

TO BRIDGE THE SEAS

SIXTY-FOUR SHIPS TAKE INITIAL DIP JULY FOURTH

THIRTY-NINE ARE OF STEEL

Fourteen More Held Back by Freshet—The Aggregate Tonnage Is 344,564

Philadelphia.—The great Fourth of July splash of American ships took place as planned by the shipbuilders of the United States. From one minute after 12 o'clock at night, when the first ship was launched at Superior, Wis., until late in the day, cargo-carriers and other type of vessels were sent overboard in every part of the country to help build the ocean bridge for the allied fighting forces in Europe. The offices of the emergency fleet corporation were kept open all day and late into the night to receive official report of the launchings. Complete reports gave the number of vessels sent overboard as sixty-four, of which thirty-nine were steel and the other twenty-five wood.

These figures do not include the launching of naval vessels which are being built directly under the supervision of the navy department.

On the Pacific coast the emergency fleet corporation made a world's record by launching 47,800 dead weight tons. A second record was broken there by building one of the ships, the Defiance, a 12,000-ton boat, in thirty-eight days. Immediately after the launching six keels were laid, making a third record. At Portland fourteen ships were held back by an unexpected freshet in the Columbia river.

Cardinal Martinelli Is Dead

Rome.—Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, prefect of the sacred congregation of rites, and former papal delegate to the United States, is dead. Cardinal Martinelli was the second apostolic delegate to the United States, serving from 1896 to 1902, when he returned to Rome. He was born in San Anna, Italy, on August 20, 1848, and was created and proclaimed cardinal on April 15, 1901, during his service in the United States. From 1907 to 1909 he was chamberlain of the sacred college and was ninth on the list of cardinal priests in order of precedence.

Congratulations from Mexico

Mexico City.—A Fourth of July message from President Carranza to President Wilson and the American people was made public here, as follows: "It is very gratifying for me to send your excellency and the American people on the glorious anniversary celebrated today, most cordial congratulations from the Mexican people and government. At the same time I am pleased to express my most sincere and strong wishes for the prosperity of the United States, with a wish that peace and justice soon will be reigning forever on both continents."

Executed at Camp Dodge

Camp Dodge.—On the grounds, where four months ago they began their military training, and in view of the entire 88th division, three Alabama negroes—Fred Allen, Robert Johnson and Stanley Trable—swung from the gallows, paying the penalty for attacking a seventeen-year-old white girl on the cantonment grounds. Nine minutes after nine, three white privates enclosed in booths and out of sight of the troops drawn up in review formation, sprung the traps that sent the blacks to their dishonorable death.

To Control Wire Service

Washington.—President Wilson has sent a special request through congressional leaders that the house and senate pass before the recess the resolution empowering him to take over the telegraph, telephone, radio and cable systems of this country. The president's action was expected in administration quarters to result in passage of the measure. If persisted in, opposition to the legislation may hold congress from recess indefinitely.

Wealthy Mine Owner Murdered

Minneapolis.—The body of Reuben Kuethe, a wealthy mine owner and oil operator, of this city was found in the Mississippi river here, badly bruised and with a bullet hole in it. Police express the belief that he had been murdered. Negotiable papers on oil property in Kansas and Wyoming totalling more than \$28,000 were found along the river bank.

Second Great Fire at Kiev

Moscow.—Deta is having been received of the second big fire at Kiev, which destroyed buildings in an area five miles square. Factories, docks, mills, barracks, wood and grain barges, as well as a bridge across the Dnieper river, were burned.

Sink Five U-Boats

An Atlantic Port.—Destruction in European waters of five German submarines by British transports and by American and British destroyers conveying them, was described by passengers who arrived here on an English liner. The transports, one of which was carrying 7,000 American soldiers to Europe, accounted for three of the U-boats and the destroyers sank the other two, according to the voyagers. Officers of the liner confirmed their stories.

A MILLION NOW OVER

Over Six Hundred Thousand Sailed During Past Month

Washington.—American troops sent overseas numbered 1,013,135 on July 1. This was made known by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker disclosing a record of achievement which the president said "must cause universal satisfaction" and which will give additional zest to our national celebration of the Fourth of July.

