

SCORES THE KAISER

PRESIDENT SAYS MILITARY MASTERS DENIED U. S. RIGHT TO BE NEUTRAL.

FILLED COUNTRY WITH SPIES

Failed in Attempt to Spread Sedition—German People in Grip of Same Sinister Power That Has Drawn Blood From Us.

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson in a Flag Day address delivered here on Thursday declared that we were forced into the world-wide war by the extraordinary insults and aggressions of the military masters of Germany.

The president's address in part is as follows:

My Fellow Citizens: We meet to celebrate Flag Day because this flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us—speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us and of the records they wrote upon it. We celebrate the day of its birth; and from its birth until now it has witnessed a great history, has floated on high the symbol of great events, of a great plan of life worked out by a great people. We are about to carry it into battle, to lift it where it will draw the fire of our enemies. We are about to bid thousands, hundreds of thousands, it may be millions of our men, the young, the strong, the capable men of the nation, to go forth and die beneath it on fields of blood far away—for what? For some unexamined thing? For something for which it has never sought the fire before? American armies were never before sent across the seas. Why are they sent now? For some new purpose, for which this great flag has never been carried before, or for some old, familiar, heroic purpose for which it has seen men, its own men, die on every battlefield upon which Americans have borne arms since the Revolution?

These are questions which must be answered. We are Americans. We in our turn serve America, and can serve her with no private purpose. We must use her flag as she has always used it. We are accountable at the bar of history and must plead in utter frankness what purpose it is we seek to serve.

United States Forced Into War.

It is plain enough how we were forced into the war. The extraordinary insults and aggressions of the imperial German government left us no self-respecting choice but to take up arms in defense of our rights as a free people and of our honor as a sovereign government. The military masters of Germany denied us the right to be neutral. They filled our unsuspecting communities with vicious spies and conspirators and sought to corrupt the opinion of our people in their own behalf. When they found that they could not do that, their agents diligently spread sedition amongst us and sought to draw our own citizens from their allegiance, and some of those agents were men connected with the official embassy of the German government itself here in our own capital. They sought by violence to destroy our industries and arrest our commerce. They tried to incite Mexico to take up arms against us and to draw Japan into a hostile alliance with her—and that, not by indirection, but by direct suggestion from the foreign office in Berlin. They impulsively denied us the use of the high seas and repeatedly executed their threat that they would send to their death any of our people who ventured to approach the coasts of Europe. And many of our own people were corrupted. Men began to look upon their own neighbors with suspicion and to wonder in their hot resentment and surprise whether there was any community in which hostile intrigue did not lurk. What great nation in such circumstances would not have taken up arms? Much as we had desired peace, it was denied us, and not of our own choice. This flag under which we serve would have been dishonored had we withheld our hand.

No Enmity Toward German People.

But that is only part of the story. We know now as clearly as we knew before we were ourselves engaged that we are not enemies of the German people and that they are not our enemies. They did not originate or desire this hideous war or wish that we should be drawn into it; and we are vaguely conscious that we are fighting their cause, as they will some day see it, as well as our own. They are themselves in the grip of the same sinister power that has now at last stretched its ugly talons out and drawn blood from us. The whole world is in the grip of that power and is trying out the great battle which shall determine whether it is to be brought under its mastery or fling itself free.

The war was begun by the military masters of Germany, who proved to be also the masters of Austria-Hungary. These men have never regarded nations as peoples, men, women, and children of like blood and frame as themselves, for whom governments existed and in whom governments lived their life. They have regarded them merely as servicable organizations which they could by force or intrigue bend or corrupt to their own purpose.

ARMIES TO WORK AS UNIT

Plan Which It is Believed Will Add Effectiveness to Forces of the Allied Powers.

Washington, June 15.—An international army staff and international navy staff for co-ordination of military and naval operations will be created by the allied powers.

The organization of such bodies is deemed absolutely essential if the allies are to win the war. The nations

They have regarded the smaller states, in particular, and the peoples who could be overwhelmed by force, as their natural tools and instruments of domination. Their purpose has long been avowed.

The demands made by Austria upon Serbia were a mere single step in a plan which compassed Europe and Asia, from Berlin to Bagdad. They hoped those demands might not arouse Europe, but they meant to press them whether they did or not, for they thought themselves ready for the final issue of arms.

Vast Empire Planned.

