

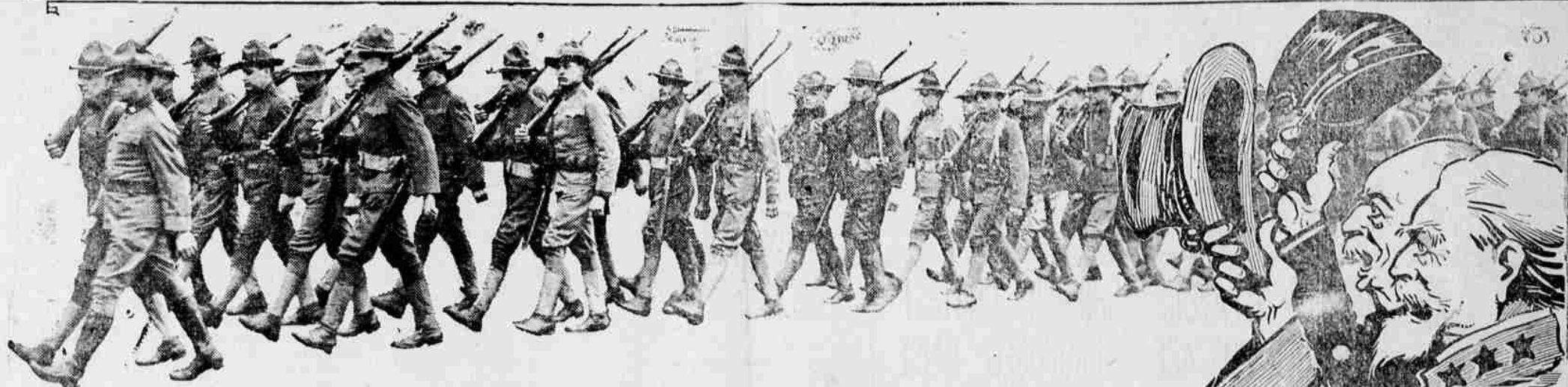


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THE BLUE AND THE GRAY--AND THE OLIVE DRAB



PRESIDENT SAYS NATION BORN TO SERVE MANKIND

Time Has Come for Action and No Fear Need be Entertained of Part America Will Play in World Struggle for Human Liberty—War Enables Nation to Attain Full Dignity.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—President Wilson, speaking today at memorial exercises in Arlington cemetery, declared the time had come for action by this nation and that he had no fear of the part America would play in the world war.

"In the province of God," he said, "America once more has an opportunity to show the world that she was born to serve mankind."

The president declared that while no such day as this could be without sorrow, he looked rather with envy on those who served their country in the Civil war because their work for liberty is accomplished.

"The program has conferred an unmerited dignity upon the remarks I am going to make by calling them an address, because I am not here to deliver an address," the president said.

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IDEAL WEATHER FOR MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Short Parade Followed by Patriotic Exercises at the Page and Decoration of Cemetery With Flowers—Canaday Orator of the Day—Roll Call Reveals Vacancies in G. A. R.

Ideal weather conditions greeted the Memorial Day observance today. Under auspices of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. there was a short parade this morning, followed by memorial and patriotic exercises at the Page theater, and this afternoon the graves of the dead soldiers were decorated with flowers. Ritualistic services were also held at the cemetery.

The Page theatre was crowded at 10:30 o'clock when the memorial exercises began. The stage was tastefully decorated with flags, hunting and a few flowers. The address delivered by H. A. Canaday was eloquently reminiscent, and soul stirring in patriotism and description of present day war conditions and needs.

The remainder of the program was made up of reading of general orders by Adjutant Andrus of Chester Arthur post, G. A. R.; the roll call of old soldiers who died during the past year; vocal solos by Mrs. Bertha Emrick and Miss Geraldine Theiss; a reading by Mrs. Elizabeth Mulholland; a violin solo by E. E. Root; and singing of America by the audience. Rev. J. C. Rollins delivered the invocation.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the G. A. R. and members of the Women's Relief Corps left K. of P. hall in automobiles and proceeded to the cemetery where the graves of the old soldiers were decorated with flowers and flags. The G. A. R. held ritualistic services for the unknown soldier dead.

The parade, though small, made up in sentiment and impressiveness for lack of numbers, left the city park at 10 a. m. and marched to the Page theatre. Fire Chief Lawton as marshal led the parade, the only music for which came from a drum played by a G. A. R. veteran and a fife. Then came the Seventh Company and at their head their splendid new flag, and a detachment of Company I commanded by Lieutenant Benton Killen. The G. A. R. veterans and members of the W. R. C., carrying flags and flowers were behind this military escort of honor, followed by a number of school children and several automobiles.

WAR DIRIGIBLE IN MAIDEN FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The first of the dirigible balloons being built for the navy, much after the pattern of the British "Blimps," made an entirely successful flight yesterday from Chicago to Akron, Ohio. Leaving Chicago at noon she landed without mishap at Akron about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, making an air-line distance of about 500 miles.