The first units—non-combatant—left American shores on May 8, 1917. General Pershing followed twelve days later and at the end of the month 1,718 men had started for the battlefields of France. June saw this number increased by 12,261, and thereafter khaki-clad "crusaders" from the western republic flowed overseas in a steady stream until upwards of 300,000 had departed when the great German thrust began last March.

President Wilson's determination to meet Germany's supreme effort with the utmost of America's available man power to assist the desperately resisting French and British armies is sharply reflected in the movement of troops during the last three months. The March sailings of 83,811 were increased in April to 117,212. May saw another 244,345 men embark and last month 276,372 were sent away, making a total for the three months of 637,929. This put the troop movement six months ahead of the original schedule

Many Killed in Explosion

Syracuse.—Sixteen persons were killed and two hundred injured and the huge plant of the Somet-Solway company at Split Rock, near here, virtually wrecked by two explosions of trinitrotoluol. Terrific concussion from the explosions of the war powder rocked large business buildings in the center of this city, smashed plate glass windows and caused a panic in the residential district.

The explosion followed a fire that had raged beyond control and spread to the "T. N. T." vats.

Aid was sent from Syracuse, but at midnight the water system broke down. Five hundred workers were in the plant when the fire broke out. Its origin has not been ascertained. The workers fought the flames and when they ran to safety were caught in the first explosion.

Draft Men May Volunteer

Lincoln.—Nebraska state headquarters is advising local boards that until July 17 applications may be received from registered men, including the 1918 class, to volunteer for induction into the engineer corps. A registrant desiring to volunteer should communicate with his local board. No guaranty is given that his application will be accepted, but on above date state headquarters will wire to Washington the number of volunteers in each occupation. If less are ordered accepted than are offered, it is likely that the local boards will accept those who are first to volunteer. Only white men qualified for general military service may be accepted.

Iron Crosses Among Yankees

Paris.—The German emperor has distributed iron crosses galore among the American forces. The distribution was not direct, but via the chests of soldiers Germany considers her best. Having an iron cross is a fad among the Americans. Nearly every prisoner taken has one, and few retain them. These are probably overlooked during the excitement of battle and the hurry to get the prisoners to the rear.

Mexican Revolt is Nipped

Nogales.—Twenty persons had been apprehended here and at Sasabe, fifty-five miles west on the international boundary, as a result of the activities of American and Mexican government authorities. The arrests followed an investigation of a plot to foment a revolution in Mexico which was revealed in a confession made by a Mexican arrested recently in Nogales, Sonora.

Fleet Delivered to Germans

Stockholm.—The dreadnaughts *Vloja* and *Demokratia* and six destroyers of the Russian Black sea fleet have arrived at Sebastopol. Their crews were disarmed by the Germans and forced to leave the city immediately. In the revolt at Novo-Rossusk (200 miles east of Sebastopol) the Russians blew up the dreadnaught *Svobodnaya-Rossia* and ten destroyers.

Given Wage Increase

New York.—Announcement that express company employees throughout the country will receive an increase in wages dating from July 1 was made here by George C. Taylor, president of the American Railway Express company, which on July 1 took over the express business on all the railroads of the United States.

Ship Production Amazing

Washington.—Ship production in the United States in June amounted to 280,400 deadweight tons, making the total 1918 production to date 1,084,670 tons. The June production, which is at the rate of 3,364,800 tons a year, is a new record for the United States and is the largest output of ocean-going tonnage ever completed in any one month by any nation. It comes within 15,900 tons of the world's record for shipbuilding made by the British shipyards in May, but which included all classes of vessels.

MAY RISK OFFENSIVE

ALLIED ARMIES NOW ABLE TO CHANGE TACTICS

NO LONGER ON DEFENSIVE

Major Aggressive Operation Impending—American Air Service Reverses Conditions

Washington.—Increasing man-power and rapidly extending control of the air have permitted the adoption of a new policy for General Foch. It is believed that the sequence of the hard local blows struck recently by allied troops shows a new phase is developing which might expand into a major operation. Reports of the recent successful strokes are taken to indicate General Foch no longer feels the necessity of keeping on the defensive to conserve his forces. The fact that the Germans have been completely surprised is believed to be due to the work of the airmen. American aid has served to change the tide of the fighting. The American attacks around Chateau Thierry, the French operations at Soissons and the British operations on the Somme and in Flanders probably were prompted by the weakness of the enemy at those points.

