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GOMPERS RE-ELECTED A. F. OF L. PRESIDENT AT TODAY'S SESSION

Effort to Secure Endorsement of Irish Independence Is Quashed

St. Paul, Minn., June 20.—Samuel Gompers was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor today.

The election of Gompers was by acclamation. He was unopposed. James Duncan, Springfield, Mass., was elected first vice president and J. P. Yalenski, Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected second vice president. They had no opposition.

The federation today adopted a resolution favoring home rule for Ireland. An effort to endorse Irish independence was defeated.

Timothy Healy, of the Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, and Michael Egan, of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, were joint authors of the home rule resolution. Debate continued for an hour.

President Gompers turned off the oratory, scoring "professional Irishmen in America."

"The Irish in Ireland, not the Irish in the federation, will have to decide their own fate," said Gompers.

Resolutions asking that Samuel Gompers and other representatives of the federation be maintained permanently in England, France and Italy until the war is won, were passed by the federation. A special plea that Gompers visit Italy to show Italian labor that American labor is in sympathy with their cause was made by Italian delegates.

The federation went on record declaring that any kind of a world peace now is futile.

The condition of Russia was used to illustrate this position.

The federation reiterated its support of President Wilson and said that "irresponsible diplomacy must perish before permanent peace terms can be made."

Prussian Heavy Humor Shows In His Slang Phrases

London, June 1.—(By Mail)—The Hun has his slang, too.

Fritz's bloodies have had an influence on his wartime lingo of the trenches.

He nicknamed the British common heavy shell after his cousin, the "Schwarze sau" or black sow. Fritz's odoriferous step-brother provided a slang name for the French 75 high-explosive shell, which he affectionately calls "stinkwiesel," or skunk.

He calls the French .75 shrapnel shell the "windhund" or greyhound, and the low velocity missile is a "hind-schleiche" or slow-worm. Shells flying overhead are "hochbanen," elevated railways, "luftomibusse," aerial omnibuses, or "rollwagen," which means pushcart.

The British high velocity heavy shell is called after the grand-daddy of Germany, "schwarzer teufel," black devil and the Lewis gun is known as the "hackfleisch-maschine" or mince-meat machine. Machine-guns of other types are called "kaffeemuhle" coffee mill covered and they were dispersed.

Several spies, disguised as Italian peasants have been shot.

Schio is on the Leogra river southwest of the Asiago plateau and about eight miles behind the lines. Bassano is on the Brenta river, south of Mont Grappa and about the same distance behind the lines. Asolo is on the Muzone river, eight miles east of Bassano. Treviso is on the Sile river, about nine miles west of the Piave.

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HERE'S REAL SKY PILOT

Dallas, Tex., June 20.—Rev. A. J. Osborne, former assistant pastor of Calvary Episcopal church, New York City, has discarded the wings of eloquence and has taken unto himself the wings of an airplane, and is making flights of observation and attack.

He's a real sky pilot now. He didn't have to go to war, but he's still young, and he found a passage in the Book about "putting on the armor of justice," and took it to mean, in the present instance, an aviator's suit. So he joined the aviation corps—not as a chaplain, but as a fighter.

MANY JACKIES ENROLLED

Great Lakes, Ill., June 20.—Enrollment at the Great Lakes naval station today reached the high mark of 30,000 jackies in training.

YANKEES TAKE SALIENT

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their trenches, but were swept back by a perfect deluge of shrapnel and bullets. This, we learned from a prisoner, was to have been a German retaliatory raid.

The projector attack, of course, was timed for a favorable wind.

The Germans were so excited they failed to take this into consideration. As a result much of the gas loosed against the American front lines was blown back into their own trenches.

The barrage laid down by our artillery boxed in the comparatively small area deluged by gas, preventing the Huns from fleeing to other parts of their lines and forcing them to stay and take it.

American aviators reported later in the day that gas clouds extended ten kilometers (more than six miles) behind the German forward lines.

Five American bombing planes, which dropped 38 bombs on the railway station, yards and tracks at Conflans (29 miles east of Verdun), doing heavy damage, returned safely Tuesday night despite an encounter with several enemy planes.

Preparing For New Drive

Washington, June 20.—Raiding activities such as presaged the last German drive were reported all along the Flanders front and the northern portion of the Picardy area, by Field Marshal Haig today. Some of the raids led to sharp fighting with heavy enemy casualties.

The increased raiding activities were accompanied by an increase in artillery firing along the southern portion of the Flanders front and the northern part of the Picardy front.