LULL IN FIGHTING ALONG VARIOUS BATTLE FRONTS

Further Gains by Italians on Trieste Front and West of Medeazza—Artillery Duels on French Front—Raiding Operations Against British—New Offensive Awaited by All.

ROME, May 30.—Further gains by the Italians on the Trieste front is announced in today's official statement. The Italian lines have been extended west of Medeazza.

PARIS, May 30.—Violent artillery firing occurred on the French front south of St. Quentin during the night, the war office announced this morning. A German patrol was repulsed.

LONDON, May 30.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night in the neighborhood of Fontaine-Les-Croisettes and west of Lens," says today's war office report. "South of Neuve Chapelle our patrols entered enemy trenches and inflicted casualties."

Pause in Operations. There has come such a pronounced pause in the major activities of the great war as to give the impression that preparation for a new phase in the development of the conflict may be in progress.

Only on the Austro-Italian front, where General Cadorna is determinedly pushing his campaign for Trieste is any sustained offensive movement going on. The great battle which developed last month on the front in northern France has come to a halt. Even counter attacks by the Germans have virtually ceased along the British front, while on the French front they have lessened in number and violence. The recent pronounced aerial activity also has subsided.

Expect Developments.

When the next blow is to be delivered can only be surmised. Indications are multiplying that the Germans are looking for some new development. They have mentioned the Russo-Rumanian front as the place of expected attacks. The trend of the news from the entente side of that front, however, has not been such as to lead to the belief that an effective stroke could be delivered upon the Teutonic lines there at present.

VILLISTAS CHASE GARRISON ACROSS

PRESIDIO, Texas, May 30.—A Villa force attacked Ojinaga, opposite here, early today, surprising the Mexican soldiers in the garrison there and causing them to flee to the American side, leaving their arms in Mexico. Captain Pedro Ornelas, and two soldiers of the Ojinaga garrison, who were wounded during the fighting, were brought to the American side. All women and children from Ojinaga escaped to the American side when the attack started.

SWISS TO STARVE IF FOOD FROM AMERICA STOPS

Dr. Paul Ritter Declares That Proposed Embargo Portends Disaster to Switzerland—No Food Relim-porated to Germany—All Supplies From Russia and Rumania Cut Off.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister to the United States, whose transfer to The Hague was recently announced, today told the National Conference on Foreign Relations of the United States, in session at Long Beach, N. Y., that the proposed amendments to the embargo section of the espionage bill "portend disaster" to his country. He said he believed the position of Switzerland in regard to Germany was unendurable in the United States, and asserted that if the embargo proposals should be enacted into law his country might be condemned to starvation.

"Only yesterday," he said, "I was asked just what was the importance of American food to Switzerland. The question is significant when it is remembered that there is an embargo bill now before your congress. I told my friend that we needed American food, that we might starve without it and that not a single pound of the goods imported from the United States recrossed our borders to Germany."

"It is true," Dr. Ritter declared, "that Switzerland today imports five times as much wheat from the United States as before the war, but it was done simply because it was impossible to secure the other four-fifths of the supply from Russia and Rumania. He said he was sure there was no intention by the sponsors of the bill, much less of the government, to bring about the destruction of Switzerland for the mere sake of completely isolating Germany."

Need American Supplies.

"It is possible," he continued, "the United States might have the right to require Switzerland to cease trade altogether with Germany. If such action is taken, however, he regarded it as no more than fair that the United States should see to it that supplies of coal and iron from this country reach Switzerland, which now obtains these commodities from the only source of European supply, Germany, in exchange for products not imported from the United States."

Dr. Ritter concluded by declaring that it was absolutely impossible for Switzerland to exist without a continuous and uninterrupted flow of supplies from America.

NEW BUREAU TO FIGHT DESTROYING INSECTS

WASHINGTON, May 30.—In line with its general policy of stimulating food production, the department of agriculture has created a new section in the bureau of entomology to be devoted entirely to stamping out vegetable destroying insects and to fight destruction of stored food crops.

ASSAILANT OF BRIDGE GUARD UNDER ARREST

Man Who Knocked Private Adam Garren of Company I From Bridge at Graves Creek Last Week Captured by Sheriff at Steinman Station—Evidently a Degenerate.

The man who knocked Private Adam Garren of Company I Third Oregon Infantry, from a bridge at Graves creek last week causing a compound fracture of both legs above the knee, is under arrest and is being held at the Medford police station. He was captured by Sheriff Ralph Jennings early Wednesday morning at Steinman station house in the Siskiyou.

The prisoner who is a tramp and is described by Sheriff Jennings as a degenerate refuses to give any name or talk about himself beyond denying that he was ever at Graves creek or was guilty of shoving Garren off the bridge.

Identified by Garren.

Sheriff Jennings took the prisoner to the Sacred Heart hospital Wednesday noon where Garren without hesitation positively identified him as the man who had thrown him from the bridge.