Their plan was to throw a broad belt of German military power and political control across the very center of Europe and beyond the Mediterranean into the heart of Asia; and Austria-Hungary was to be as much their tool and pawn as Serbia or Bulgaria or Turkey or the ponderous states of the East. The dream had its heart at Berlin. It could have had a heart nowhere else! It rejected the idea of solidarity of race entirely. The choice of peoples played no part in it at all. They ardently desired to direct their own affairs, would be satisfied only by undisputed independence. They could be kept quiet only by the presence or the constant threat of armed men. The German military statesmen had reckoned with all that and were ready to deal with it in their own way.

And they have actually carried the greater part of that amazing plan into execution! Look how things stand. Austria is at their mercy. It has acted, not upon its own initiative or upon the choice of its own people, but at Berlin's dictation ever since the war began. Its people now desire peace, but cannot have it until leave is granted from Berlin. The so-called central powers are in fact but a single power. Serbia is at its mercy, should its hands be but for a moment freed. From Hamburg to the Persian gulf the net is spread.

Why Berlin Seeks Peace.

Is it not easy to understand the eagerness for peace that has been manifested from Berlin ever since the war was set and sprung? Peace, peace, peace has been the talk of her foreign office for now a year and more; not peace upon her own initiative, but upon the initiative of the nations over which she now deems herself to hold the advantage. Through all sorts of channels it has come to me, and in all sorts of guises, but never with the terms disclosed which the German government would be willing to accept. That government still holds a valuable part of France, though with slowly relaxing grasp, and practically the whole of Belgium. It cannot go further; it dare not go back. It wishes to close its bargain before it is too late and it has little left to offer for the pound of flesh it will demand.

The military masters under whom Germany is bleeding see very clearly to what point Fate has brought them. If they fall back or are forced back an inch, their power both abroad and at home will fall to pieces like a house of cards. If they can secure peace now with the immense advantages still in their hands which they have up to this point apparently gained, they will have justified themselves before the German people; they will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it; an immense expansion of German power, an immense enlargement of German industrial and commercial opportunities. If they fall, their people will thrust them aside; a government accountable to the people themselves will be set up in Germany as it has been in England, in the United States, in France, and in all the great countries of the modern time except Germany. If they succeed they are safe and Germany and the world are undone; if they fail Germany is saved and the world will be at peace. If they succeed, we and all the rest of the world must remain armed, as they will remain, and must make ready for the next step of aggression; if they fail, the world may unite for peace, and Germany may be of the union.

Seek to Deceive World.

The present particular aim of the masters of Germany is to deceive all those who throughout the world stand for the rights of peoples and the self-government of nations; for they see that immense strength the forces of justice and of liberalism are gathering out of this war.

The sinister intrigue is being no less actively conducted in this country than in Russia and in every country in Europe to which the agents and dupes of the imperial German government can get access.

