

TO FLY ACROSS SEAS

AMERICAN-EUROPE AIR ROUTE IS PLANNED BY BRITISH

TO START THE COMING FALL

Co-operation of Washington is Asked by British Officers Now in This Country

Washington—Establishment of an air route to Europe from the United States in order to bring the full force of American effort in the air to bear against Germany is a definite project by the British air council. This is disclosed by Major General William Brancker, controller of employment on the council, who is in Washington. Plans for an initial flight across the Atlantic this fall are already well advanced. American co-operation is sought and General Brancker hopes that the first machine to make the crossing will carry both English and American pilots. At least three British pilots, regarded as qualified for the trip are now here and several styles of machines produced in England have ample fuel capacity for the forty hours of flying. It is estimated the trip would take.

The attitude of the American government toward the project has not been disclosed, although General Brancker laid stress on the fact that the sole purpose of the trip was to blaze a new trail to Europe over which American aircraft can be delivered next year without taxing shipping. Presumably the plan arises from the purpose of the British ministry to carry the bombing warfare into Germany on a steadily increasing scale.

Russell Followers Found Guilty

New York—Violation of the law is not excused by the fact that it was done in serving God, declared Judge Howe in federal court here in charging the jury considering the evidence against followers of the late Pastor Russell in the International Bible Students' association on trial for violation of the espionage law. The defendants were accused of preaching sedition in Pastor Russell's book, "The Finished Mystery," and with advising resistance to the draft. When the jury announced that the defendants had been found guilty on all counts, Judge Howe's comment was that the verdict was "thoroughly right." The maximum penalty which can be imposed on each defendant is forty years' imprisonment.

Violating Postal Regulations

Washington—Transmission of night letter telegrams by train messenger instead of by wire between eastern cities is a practice of long standing it was learned after the postoffice department had taken action to stop the traffic by arresting five train agents of the Western Union company who had brief cases filled with night messages which they were carrying between New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Postal inspectors who made the seizures had previously gathered evidence that thousands of night-telegrams have been carried by train between the eastern cities and delivered to their destinations with all the earmarks of having been sent by wire.

O'Leary Pleads Mental Stress

New York—While shielding his brother, John J. O'Leary, from charges of criminally aiding his escape from trial for alleged violation of the espionage act, Jeremiah A. O'Leary, the Sinn Féin leader, pictured himself as on the verge of nervous collapse when he fled to the west May 7. He was laboring under the obsession, he indicated, that government agents had entered into a conspiracy to have him sent to prison.

Gompers Again Leads Labor

St. Paul—After re-electing most of its officers, the American Federation of Labor concluded its session here and adjourned to meet next year at Atlantic City, N. J. President Samuel Gompers, Washington; Secretary Frank Morrison, Washington; and Treasurer Daniel J. Tobin, Indianapolis, were re-elected without opposition.

Los Angeles.—Complaint that Swift & Co., packers, were discriminating against union employees at their plant at Los Angeles, caused the department of labor to order Charles T. Connell, federal conciliator, there to make an investigation.

Washington.—Health conditions in the army camps and cantonments in this country for the week ending June 14 continued "very satisfactory," said the weekly report by Surgeon General Gorgas.

Slacker Commits Suicide

Sloux Falls—One man is dead and six who failed to register are in the hands of the police as a result of a "work or fight" raid by the home guards. In addition, an enemy alien who had not registered was taken in charge. The dead man is Melvin Lundy of Sloux Falls. When asked to show his registration card Lundy said he "never had a card and never would." With that he fell over a desk and died ten minutes later. He had taken a mixture of several kinds of poison.

BAKER IS A CONVERT

Not Opposing Extending of Draft Age Limits to Forty-Five

Washington—While Provost Marshal General Crowder was at the capitol again urging immediate extension of the draft age limits to eighteen and forty-five years as a measure essential to early achievement of a maximum military effort, Secretary of War Baker exhibited further signs of yielding to the proposal. Mr. Baker said he would recommend such an amendment to the draft law if submitted by the senate or house. Democratic leaders in congress said that the amendment would be presented and adopted, if proposed by Secretary Baker. It transpired that General Crowder is urging the action for the purpose not only of obtaining fighting men before invading the deferred classifications of the present draft, but of extending the application of the "work or fight" order so as virtually to affect labor conscription for war industries.

Secretary Baker admitted that the extension of draft age limits would extend automatically the "work or fight" principle to men of the larger class brought within the draft.

