or consumption taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa.

The sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa probably will be the only articles upon which excise taxes, in lieu of the general ten per cent tariff increases will be laid was stated by several committee members.

The committee's action on the tariff section is to leave the tariff low as it now stands.

Reductions in the house taxes on soft drinks also were decided upon. For the ten percent house tax on syrup used in soft drinks, the committee tentatively decided to substitute a smaller specific tax based upon gallons of syrup. Reduction of the house tax of 2 cents to 1 cent a gallon on grape juice and other soft drinks was tentatively decided upon. Reduction of the tax on carbonic acid gas also was temporarily agreed to, other soft drinks taxes being referred to a sub-committee.

## CROCKER EXPEDITION SAFE IN GREENLAND

NEW YORK, May 29.—Donald MacMillan, the explorer and other members of the Crocker Land expedition which went into the Arctic in 1913, are safe at Etah on the northwest coast of Greenland, according to a cablegram received today by the American Museum of Natural History.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The naval armed guard and its commander of the American liner Mongolia are absolved from all responsibility for the unique gun practice accident that resulted in the death of two Red Cross nurses aboard the vessel recently in a report made public today by the navy department.

## LAST HONORS PAID TO MEMORY OF SENATOR LANE

PORTLAND, May 29.—Military and civil honors were to be paid here today at the funeral of the late United States Senator Harry Lane of Oregon who died in San Francisco May 23. Thirteen senators and representatives arrived from Washington early today to represent congress and plans have been made to have the Oregon National Guard provide an escort of 700 men, similar to that accorded a brigadier-general.

Funeral services were to be held at 3:30 p. m. in the Masonic temple and city and state officials are expected to attend. Music will be furnished by the Third Oregon regiment band.

The members of the congressional party named as pall-bearers are Senators H. P. Ashurst, Arizona; W. H. King, Utah; George Norris, Nebraska; A. J. Gronna, North Dakota, and Representatives Albert Johnson, Washington; J. V. McClintock, Oklahoma; Charles Kearns, Ohio, and James H. Mays, Utah. The congressmen were taken over the Columbia highway on their arrival today.

## CALIFORNIA GRAIN CROP A BANNER ONE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Estimates by commission houses here today placed size of California's probable barley crop this season at more than 900,000 tons, as compared with 500,000 tons last year. Record-breaking wheat crop of 400,000 tons is also expected owing to favorable weather the last three months.

## UNION MACHINISTS AT NEWPORT STRIKE

NEWPORT NEWS Va., May 29.—About four hundred union machinists at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company's yard struck today for an increase in wages. Two battle cruisers, two dreadnaughts and six destroyers have been allotted to the yard as part of the new naval building program.

## AMERICAN SHIP LUMBER LADEN SUNK BY U-BOAT

NEW YORK, May 29.—The American schooner Margaret B. Rouse, which left St. Andrews bay, Florida, February 4, with lumber for Genoa, was sunk by a submarine April 27 near the French-Italian coast and the crew robbed by the Germans, according to Captain Fred L. Root, master of the schooner, who arrived today from France.

Captain Root said the Germans stripped his vessel of foodstuffs, navigating instruments and even the extra clothing of himself and his six men. They were set adrift in an open boat and were picked up by a patrol boat. The schooner was sunk by bombs.

LONDON, May 29.—A Reuter's dispatch from an unnamed port says that all hope has been abandoned of the rescue of the missing from the sunken Spanish liner C. De Elbaiguire. The victims include twelve women and five small children.

CHRISTIANSAND, Norway, May 29.—The Norwegian steamer Norway, 1477 tons, was sunk by gunfire Saturday. The crew was rescued.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The French line steamship Meuse, 4075 tons, was torpedoed and sunk last Thursday according to word received today.

The Meuse left New York May 2 for Havre with a war cargo.

## GERMAN AGENTS CREATED FRICTION WITH BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Secretary Lansing, testifying today before the house committee, in support of the trading with the enemy bill, said the government had evidence that Germany, while the United States still was neutral, had sent an agent here who organized a steamship company and loaned Americans the money to buy the grain aboard a ship in order to raise an issue with Great Britain and France over her seizure.

"There are many cases," he said, "doubtless inspired by Germany while we were neutral, of organizations effected in this country for the sole purpose of creating friction with Great Britain and France."

Transactions in this country of several large German insurance companies, Secretary Lansing said, are protected in most states by bonds.

"How about the American life insurance companies that do a large business with the central powers?" asked Representative Esch.

"That would depend on the action of those governments," replied Mr. Lansing.

The committee asked about the \$90,000 a year pension money paid to people living in Germany. It was stated that the commission of pensions had suspended the payments and the money can be paid after the war if congress so directs.