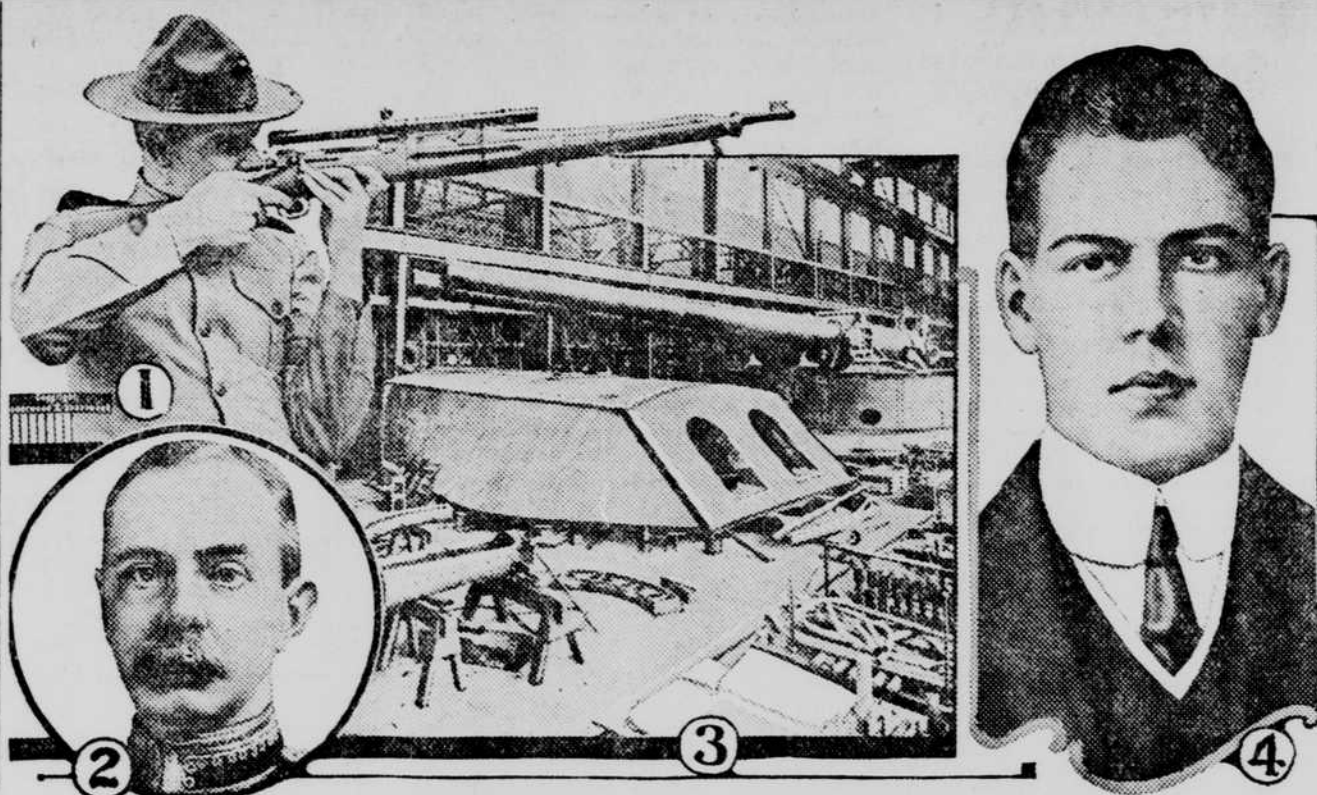
United States in War for Freedom.

The great fact that stands out above all the rest is that this is a People's war, a war for freedom and justice and self-government amongst all the nations of the world, a war to make the world safe for the peoples who live in it and have made it their own, the German people themselves included; and that with us rests the choice to break through all these hypocrisies and patent cheats and masks of brute force and help set the world free, or else stand aside and let it be dominated a long age through by sheer weight of arms and the arbitrary choices of self-constituted masters, by the nation which can maintain the biggest armies and the most irresistible armaments—a power to which the world has afforded no parallel and in the face of which political freedom must wither and perish.

For us there is but one choice. We have made it. We be to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations. We are ready to plead at the bar of history, and our flag shall wear a new luster.

fighting in league with Germany have practically surrendered their independence to Berlin.

It is at the German headquarters that the moves are planned, not only for the German fronts but for the Italian battlefields, the Balkans, Asia Minor and Persia. This unity of command has resulted in movements to hold vast bodies of enemy troops while a strenuous forward campaign was being conducted elsewhere. This scheme, it is felt, must not be in force by the allies.



A slight for the regulation Springfield rifle that is being tested by the quartermaster's department of the United States Marine corps. 2—Gen. Sir Herbert Plumer, commander of the British army that made the recent big drive between Ypres and Arrautes. 3—Scene in the Bethlehem Steel works where Uncle Sam is making heavy armament for super-dreadnaughts. 4—Alexander, king of Greece, who has been placed on the throne to succeed his father, Constantine, forced to abdicate by the allies.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

King Constantine of Greece Is Compelled to Abdicate by the Allies.

SECOND SON SUCCEEDS HIM

Liberty Loan of Two Billions Over-Subscribed by People of United States—Hope for Russia Revived—President Wilson's Great Flag Day Address.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Another ruler was picked off his throne last week, and another nation probably added to those in active conflict with the central powers. This time it is Constantine I, king of the Hellenes, who has lost his crown. After diplomatic intrigue and open quarrels that had been going on ever since the war started, he was forced by the allies to abdicate, and his eldest son, the crown prince, was barred from the succession because of his pro-German proclivities. Constantine, however, was allowed to preserve his dynasty, at least for the present, by nominating his second son, Alexander, as his successor.

The abdication of the king was brought about by Senator Jonart of France, who went to Greece empowered by the allies to settle finally the position of that country in the war. He informed Premier Zaimis that troops were at his disposal to carry out his decisions, but appealed to the premier to use his influence toward a peaceful arrangement. After consulting the crown council, the king decided to quit, and his abdication was announced on Tuesday morning. Both Constantine and the former crown prince have left Greece already.