"This will be its collateral effect and not its primary object," Secretary Baker explained. The result will be, however, to take practically all able bodied men from non-essential employment and place them under military orders where they can be required either to take employment in industries which the government considers essential to the nation at war or shoulder a gun.

"My own hesitancy," he said, "has been due to an attempt on my part to discover, if I can, the extent to which the increase in the age limit will affect industry. The problem of raising an army in this country is not merely the problem of getting enough soldiers, but of getting those soldiers from industry in such a way as not to cause confusion in the country and tend automatically to 'work or fight' about it."

As the Kaiser Sees It

Amsterdam—Emperor William declared at the celebration of the anniversary of his accession that "either German principles of right, freedom, honor and morality must be upheld, or Anglo-Saxon principles, with their idolatry of mammon, must be victorious."

The Anglo-Saxons, he asserted, aimed at making the peoples of the world work as slaves for the Anglo-Saxon ruling race and emphasized the fact that from the first he had realized that the trials of war would be great.

He said he was thankful that Hindenburg and Ludendorff had been placed at his side as counselors. Drinking to the health of the army and its leaders, the emperor said: "The German people and army indeed are now one and the same, and look up to you with gratitude. Every man out there knows what he is fighting for. The enemy himself admits that, and in consequence we shall gain victory—the victory of the German standpoint."

War Exhibit at Nebraska Fair

Washington—The Nebraska state fair has been placed on the circuit of state fairs at which the big government war exhibit will be displayed. Assurances to this effect were given to the Nebraska delegation in congress by Professor Lamson Scribner of the department of agriculture. Secretary Danielson of the state fair board sent a telegram to every member of the delegation explaining that unless they intervened in the matter Nebraska might be left off. Beginning with Congressman Kinkaid, dean of the delegation, every member of the house and senate delegation from the state urged that Nebraska state fair be accorded a display of the exhibit and the request was granted.

Fit For Human Consumption

New York—Several experts called by the government at the hearing held here by Special Examiner Edward P. Patterson, appointed by the federal trade commission to sift charges that Wilson & Company, a Chicago packing house, filled a government meat contract by shipping beef that was not in good condition. They testified that while there was "moisture" on some of the meat, it was fit for human consumption.

London—The central executive committee of the Russian soviet took a drastic step in deciding to expel those of its members representing the social revolutionists, the right, the center and the Mensheviks.

St. Paul.—The American Federation of Labor passed resolutions calling upon the president and governor of California to obtain a new trial for Thomas J. Mooney.

London.—The British food minister announced that Herbert C. Hoover, American food administrator, will be the guest of the nation when he visits England.

Stopped Traffic on River Volga

Moscow—The Czech-Slovak government against the bolshevik movement not only has cut off communication with Siberia by way of the Siberian railway but also has stopped traffic on the river Volga.

Washington—President Wilson in a proclamation fixed the period between 7 a. m., July 2, and 9 p. m., September 3, for the registration for military duty of men in Alaska who have reached their majority since September 2, 1917.

ASKED TO LEAVE STATE

Governor Neville Requests Non-Partisan Organization to Cease Operations in Nebraska.

Governor Neville, in reply to a petition of the Non-partisan League that it be protected in its right to organize and hold meetings in Nebraska, refused to accede to the request and asked the organization to leave the state at least during the period of the war. He made known he is in accord with the state council of defense on that proposition. The governor said charges that a political fight was being made on the league through the state council of defense were "a malicious misstatement of facts." He also refused to remove R. L. Metcalfe as member of the defense council as requested in a petition of league members from Pierce county. In his statement the governor accuses the organization of circulating seditious literature and acting in a manner calculated to arouse "class hatred, anti-American sentiment, and to interfere with the successful prosecution of the war."

A. E. Anderson, Nebraska field agent, federal bureau of crop estimates, declares that the government's estimate of 45,000,000 bushels of wheat for Nebraska this year was based upon reports from 2,000 crop correspondents and traveling field agents and not upon guess work as charged by State Publicity Director Maupin. Mr. Anderson does not agree with Mr. Maupin's estimate of more than 70,000,000 bushels of wheat for Nebraska this year. He declared that the state director exaggerated the prospects, misquoted conditions and unjustly criticized the government.

An attempt to get a ruling of the attorney general's office at Lincoln that might modify the holding of the district court of Dodge county barring a German Catholic priest of Snyder from teaching and preaching, because he admitted a divided allegiance, has failed.

The state food administration has cut the sugar allowances. The new order provides that in cities and towns the purchase of sugar for table use shall be only two pounds, while in rural districts the purchase may not be for more than five pounds for the same purpose.