Coinage Records Broken

Washington.—All coinage records of the United States mint were broken during the fiscal year ending June 30, both for value and number of new pieces of money. A total number of 714,139,119 new coins were made with a value of \$43,596,895 against \$25,445,148, coined in 1917. The number of pennies was greatly increased and the mint turned out 528,351,479 cent pieces before the public need was satisfied. The nickel showed no such increase, the number coined in 1918, amounting to \$2,723,278, was only slightly greater than in the preceding year. Silver coins also came out of the mints in greater numbers. There were 24,105,440 half dollars made against 9,179,500 during the previous year, and 45,223,400 quarters in comparison with 19,678,000 made in 1917. There were 116,458,800 new dimes made as against 87,542,000 in 1917.

Sultan of Turkey Dead

Amsterdam.—Mohammed V, sultan of Turkey, is dead, says a Constantinople dispatch received here by way of Vienna. Mohammed V, thirty-fifth sovereign of Turkey in direct descent of the house of Osman, came to the throne by a coup d'etat on April 27, 1909, having been held a prisoner by his brother, Sultan Abdul II, in the royal palace and gardens in Constantinople for thirty-seven years. At his accession he espoused the cause of the young Turks, the party in opposition to the form and ceremony of his brother's reign. Upon the deposition of Abdul, Mohammed was welcomed by them as a champion of freedom.

Million Dollar Fire in Texas

Orange.—Officials of the department of justice, in co-operation with Texas and Louisiana officers, are conducting a rigid investigation into the cause of the fire which destroyed the entire plant of the Orange maritime corporation on the Louisiana side of the Sabine river, valued at \$1,000,000 and three half-completed 2,200-ton schooners valued at \$225,000 each. Two men are under arrest. Their names are withheld. Charred bodies of two men, one believed to be a contractor of New York and that of an old man

Overdoing Regulation

New York.—A suggestion of the council of national defense that, as a war measure, Christmas gifts this year be confined to an exchange of cards and letters, is meeting with opposition from merchants in all parts of the country, according to an announcement by the retail dry goods association. These merchants, it is stated, consider that sufficient regulation has been placed on non-essentials by the government at the source of production.

Warned to Stop Speculation

Washington.—Reports of continued speculation in woollens caused the industries board to send notice to dealers in woollen piece goods that profiteering is detrimental to the public welfare and is contrary to the industrial policy as outlined by the president. In a previous warning the board said drastic action would be taken unless speculation ceased.

Miss Rankin for Senate

Washington.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, representative from Montana, has announced she will be a candidate for the republican nomination to the senate to succeed Senator Walsh. The nominating primaries will be August 27, and Miss Rankin said, at present there is no other republican candidate

Disarming the Populace

London.—A press dispatch from Dublin says the police at Ballinacree, county Galway, have raided farm houses, seizing hundreds of guns and arms. The raids extended into the adjoining counties of Roscommon and Kinks. There was no resistance, except in a few instances where the presence of arms was denied, but the weapons were surrendered. The people were surprised, not expecting such drastic action in view of the recent proclamation of Viscount French, calling for recruits.

SHORT STATE NOTES

News of Nebraska Told in Condensed Form

One hundred Hebron home guards are helping the Thayer county farmers handle the wheat crop.

Several school districts in Gage county voted to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds to build a consolidated school house at Filley.

Refining plants to cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000 are in course of construction in the potato districts of western Nebraska.

A large amount of grain was destroyed by fire when lightning struck the Farmers' Grain Elevator at Scotia. The elevator, which burned to the ground, will be rebuilt.

A summer school to train boys and girls in stenography to replace men in war has been organized by the woman's council of defense of three townships in Gage county.

Fire of an unknown origin partially destroyed the building occupied by the Custer County Republican at Broken Bow. The plant of the Republican was severely damaged.

Speaker Champ Clark of the lower house of congress, it is said, will speak at the meeting of the democratic state convention at Hastings, July 29, if congress is not in session then.