May Mean Much to Allies.

If Greece now decides to participate actively in the war, she can throw into the field an army of 500,000 men, well trained but not sufficiently equipped. Venizelos, the former premier and consistent opponent of Constantine's war policy, has back of him 100,000 men, and though the army in general was loyal to the ex-king, it is predicted the entire fighting force of the nation will now take up arms against the central powers and Turkey. This might bring about a decided change in the Balkan situation. With the Greeks acting with the allies from the south and the reorganized Rumanian army and possibly the Russians striking from the north, the line of communications between Germany and Turkey might well be cut and the Turks forced to sue for peace.

Alexander, the new king of Greece, who is twenty-four years old, took the oath on Wednesday. It is reasonable to suppose he will act in accord with the allies, for he has kept free from all pro-German activities and seems to be acceptable to M. Jonart. In fact, he cannot do much otherwise, for the entire forces promptly seized control of all of Greece. Professedly, their aim is the restoration of the constitutional government of that country. It was stated semi-officially in Washington that the United States had not taken any part in the deposing of Constantine and had not been consulted by the entire powers. This emphasizes the fact that we are allies of those powers in war, but not necessarily in diplomacy.

The purpose of the allies was not accomplished entirely without bloodshed. A Greek colonel at Larissa fired on French cavalry, killing two officers and four privates. In the brief fight that ensued 60 Greek soldiers were killed and 320, including 51 officers, were taken prisoner.

Liberty Loan a Great Success.

America's reply to the sneering assertions of Germany that the war is Wilson's war and is not supported by the people of the United States came with a loud sound when the books on the Liberty Loan were closed Friday noon. It was announced that the loan of \$2,000,000,000 had been handsomely over-subscribed, and the significant fact is that it has been taken up main-

ly by the individual men, women and children of the nation, not by the great financial institutions. This not only is most desirable from an economic point of view, but is conclusive evidence that the entire nation is backing the government in the conflict against despotism. It was only necessary that the people should be awakened to the real situation, and this was done with energy and efficiency by the press and by innumerable speakers throughout the land.

Renewed Hope for Russia.

Hope and despair concerning Russia alternate possession of the allies. Just now it is the turn of hope, and there is a real prospect that the new republic not only can be prevented from making separate peace with the Teutons, but may even be restored as a potent military factor. Minister of War Kerensky is succeeding to some extent in re-establishing discipline in the army, and an incident on the Rumanian front, when three thousand troops were forced to unconditionally surrender by a large number of loyal troops showed that most of the soldiers are disposed to back up the provisional government. The All-Russian council of peasants, furthermore, passed by a vote of 1,000 to 4 a resolution to cut off food supplies from Kronstadt if the town did not immediately join its revolutionary forces to those of Russian democracy, and demanding that the government at once force the absolute submission of Kronstadt.

President Wilson's Note to Russia.

President Wilson's note to Russia, defining America's war aims, was received with much satisfaction everywhere except by the radical Russian socialists and in Germany, and was promptly followed by one from Great Britain which virtually stated that Mr. Wilson had spoken for their entente allies. Of course the interpretation of the phrase "peace without annexations" is still a stumbling block, for Great Britain, France and Italy take the position that the restoration of "stolen" lands, such as Alsace-Lorraine, Italia Irredenta and other regions, must not be considered as annexations. The Root commission, which had a triumphant trip across Siberia, is counted on to do a great deal toward bringing Russia to the scratch again, and at this writing it really looks as though she will not yield to the blandishments of the kaiser and his socialist and pacifist emissaries. The great change in Greece also is looked upon as likely to influence Russia because of the effect it is sure to have on the Balkan situation.

The very weakness of the Russian provisional government has caused the German conservatives to abandon hope of persuading Russia to a separate peace, for as Herr Heydebrand, their leader, says, such a course would be futile unless the government were strong enough to combat the allies Russia would be forsaking.

Mr. Root and his colleagues and also the American railway engineering commission reached Petrograd on Wednesday. On the same day the Russian mission to the United States landed at a Pacific coast port and started for Washington. It is headed by Boris A. Bakmetof as special ambassador.

General Pershing in France.