## GERMAN DRIVE EXPECTED ALONG FRENCH FRONT

### Intense Aerial Activity Indicates German Offensive—Sharp Attacks Against French Repelled—Verdun Post Seized by French—Italians Continue Drive—Naval Raid.

An impending German offensive along the French-British front is indicated today by the intense aerial activity. The British report of last night emphasized this in its account of twelve German machines destroyed and ten others driven out of control, while today Paris announces the bringing down of seven German airplanes and the serious damage of twelve others.

The German infantry facing the British armies is apparently being held in check but sharp attacks continue on the French lines, notably in the Champagne region. Two of these were launched last night in the Hurbetise district, but were repulsed.

### Italians Advancing.

The French made a minor thrust on their own account in the Verdun region, where the activity is becoming more marked of late on both sides. A small German post north of Vachereauville was captured in this operation.

Meanwhile on the Austro-Italian front, General Cadorna is steadily pushing back the Austrian lines upon Trieste.

ROME, May 29.—The Italians in the Piava sector yesterday drove the Austro-Hungarian forces to the end of the valley east of Globna, says the official statement issued today. Since May 14, the statement adds, Austro-Hungarian prisoners taken on the Julian front number 23,681. The Italians also captured 36 guns, including 13 of the heaviest calibre.

### French Capture Post.

PARIS, May 29.—The French have captured a German post north of Vachereauville in the Verdun region, according to an official announcement issued by the war office this morning. Two German attacks in the region of Hurbetise, on the Champagne front, were repulsed. The Germans attacked after a violent bombardment.

LONDON, May 29.—"Hostile raiding parties were driven off during the night southwest of Lens and west of Messines," says today's official statement. "We made successful raids north of Ploegsteert wood. The enemy's artillery was active last night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and on both banks of the Scarpe."

BERLIN, May 29.—An attack by Russian and Rumanian troops is expected, today's official report says. The repulse of French attacks in the Alsace and Champagne regions and of advance of hostile reconnoitering parties along the front occupied by the British is announced by army headquarters today.

### Russian Naval Raid.

PETROGRAD, May 29.—Russian sailors of the Russian fleet sea fleet yesterday made a landing at Chivi, to the east of Samson, on the Anatolian coast, destroyed the Turkish post there and burned a store of grain and two large sail boats, the war office announced today.

## YEATER OF MISSOURI GETS PHILIPPINE JOB

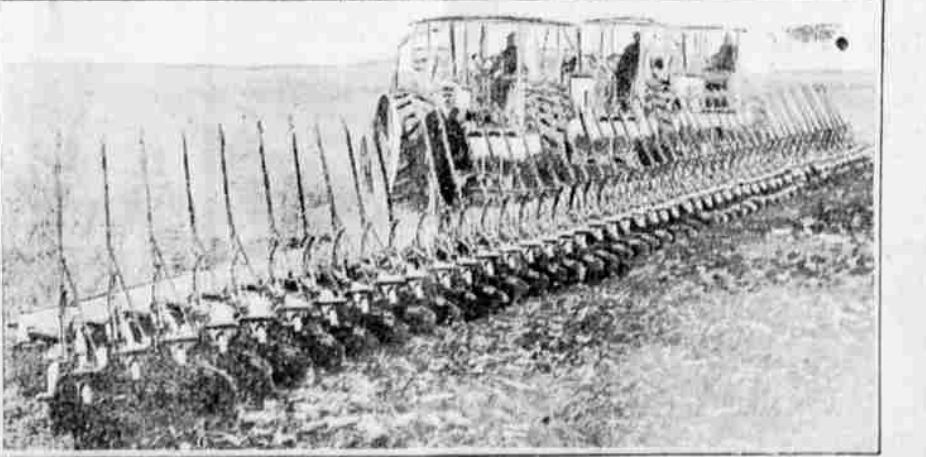
WASHINGTON, May 29.—Charles Emmett Yeater of Missouri was today nominated to be vice-governor of the Philippine islands.

Thomas A. Street, of Alabama, and George A. Malcolm of Michigan, were today nominated to be associate justices of the supreme court of the Philippine islands.

## CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SUBSCRIBES FOR MILLION

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—One million dollars of liberty loan bonds were to be subscribed for by the city and county of San Francisco today, following a resolution to that effect passed by the board of supervisors.

## 50 PLOWS ALL GOING AT ONCE PREPARING THE NORTHWEST TO FEED THE WORLD.



This picture shows how the tractor is coming into use as a food producer. The picture was taken on a North Dakota farm. There are 50 plows in a row, all in operation at the same time. Three tractors pull the plows and four men are used to operate the outfit.