Sugar sales by wholesalers to retailers hereafter shall be limited to not more than a two weeks' supply, according to a ruling promulgated by the food administration for Nebraska.

The world's record price for heavy beef cattle, selling on the open market, was established at the South Omaha market when 33 steers, shipped by Elmer Graham of Creston, this state, sold for \$18.25 per hundred.

The Holdrege commercial club has been organized into squads and is helping in the harvest fields in the community. Labor is very scarce in Phelps county and neither the state nor the government has been able to meet the demand for harvest help.

A circular has been sent to local authorities by the State Council of Defense advising them not to permit organizations that promulgate alleged disloyal or unpatriotic literature and propaganda to hold meetings. It is presumably aimed at the Nonpartisan league, which the council recently asked to leave the state.

Nebraska's campaign for War Savings societies had a whirlwind finish last Friday. Rallies and meetings were held all over the state in community centers and business houses. High hopes are held out by leaders of the movement that the 10,000 War Savings Societies Nebraska was called upon to form have been perfected.

According to an announcement of the state food administration, Nebraska had in its elevators throughout the state on June 22, 3,404,815 bushels of cereals of all kinds. The totals do not include Omaha or South Omaha. Corn was the greatest in total with 1,308,274 bushels in storage; oats came next, 1,808,804 bushels; wheat was third on the list, 140,274 bushels; barley fourth, 118,087 bushels, and rye fifth, 23,687 bushels.

New sugar regulations, which became effective July 1, are the most drastic yet promulgated by the food administration. They provide that all retail grocers must keep a check on their customers and sell sugar only to the amount of three pounds per month for each member of the family. Every grocer is expected to know the number of individuals in the families who buy from him. Under the national rules each consumer will be permitted to use three pounds of sugar per month, but the Nebraska food administration has made an appeal to people of this state to use only two pounds per month per individual.

This does not apply to sugar to be used for canning and preserving. Four new classifications are added under the rules, and include the essentials and less essential manufacturers, making six classifications in all. The new classes are wholesalers, retailers, public eating places and bakers. Every distributor and user of sugar, with the sole exception of the consumer, can buy sugar only upon presentation of a certificate issued by the federal food administration for Nebraska. With a few exceptions, these certificates must be secured from the Omaha office of the administration.

The state council of defense is sending letters to all county superintendents advising them to examine all English language text books to see they are thoroughly American in their teachings.

Women are driving Ford cars, used to pull binders in the harvest fields of Gage county. The plan is proving successful. The army casualty list of June 27 reported Corporal Joseph E. Palmer of Broken Bow as having died of wounds in France.

Second Lieutenant Robert H. Flansburg of Lincoln, member of one of Nebraska's best known families, was killed in action in France on June 15. Lieutenant G. P. Cather of Bladen, is another Nebraska officer to be reported killed in action, the date of his death being given as May 28.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce sent a message to Governor Neville approving the stand of the governor opposing the petition of the Nonpartisan League asking for the removal of R. L. Metcalfe of Omaha from the State Council of Defense.

Asks Aid in Compiling List.

Governor Neville is seeking the aid of Nebraskans in the work of compiling a list of soldiers and sailors from this state who have entered any branch of the service in order that they may be permitted to vote under the new Nebraska franchise law. The governor also plans to keep a record of the achievements of Nebraska lads in the fight for justice and freedom. This is an important service which every Nebraskan can render the boys. In forwarding the information, as indicated below, address it to "Governor Keith Neville, Nebraska Soldiers Bureau, State House, Lincoln, Neb."

Nebraska Soldiers and Sailors Data.

County of.....
Soldier's name.....
Home address.....
Date of birth.....
Date of enlistment.....
Nearest relative.....
Address.....
Organization and rank.....
Present address.....

The German State bank of Deshler has asked the state banking board to change its name to the Deshler State bank.

Over 100 threshmen met at Falls City recently and perfected an organization for the purpose of co-operating with the farmers to save every grain of wheat.

Verne Kennedy, probably the first farmer in Gage county to thresh his winter wheat, reported a yield of 22 and 35 bushels to the acre from two fields on his farm. The grain tested 61 pounds and is of good quality.