General Pershing and his staff, after several days of work and entertainment in London, crossed over into France and were enthusiastically received in both Boulogne and Paris. The whereabouts of his expeditionary force—called by the German press an American army bluff—had not been announced at the time of writing. There were two significant developments on the battle fronts of Europe. The Italians, resting for the present from their advance on Trieste, made a vigorous attack on the Austrians in the Trentino, gaining some important posts and again threatening Trent. On the Belgian front near the seacoast there was great activity by the artillery, seeming to indicate the intention of the allies to try for a push in that region toward Ostend and Zeebrugge. The British made secure their gains of last week and advanced farther east and northeast of Messines, while the French repulsed all attacks farther to the south. The allies seem to have adopted a new plan in France, making each drive a battle complete in itself; they have demonstrated, they feel, that the German military power can be crushed, and the speed with which this is to be done depends largely on the aid given by the United States.

Murderous Air Raid on London.

The Germans on Wednesday made another of their murderous and useless airplane raids on London, dropping quantities of bombs mostly on the East end. Ninety-seven persons were killed and 337 wounded. Among the dead were 16 women and 25 children. The raiders were soon driven off by British aviators and anti-aircraft cannon. It is a wonder that these repeated raids do not drive the British to reprisal on some of the unprotected cities of Germany.

The Weekly Report of the British Admiralty.

The weekly report of the British admiralty showed 33 British vessels sunk by submarines, the largest number for five weeks, but still far below the mark set by the Germans as necessary for the starvation of England. Among the victims of U-boats reported during the week were the American steamship Petrolite, the Leyland liner Aquila and the South Atlantic liner Esquimaux. The last named was carrying 700 passengers and 120 crew members. An American steamship on arrival at an Atlantic port reported that she had rammed and sunk a German submarine.

In congress the conference report on the army and navy deficiency appropriation bill was accepted and this greatest of war budgets, carrying \$3,500,000,000 was sent to the president for his approval. The administration food control bill came up for discussion in the senate and was bitterly attacked by Senator Reed of Missouri and others because of the power it proposes to lodge in a "food dictator" or some other agency selected by the president. Mr. Reed also severely criticized Herbert C. Hoover, whom Mr. Wilson has selected as head of the food control agency.

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On Thursday it was announced that the Germans had abandoned important sections of their front, between Lys river and St. Yves.

Wilson's Flag-Day Address.

Flag Day, June 14, was marked by the enthusiasm and solemnity by which it was celebrated throughout the country, and also by a notable address by President Wilson in Washington. Mr. Wilson again set forth clearly the reason why we have entered the war, forced thereby by the insults and aggressions of the German government; he drew a vivid picture of the German intrigues in the Balkans, Turkey, Persia, India and Egypt and described the great German plan to throw a belt of military power and political control across the center of Europe and into the heart of Asia; he told how far this scheme had been carried toward success, and where it had been foiled, and then scathingly denounced the deceitful efforts to secure peace that the German government has been making for a year because it knows its plan has failed and is trying to preserve its political power at home and, indeed, its very existence.

The president fairly took the hide off the friends and partisans of the German government in this country. They will make no headway, he declared, for they and their thinly-disguised disloyalties are known, and the truth is plainly seen by our people. "We be to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution," cried the chief magistrate, "when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations."

Japan has been stirred to fresh irritation against the United States because our government sent a note to China regarding the dissenation there and expressing the hope that tranquility might be established. The Japanese assert that their special position in China is vital and must be jealously guarded, and that the United States, in sending the note without first consulting Japan, ignored that special position. Secretary Lansing explains that the irritation of Japan was caused by a bogus copy of the American note published in Tokyo.

Japan is about to send a commission to the United States to arrange co-operation in the war between the two nations, and to discuss the complex questions concerning the far East. The mission is to be headed by Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, formerly foreign minister.

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General News.

Ten dead and a property loss of \$1,000,000 resulted from the fire at the American Sugar Refining company's plant in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Final estimates place the number of miners killed in a fire at the Granite mountain mine of the North Butte Copper company near Butte, Mont., at 171.

At least 20,000 persons are living in the streets and parks of San Salvador, Nicaragua, made destitute and without food and shelter as a result of the earthquake and volcanic eruption.

Governor Gardner of Missouri, by proclamation, has placed a quarantine on the shipment of stock hogs from other states into Missouri until they are inoculated against hog cholera and held for fourteen days.

The United States note to China, expressing regret over the dissensions in that country and a sincere desire that tranquility be forthwith established, caused surprise and unfavorable criticism in Japan, where the action is regarded as ignoring Japan's special position in China.

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EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries

U. S. Teutonic War News.

The War department has issued a call for 70,000 single men, 18 to 49, without dependents, to fill the regular army to war strength before June 30.