Sheriff Jennings and Acting Chief of Police Crawford, in the absence of Captain Todd of Company I from the city today, are puzzled as to what charge to place against the prisoner, as the crime was committed in another county. The sheriff who took the man prisoner without a warrant is of the belief that the case may be one for the federal authorities to handle. He is sure of one thing tho, and that is that the man will be held prisoner either here or at the county jail at Jacksonville until the matter of jurisdiction is thrashed out. He will probably remove the prisoner to the county jail tomorrow.

Seen by Forester.

The capture of the man was brot about through C. Eberle of the forest service passing him on the Billings hill near Ashland late Tuesday, and recognizing him from the description which was published in the Mail Tribune. Mr. Eberle telephoned the tip to Sheriff Jennings last evening. The latter went at once to Ashland, where he remained all night and early today took up the search. When he reached Steinman in the Siskiyou he soon got trace of his quarry and in a short time located him in a section house eating breakfast.

The description sent out of Garren's assailant proved to be an almost perfect one. The conspicuous feature of two missing front teeth and sandy complexion and red hair was what especially caught Eberle's attention.

SOCIALIST PEACE CONFERENCE POSTPONED

AMSTERDAM, May 30.—According to news from the Dutch delegates at Stockholm, the socialist conference has been postponed until July 15 or possibly later. Everything depends on the date of the arrival of the French and Italian delegations.



AMERICANS HOLD PATRIOTIC SERVICES WITH CANADIANS

LONDON, May 30.—It was like another America day at St. Paul's today when the colors of the American legion in the Canadian contingents were placed beside the altar to remain there until after the war. There were five flags one from each battalion—the 97th, 211th 212th, 213th, and 237th. They were escorted to the cathedral by 500 Canadian soldiers. As the troops passed up the central aisle the crowd which filled the edifice sang "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord," and later, "Onward Christian Soldiers." At the conclusion of the service "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung, followed by "God Save the King."

The service was attended by Ambassador Page, Consul-General Skinner, high officers of the Canadian contingent and physicians and nurses of the Red Cross.

REAMES TO PROBE DRAFT OPPOSITION

PORTLAND, May 30.—United States District Attorney Clarence Reames announced today a federal grand jury will meet June 6, to investigate the posting here last night of stickers signed by the Seattle branch of the No Conscription League.

One of the stickers read: "War is mass murder. Resist conscription." Another was, "Resist slavery." They were put up in various parts of the city and torn down by the police today.

The jury will also investigate cases of opposition to the selective draft, Mr. Reames said. "We hope to inform for the duration of the war all who attempt to block the draft or who attempt to dissuade eligible men from registering Tuesday."

BRAZIL PLANNING TO ARM MERCHANT SHIPS

RIO JANEIRO, May 30.—Foreign Minister Pocauba received a representative of the Brazilian Lloyd Steamship company yesterday for the purpose of considering measures to safeguard Brazilian shipping. It is reported that ships will be armed.

U-BOATS SO BOLD THEY PLANT MINES, CUT NETS IN TWO

NEW YORK, May 30.—Officers of the former American steamship Virginia, who arrived at an American port today, brought word of the sinking of the British freight steamer Washington by a German submarine on May 3. The Washington was torpedoed, they asserted, only seven miles from Genoa, after the naval envoy had left the steamer, believing her safe from attack. The explosion was heard by persons ashore, they declared.

According to the Virginia's officers, who talked with the crew of the destroyed vessel in Genoa, the Washington left New York April 3, but the maritime records do not contain the departure of any vessel of that name from this port. There is a British steamship named Washington, 5080 tons gross, owned by the Radcliffe Steamship company, London, but her movements are not recorded.

The Virginia's officers said the U-boats operating in the Mediterranean have become so bold they go almost into harbors, planting mines and cutting nets. They declared the German submarines are equipped with net cutting apparatus, a "sort of wire cutting device like a buzz-saw," they described it, which cuts a net "like a hot knife thru butter."

The Virginia was sold to the French government on her arrival recently in Europe.

SEVEN WOUNDED IN RACE RIOTS

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., May 30.—The second night of race riots last night resulted in three white men and two negroes being wounded by bullets, several negroes beaten and half a dozen negro homes burned.

Disturbances were confined to outlying districts. National guardsmen formed a cordon about negro districts and dispersed groups of men wherever sighted but as the arc-lights had been shot out, small mobs formed and clashed with the negroes at frequent intervals.

After daybreak today there was meeting of striking employes of the Aluminum Ore company was to have been held tonight, but labor leaders have called off the meeting in fear that it might lead to another outbreak against the negroes.

POLISH RESIDENTS OF DETROIT PATRIOTIC

DETROIT, May 30.—More than 5,000 Polish residents of Detroit, bearing banners denoting allegiance to America's cause, marched with civil war veterans and other organizations in the Decoration day parade. When the parade was completed about 100 of the Polish marchers enlisted in the army and navy.