After facing an ice famine for a week with no relief in sight from the ice man, the Oxford village board took matters in its own hands, ordered a car of ice and sold it to consumers at cost. It is planned to continue the venture through the balance of the season.

York county wheat fields are yielding from 10 to 20 bushels to the acre. Oats are almost a complete failure in the county. Corn never was as far advanced as at this time of year and with favorable weather there will be the largest crop ever known in York county.

According to reports filed at state Red Cross headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska is one of the best organized states in the union for Junior Red Cross. Nebraska has twice as many Junior auxiliaries as Michigan or Wisconsin, and only six less than Illinois, a state with eight times the population of Nebraska.

Virtually all wheat in the southeastern part of the state is in shock. The acreage is about one-fifth more than usual and the yield and quality promise to be above the average. Labor is scarce and it is no uncommon sight to see girls following the harvesters shocking the grain.

According to Governor Neville's proclamation calling for primary election August 20, candidates will be nominated for state executive offices, a United States senator and congressmen, senators and representatives of the state legislature on all party tickets. The nonpartisan slate will name six supreme court judges, four regents of state university, two superintendents of public instruction, four candidates for district judge in Third and two in the Tenth judicial districts.

The executive committee of the Nebraska Nonpartisan league, through J. D. Ream, Broken Bow, chairman, has asked the Lancaster county district court for an injunction to prevent the state council of defense interfering with league meetings.

Governor Neville stated upon his return from Washington a few days ago that soldiers in France will not be able to vote in the Nebraska primary in August for the reason that the War department will not be able to gather the names of the men from this state in time.

The state railway commission refused to comply with a request from Director General McAdoo that express rates in Nebraska be increased some 37 1/2 per cent without a hearing to substantiate the raise. Mr. McAdoo, in his request, said he desires uniform rates to prevail over the entire country, and while he might file rates himself, he would prefer that the commission do so. The rates in Nebraska are 25 per cent lower than in most states. All but five state commissions have accepted the interstate commission rates, 25 per cent higher than Nebraska. To this the director general proposes adding 10 per cent more.

The interstate commerce commission has ordered that all points on the line of the Burlington railroad west of Curtis, to and including Sterling, Colo., be included in the standard mountain time zone hereafter.

Gurdon W. Wattles, Nebraska food administrator, was married the other day at Estes Park, Colo., to Miss Julia Vance of Lincoln.

Major L. E. Hohl of Albion, who is with the American forces in France, was cited for bravery by the French government.

Abandonment of the Nebraska annual state fair and utilization of the fair grounds at Lincoln as a permanent concentration camp to house from 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers during the period of the war is under consideration by state and government authorities.

A scheme is being worked out by Omaha business men whereby regular automobile truck lines are to be established within a territory of 100 miles of the city for the purpose of transporting live stock to the South Omaha market.

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Wrangell, Alaska, Said to Be Without a Resident Physician, and That Won't Do.

Members of the medical profession, alert to its interests, should go out of their way to see that the doctorless town of Wrangell, Alaska, is supplied with a physician forthwith, that is, if the void has not been filled within recent days. Wrangell has been without a doctor for some time, and is announcing that a horse doctor will do if the regular kind cannot be supplied.

Every day that Wrangell enjoys robust health without a physician in its midst is a potential menace to the business of all the brethren of the profession. Some man with a nose for news is likely to bore into comparative death rates any day. How would the brethren like to read a calm statement to the effect that Wrangell's death rate has decreased 8 per cent in the last four months? And it might easily happen, Alaska being so blooming healthful, anyway.

How is anybody in Wrangell to know that he has appendicitis, or gallstones, or impossible tonsils, or adenoids, or arteriosclerosis, unless a resident pill sharp is there to tell him?

There are a lot of people who will fret and lose flesh if they are not quite sure what they have to worry about. The reported void at Wrangell should be filled, and forthwith.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

In jealousy there is more self-love than love.—La Rochefoucault.

Besides Saving Wheat Ma Says I'm Saving Cooking When I Eat

POST TOASTIES

BEST CORN FLAKES EVER

-Wobby-