Two affidavits have been filed with the state attorney general and the United States district attorney at Lincoln by leaders of the Non-partisan organization in Nebraska, demanding redress from the state and federal authorities for difficulties the league has experienced in Nebraska.

The state supreme court has affirmed a judgment of \$1,375 in favor of John Shimerda, Saline county farmer, against the Nebraska Serum company, Lincoln, for the loss of 202 hogs, dying from a cholera vaccine treatment.

The "surrender clause" of an insurance policy is void under Nebraska laws according to the Nebraska supreme court, which dismissed the suit of a Saline county man, to recover \$672 on a matured A. O. U. W. policy.

Increased freight rates will not lessen Nebraska farmers' profits on their wheat, as the government price is to be increased in proportion, according to information received by State Food Administrator Wattles.

The state insurance board has ruled that insurance companies doing business with the Nebraska body must print their policies and keep their books and other records in the English language.

Governor Neville received from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce a resolution expressing approval of the work of the Nebraska state council of defense and pledging its hearty support.

Erection of factories for making starch from potatoes is contemplated at Alliance and Hemingford. There is also considerable talk of a potato flour factory in a western Nebraska town.

The school district of Gering has registered \$30,000 bonds with the state auditor at Lincoln, the proceeds of which will be used for erecting a building.

A large number of hogs have died in Brown county during the past few days from a peculiar ailment. An investigation is being made.

Ernest Sundberg, the Snyder carpenter who was found guilty by a jury at Fremont of violating the state sedition law, was sentenced to from one to five years in the penitentiary.

The directors of the consolidated school at Virginia, Gage county, have decided to build a modern \$40,000 school building.

About 2,500 persons attended the State Sunday School convention at Hastings, York was chosen for the 1917 convention.

Ten thousand war savings stamp societies must be in active operation in Nebraska by June 28. That is the quota set for the state. Nebraska has been completely circularized with 40,000 pamphlets, sent to ministers, Sunday school teachers, bankers and business men, preparing them for the one day drive, June 28.

Rush Hoy, Nance county farmer, was instantly killed while mowing alfalfa. The team with the second mowing machine following him became frightened and ran over him with the machine.

The Buffalo County Council of Defense has recorded itself as favoring the assessment plan for raising future Liberty loan and Red Cross apportionments in the county and also other war work funds, taking the attitude that too many men of big caliber financially were hiding behind a \$50-dollar Liberty bond or a mere Red Cross membership.

The Superior chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution assisted in the dedication of a monument on the famous Oregon trail near Oak. This monument is located about one mile from Oak on the exact location where Nuckolls county was first organized and it also marks the spot of the last Indian massacre in the county.

Private car lines operating in Nebraska will pay an additional \$10,000 in taxes over 1917, according to compilations by Secretary Bernecker of the state board of equalization. The increase is due to an increased levy of 38 mills for state, county, township, school and municipal purposes as compared with 45 mills last year.

The Nebraska supreme court has ruled that the word "ordial" on a bottle doesn't mean that the bottle contains strong drink, and dismisses a pure food commission appeal from a dismissal in the district court of a charge of misbranding against a Lincoln merchant.

Parents of boys who have gone to war marched in a monster Red Cross parade at David City, Home Guards from David City, Rising City, Surprise and Brainard, took part in the festivities. The day was a great success, over \$20,000 being raised for the Red Cross.

Emerson R. Purcell, prominent Nebraska newspaper man and editor of the Custer County Chief, published at Broken Bow, has entered the field for the state legislature, having filed on the democratic ticket for representatives from Custer county.

A consolidated school district of Rock county, embracing the town of Newport and three rural districts, is preparing to build a new schoolhouse and has voted \$11,400 of bonds for that purpose. The bonds have been registered with the state auditor.

One of the Bernstorff endorsed checks, representing German Red Cross money collected in Dodge county and sent to the German ambassador who used it to spread German propaganda in this country, has turned up at a bank in Hooper.

The Beatrice gas company plant which closed down because it was refused a 20 per cent increase in rates, resumed operation following an agreement between officials of the firm and city authorities. Demands of the company were granted.

Members of the Lancaster county medical association passed a resolution at a meeting at Lincoln, pledging every member of the organization to offer his services to the government in the medical corps and to accept a call if it came.

Local draft boards in Nebraska are ordered to reclassify all registrants given deferred classification on account of marriages contracted after May 18, 1917, placing them in class 1 unless they have created "dependencies."