"In the neighborhood of Boyelles, Lens, Givanczy, Strazelle and Ypres there were a number of raids," the statement said. "Certain of these led to sharp fighting, with many enemy casualties. We took 18 prisoners and three machine guns.

A hostile raiding party in the neighborhood of Morlaenecourt, was repulsed by artillery and rifle fire.

"Between the Somme and the Aisne there was hostile artillery firing. On both sides of Albert and in the LaBassee canal sector there was considerable reciprocal artillery fighting last night."

French Penetrate Lines

Paris, June 20.—"Between Montdidier and the Oise and in the Bois Le Chaume region, French detachments penetrated the German lines and took twenty prisoners," the French war office announced today.

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postoffice officials, was for a messenger to leave Washington, for instance, with a case full of dispatches, meet another messenger at Philadelphia, leave his case there and then take new batches on to the next stop.

The postoffice inspectors advised the Western Union to copy the messages seized and send them on to their destination by wire so that those to whom

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It was explained that no action against the messengers arrested was contemplated but that the Western Union company will be prosecuted.

Over 1500 telegrams of the character mentioned were taken from the messengers.

The White House declined to comment on the government's action. It was assumed however, that this constituted one of the several answers President Wilson is in a position to make Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, who declined to accept a recent majority opinion in the war labor board upholding the right of telegraphers to organize in the company offices.

EIGHTEEN FORTY-FIVE

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opposed by administration leaders.

Baker is satisfied

Washington, June 20.—With Secretary of War Baker favorable to an 18-45 draft age, congress is believed likely to frame its legislation practically on that line. It may be appended as an amendment to the army bill, for it appears the secretary is favorable to that method, though Provost Marshal Crowder is understood to advocate separate legislation.

Crowder, too, is understood to oppose lowering the draft limit to 18, but Baker originally advocated including youths of 19. Now he is favorable to including 18 year old boys, saying that their inclusion would have a less disturbing effect upon industrial and family relations than would the drafting of many older men.

While he has not made up his mind fully on the extension question, Baker now declares he would undoubtedly endorse an 18-45 limit if submitted to him.

Incidentally, he denies quite emphatically that there is any attempt or intention on the part of the war department to regulate or control labor except insofar as it guides it into useful war work.

It was expected today the provost marshal general's office men will amplify his original statement concerning "work or fight," and also definitely establishing the status of baseball players.

It developed today heavy calls for the draft will come next month, but that thereafter a sliding scale of fewer men than heretofore will prevail. This is due to the situation, recently pointed out by the United States, namely that transportation must be adjusted to supply problems soon after we pass the 1,000,000 troops mark in France.

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ITALIANS COUNTER

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is still comparatively light, while the Italians are blocking every effort of the enemy to extend his gain along the river area. The Austrian war office reported the extension of artillery fighting westward to include the Tyrolean front.

"The number of prisoners increased," Vienna declared. Raiding and artillery activity in Flanders was reported by Field Marshal Haig.

Austrians are Cut Off With the Italian Armies in the

Field, June 19.—(Night)—The elements are aiding the Italians. Heavy rains in the mountain regions have changed the Piave from a sluggish stream to a rushing flood, destroying bridges and cutting off Austrian forces on this side of the river from their source of supply and reinforcements.

British airmen report that twelve of the fourteen bridges flung across the Piave by the enemy have been carried away. Trapped on the west bank, Austrian detachments are subjected to almost constant mauling by the Italian artillery and bombs dropped by allied airmen, with no avenue of escape.

The Austrians thus edged in have an advantage in defensive positions and are yet too well supplied with ammunition to warrant a frontal assault.

There is every possibility, however, that exhaustion of their ammunition and food supplies, together with the pounding they are undergoing, will eventually force them to lay down their arms or sacrifice themselves in desperate assaults on the Italian lines.

Frantic efforts to restore the momentum so far have been frustrated by the swollen current and the accuracy of the Italian artillery.

The enemy's losses on all parts of the front in the first three days of the offensive are now estimated at 150,000. The heaviest fighting is still around the bridgehead the Austrians have established on the lower Piave from where they are trying to push west-

ward toward Venice. The enemy now holds the west bank of the river from Maserada to Fossalta and San Dona Di Piave, a front of 18 kilometers (about 12 miles).

Austrian artillery is pouring thousands of poison, tear, emetic and mustard gas shells into the rear areas. Schio, Bassano, Asolo and Treviso have thus been rendered practically uninhabitable.

A number of the wounded display ghastly wounds, in support of the claim that the enemy is using explosive bullets.

On the lower Piave Austrian detachments wearing Italian uniforms sought to advance, but the subterfuge was discovered.

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