Orders for the arrest of every man between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, in the United States who cannot show a certificate of registration for war service, was issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Germany has notified the United States that she regards the seventy-four American merchant sailors brought in by the raider Moewe, as prisoners of war and that they will be treated as such.

The submarine chaser building program is more than a month ahead of schedule. The Navy department announced that nearly three times the expected number of 110-footchasers will be delivered by August 1.

One hundred American aviators from the navy flying corps have arrived safely in France for any duty that may present itself, according to a statement issued by Secretary Daniels. They are the first of the American fighting forces to reach France.

Secretary Daniels told the senate naval affairs committee that a spy or traitor to the government is operating in the navy department and that information is being furnished Germany regarding America's war plans.

Shortage of ships for military transport service constitutes one of the biggest problems before America's war chiefs. That the dispatch of the new army may have to be delayed by reason of this lack of transports is admitted.

General John J. Pershing, commander of America's first expeditionary force, has arrived in France. It is made known that he will be an important commander, such as Marshal Haig, co-operating with the French commander while on French soil.

The War department has chosen sites for the sixteen cantonment camps at which military towns are to be built by September 1, when the first draft troops will be called to the colors. Troops from Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas will be trained at Des Moines.

President Wilson warned the American people in his flag day address at Washington that Germany has carried into effect the greater part of her immediate plan of conquest and now is negotiating a new "intrigue of peace" designed to end the war while her aggressions are secure.

General Pershing and his staff, numbering 198 officers and enlisted men, the vanguard of America's first expeditionary force, arrived safely at a British port last Friday. The party started about June 1, without any publicity being given their departure. Gen. Pershing made known, immediately upon his arrival that he and his officers were anxious to get into harness at their base in France. The party was given a great ovation in England.

European War News.

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In response to demands by the allies King Constantine of Greece, who had reigned over the nation since 1913, abdicated his throne in favor of his second son, Prince Alexander. The fallen monarch and his son, Crown Prince George, heir apparent, both accused of being pro-German in sympathy, have left the country, it is said.

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San Diego, Cal., has added an aerial fire fighting machine to its department. This is believed to be the first fire fighting unit of its kind in the world.

The supreme board of directors of the Knights of Columbus announced the appropriation of \$1,000,000 by the order for the establishment and maintenance of recreation centers at all the principal army concentration camps.

Every railroad in Illinois has raised its passenger rate from 2 cents a mile to 2.4 cents a mile, applicable to intrastate and interstate traffic. The order is in compliance with a ruling issued by Federal Judge Dwyer of the United States circuit court at St. Louis, which empowered railroads to increase their passenger fares on or before June 12.

The body of the 14-month-old baby, Lloyd Koet, who was kidnaped from his home at Springfield, Mo., on June 8, was found in a well near a "haunted" house, long since abandoned, in the Ozark mountains, eight miles southwest of the city. It is believed the child was thrown into the well shortly after being spirited away. Several arrests have been made.

Washington Notes.

Congress has passed the \$3,000,000,000 war budget measure. It appropriates the greatest sum ever voted at one time by any legislative body. Its amount is greater than the total cost of the civil war.

The house tax bill was decreased about \$200,000,000 more by the senate finance committee in deciding to reduce the manufacture tax on athletic goods, patent medicines, perfumes and cosmetics from 5 to 2 per cent.

Injunction against labor unions under the Sherman anti-trust law, the supreme court decided in dismissing proceedings against New York carpet-makers' unions, can be secured only by the government and not by private persons.

In the belief that the establishment of a federal food administration will result in lower prices, organized labor forces in the United States has started an active campaign for passage by July 1 of the food bills pending in congress.

Despite the fact that America's 1917 wheat crop is placed at 636,000,000 bushels, 16,000,000 bushels more than last year's crop, the United States must practice rigid economy, says the Department of Agriculture, if needs of the allies are to be met. The report states that this country has virtually no reserve supply of wheat.

Announcing failure of its plan to receive the news print paper situation and predicting panic prices unless the government steps in, the federal trade commission asked congress to authorize a government pooling scheme to insure both an equitable distribution of the product to consumers and a fair profit to manufacturer.

Lamb for the table will be almost unknown if the farmers of the country heed the admonition which is being pressed on them by the experts of the U. S. department of agriculture. The experts say ewe lambs should be saved for breeding purposes and only those slaughtered which are absolutely worthless for breeding stock.

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