Secretary Bourke of the Omaha Board of Education has received advice from Washington that the \$1,000,000 school bond issue voted by citizens of the metropolis last April, has not been approved by the government.

From returns of the assessments by the Platte county assessors, the personal property valuation for taxation purposes will go about 10 per cent over last year's figures.

Preparations are being made to begin harvesting in southern Nebraska. The grain is ripening fast and will have to be cut soon.

An army of three hundred lawyers, doctors and other professional men is being organized at Lincoln to work on farms this summer.

Fred W. Anheuser of Omaha has purchased the Beaver City Sun. The paper was established about six months ago.

Three new buildings to cost approximately \$50,000, are to be constructed at the Fort Omaha balloon school.

The registration of boys for the war service resulted in thirty-three being added to the rolls in Brown county.

Preparations are being made for a home guard military congress at Norfolk some time late this summer.

Deputy State Superintendent Woodward is urging school boards in Nebraska to scan text books during the summer and purge those of pro-German leaning.

The state tournament of the Nebraska Women's State Golf association will be held at Omaha August 26.

A company has incorporated for the purpose of publishing a new daily paper in Omaha.

Omaha has a population of 231,000, according to the new city directory just issued.

The noose was put a little tighter about the German language in Buffalo county, when the council of defense issued orders forbidding its use in public places, at gatherings or over the phone.

Registration of all males from sixteen years upwards will start in Madison county soon in order that farmers will be assured of plenty of help during harvest season.

According to official figures Omaha's contribution to the recent Red Cross drive amounted to nearly \$2 per capita.

SACK U.S. CONSULATE

AMERICAN HOSPITAL AT TABRIZ, PERSIA, ALSO LOOTED

TURKS ARE THE DEPREDATOR

Acts of Aggression May Cause War Declaration by United States

Washington—Attack by Turkish troops on the American consulate at Tabriz, Persia, and the looting of an American missionary hospital in that city, reported to the state department, was believed to presage the long anticipated declaration of the existence of a state of war between the United States and the Ottoman empire. Diplomatic relations between the two governments have been suspended since April 20, 1917, when Turkey withdrew Abdul Hak Hussein Bey, who had been acting as charge of the Turkish embassy here since the compulsory retirement of the regular ambassador, which followed his open criticism of the United States government. Necessarily American Ambassador Morgenthau was obliged to leave Constantinople and since that time the relations between the two governments have been just short of actual formal enmity.

Recently there have been vigorous demands in congress for a declaration of a state of war between the United States and Turkey and Bulgaria, but President Wilson and the state department have not regarded this step as necessary or desirable, since there has been no actual collision between American and Turkish and Bulgarian troops.

On the face of the reports from American Minister Caldwell at Teheran, officials were inclined to believe that the sacking of the American hospital, a Presbyterian institution, over the protest of the Spanish consul in charge as representative of American interests, furnished the necessary provocation for open hostilities between America and Turkey.

Japan to be a Competitor

Washington—That Japan will be a permanent competitor of the United States and Great Britain for Latin-American trade was indicated with the announcement of the opening of a Japanese bank at Buenos Aires. The bank is a branch of the Yokohama specie bank and will receive assistance from the imperial bank of Japan. Dispatches from Argentina indicate that the institution will deal in international exchange and that its general purpose will be to foster reciprocal commerce. The announcement follows the recent report of plans for the establishment of steamship service between Yokohama and Buenos Aires by way of Calcutta and Cape Town.

Accused of Stealing Papers

New York—Three men and a woman have been taken in custody and charged with stealing from munitions plants throughout the country plans and blueprints valuable to the American and allied governments. They were charged with violating the espionage act. Gus L. Lindquist, a draughtsman, Leo Burt, a stationary engineer, and Franz Strohmier, said to be an enemy alien, were the names of the three men as given by the authorities. Government officials would not identify the woman.

Farm Loans Show Loss

Washington—Government farm loans increase in May amounting to \$9,530,000 to 4,360 farmers as compared with past monthly averages of about \$12,000,000, a report by the federal loan bank shows. The Spokane land bank made the highest record with \$1,511,000 loans closed. The aggregate of loans closed by districts follows: St. Paul, \$15,798,600; Spokane, \$15,730,755; Omaha, \$12,459,190; Wichita, \$11,726,300; Berkeley, \$6,230,200.

Borglum's Property on Block

Atlanta—Property at Stone Mountain, Ga., of Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, who recently made sensational charges in connection with the aircraft production program, is advertised for sale at public auction to satisfy a claim of C. G. Baxter, former secretary of the sculptor, for \$700 back salary. The property consists of equipment used by Borglum in the work of carving a memorial to the southern confederacy on the face of Stone Mountain.

National Guard Division in Alsace

Washington—The war department authorizes formally the announcement that the Thirty-second division (National Guards) composed of Michigan and Wisconsin troops, is now fighting in Alsace on German territory. Since the division has been in action its presence has been identified by the Germans, permitting the fact to be disclosed.

Captain Spang Dismissed

Washington—Dismissal of Captain Frederick C. Spang of the quartermaster corps after trial by court-martial for selling empty flour sacks to civilian dealers, at Camp Travis, Tex., was announced by the war department.

Permission to increase steamship passenger rates between Seattle and San Francisco to make them three cents a mile and equal to rail charges is asked of the interstate commerce commission.

EVIDENCE OF GRAFT

Manufacturers of War Supplies Are in Trouble With Government.

Washington—A nation-wide conspiracy between manufacturers' and contractors' agents in Washington to solicit government war orders under an agreement to pay commissions illegally to the agents, has been disclosed by the department of justice. Simultaneously with the announcement, raids were made on hundreds of manufacturers' business offices throughout the United States in search of papers showing the scope of the illegal practice, and four Boston business men were indicted in Washington on charges of acting as contingent fee agents. Even before the results of the raid were fully reported here, officials indicated they had evidence that scores, perhaps hundreds, of contracts have been made with manufacturers who were under pledge to turn over to contract commission agents in Washington, New York and elsewhere a percentage of their profits.

Officials said the manufacturers were led into the agreements by assurances of agents that they had special influence with army officers or others in charge of letting contracts and under threat to use that influence against the manufacturers. Evidence was said to have been secured that some of the agents already have made thousands in commission fees.

To Develop Indian Lands

Washington—A bill by Senator Ashurst of Arizona, opening about thirty million acres of western Indian reservation lands to private development, upon a royalty basis, for minerals needed in the war has passed the senate. This legislation opens to mining Indian lands heretofore undeveloped because the Indians lacked capital for mining operations. A leasing system provided in the bill would give the Indians royalties of not less than 5 per cent of the net value of the minerals extracted. Lands to be opened under this legislation are Arizona, 19,551,000 acres; California 436,000; Montana, 4,313,000; Nevada 687,000; New Mexico 1,889,000; Washington 3,150,000 and Wyoming 608,000 acres.

Sixty-three Ships on Fourth

Philadelphia—According to reports made to emergency fleet corporation, at least sixty-three ships will be launched on the Fourth of July in response to the appeal made by Charles M. Schwab, director general of the corporation, that Independence day be celebrated by such a big splash of ships that it will reach the ears of the German emperor. It will be the largest number of ships ever sent into the water in any country in one day. Shipyards on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the gulf coast and great lakes are in the race to get ships ready for their initial plunge.

Camp for Engineer Officers

Washington—The engineer officers' training camp which is to open about August 1, will be located at Camp Humphreys, where some 17,000 engineer replacement troops now are in training. Two thousand candidates for commissions as captains and first lieutenants are expected to enroll. Candidates for lieutenancies should be between thirty-two and forty-six years of age, and those for captaincies between thirty-six and forty-two. A traveling board, headed by Major E. H. Williams, will visit several of the larger cities and examine conditions.

Nineteen Years for Grace Lusk

Waukesha—The final episode in the trial of Grace Lusk, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, wife of the former Wisconsin state veterinarian, was enacted when Judge Martin Lueck sentenced the former school mistress to nineteen years' imprisonment at hard labor, in the penitentiary at Waupun. Sentence was pronounced after a committee of alienists appointed by the court had examined Miss Lusk and pronounced her sane. She will be taken to prison tomorrow.

Huge Profits in Contracts

Washington—Investigation of huge profits alleged to have been taken from the government under "cost plus" contracts for construction and supplies, was ordered by the senate judiciary committee. A sub-committee was authorized to consider a bill by Senator King of Utah which would abolish the "cost plus" system and prohibit the payment of commissions in the securing of war contracts.

Washington—Attorney General Gregory

has refused to approve the form of contract between the railroad administration and the new consolidated express company without some provision for restoration of competition after the war.

Gen. Wood Goes Back to Funston

Washington—Revocation of orders assigning Major General Leonard Wood to command the western department and re-assignment of the general to Camp Funston, Kansas, is announced by the war department. When General Wood was withdrawn from the division that he had trained at Camp Funston on the eve of its departure for France he urged strongly that he be given more active duty than he would find as a departmental commander.