

RECOGNITION GIVEN

RECEIVE STANDING IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

TO FURNISH SINEWS OF WAR

Czecho-Slovak Council is Admitted as a De Facto Belligerent Government

Washington.—Recognition of the Czecho-Slovak nation by the United States government assures the Czechs of northern Austria of a standing in the league of nations and will have a far-reaching effect on the war situation.

In extending recognition the United States went further than Great Britain and France by recognizing the Czecho-Slovak national council as a de facto belligerent government.

The Jugo-Slavs of southern Austria have long been ambitious to establish an independent nation, and it is believed that they will seize upon the recognition of the Czecho-Slavs as an excuse for definite action.

Cotton Crop Falls Short

Washington.—A disaster unparalleled has befallen the American cotton crop as the result of a severe drought in July and August.

Railroad Contract Approved

New York.—The form of contract under which the government will pay nearly a billion dollars rental every year to railroads under federal control, has been approved by Director General McAdoo and representatives of the leading railroads.

August War Expenditures

Washington.—Government war expenditures in August broke all monthly records by more than \$100,000,000, amounting to \$1,714,000,000.

Germans at Essen in a Panic

Amsterdam.—Rumors that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has committed suicide, that the whole German army has gone over to the Anglo-French forces and that the British fleet has attacked and destroyed Heligoland have become so widespread in the Essen district that the commandant of that town has issued a proclamation advising the people not to believe "extravagant rumors."

Disillusionment Sweeps Germany

Paris.—A dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, to Le Matin quotes a prominent Swiss citizen coming from Germany as declaring that in the last six weeks a formidable disillusion has swept over Germany.

Waterpower Bill Hits Snag

Washington.—When the house resumed consideration of the waterpower bill Representative Sims of Tennessee, in charge of the measure, sprung a surprise with a letter from President Wilson disapproving the proposal to pay the "net investment" to waterpower plants which may be recaptured for public ownership.

New York.—In a great round-up of draft evaders throughout the metropolitan district government agents gathered in nearly 4,000 young men.

ACT NOW EFFECTIVE

Thursday, September 12, Fixed for Registering All Between 18 and 45 Not in Service

Washington.—Machinery of the provost marshal general's office is in motion to carry out the second great enrollment under a presidential proclamation issued soon after the president had signed the new man-power act extending the draft ages. It is estimated that at least 12,778,758 men will enroll, compared with nearly 10,000,000 at the first registration June 5, 1917.

In a proclamation issued immediately after he signed the new man-power bill, the president said: "We solemnly purpose a decisive victory of arms, and deliberately devote the larger part of the military manpower of the nation to the accomplishment of that purpose."

Youths in their eighteenth year will be placed in a separate group to be subject to a special education program and will not be called until the supply of other available men in the new classes is exhausted.

The hours of registration will be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., and all state and local officials are called on to make immediate arrangements for maintenance of registration places on that day.

All men within the new ages, whether citizens of the U. S. or not must register, unless they are diplomatic or consular representatives of foreign nations.

Stefansson Back From North

Dawson, Y. T.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who headed the Canadian expedition exploring the Arctic regions north of Canada which sailed from Esquimaut, B. C., under the direction of the naval department in 1913, has arrived here en route to Esquimaut to make his report. He will then proceed to Ottawa and later to New York.

Lenine is Reported Dead

London.—Nikolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier who was shot twice by an assassin at Moscow, has died of his wounds, according to a telegram from Petrograd received by the exchange agency by way of Copenhagen. The report says the premier was shot by a young girl belonging to the intellectual class. She was arrested. The attack on Lenine was made after a meeting of laborers where Lenine spoke. As the premier was leaving two women stopped him and discussed the recent decrees regarding the importation of foodstuffs. In the course of the interview three shots were fired.

Total Number of Casualties

Washington.—Total number of casualties to date, of the American expeditionary forces in France: Killed in action (291 at sea)..... 4,715 Died of wounds..... 1,424 Died of disease..... 1,629 Died of accident and other causes..... 753 Wounded in action..... 12,033 Missing in action (including prisoners)..... 2,516 Total..... 23,070

Cyclops Given Up for Lost

Washington.—The naval collier Cyclops, which has been missing at sea for several months, was formally given up for lost when Secretary of the Navy Daniels ordered that the name of the vessel be stricken from the naval register. This followed the recent action of the secretary in authorizing the bureau of navigation of the navy department to settle claims for pay and allowance to families of soldiers missing on the Cyclops.

To Assist Registration

Chicago.—Local authorities in all parts of the country have been called upon to cooperate with the government in enforcing order and bringing about a complete registration of men within the new draft ages, on the day to be fixed as soon as congress passes the man-power bill.

Bribe Given Draft Official

Cleveland.—David L. Shaw, attorney and member of draft board No. 9, was arrested on a charge of demanding and accepting a bribe of \$500 from Edward J. Robinson to give Robinson deferred classification in the draft. Robinson also has been arrested.

Berlin Under Martial Law

Washington.—According to an official dispatch from Switzerland an order has been issued by General von Lingingen, commander of the district which includes Berlin, which in effect places it under martial law.

British Record for August

London.—The British captured in the month of August 57,318 German prisoners, 657 guns, more than 5,750 machine guns and 1,000 trench mortars.

SHOULD PURCHASE NOW

Merchants Are Urged by State Council to Stock Up in Advance of Winter

Mercantile and industrial lines of business are being urged by the state council of defense, in a circular just issued, to stock up with material and goods as far as possible in advance of the winter season, so that transportation facilities may not be too heavily taxed in cold and inclement weather. An exception to this request is made in the case of lumber dealers, who are asked to hold off for a time yet until the government needs are met.

An aviation examining board has been sent by the government to Omaha from the Aviation Mechanics' Training School at St. Paul, Minn., to examine applicants for training in that branch of the service. Students that are well qualified may apply for examination for entrance to the Ground School for training as aviators. Students are sometimes sent from this school to the Officers Training Camps for several other branches of the service.

The Burlington has filed a motion asking dismissal of the appeal filed by state Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway in a suit involving the question of where rental shall be paid. The Burlington leased lands at the station of Burnham and paid rent to the state asylum for the insane, the land having been set aside to the use of that institution. Mr. Shumway contends that the rental should go into the state school fund. The district court enjoined him from molesting the Burlington. He was the only member of the board of educational lands and funds which entered into the litigation or who appealed from the decision of the lower court.

Burlington crop reports show that corn was hard hit in Nebraska, and that continued drought since August 1 has added to the damage done by hot winds. The heart of the corn producing territory in the state, the country surrounding Lincoln immediately and for a distance of one hundred miles west was most affected. It has been ripening far too fast and a good quality of corn will be hard to find in the south central part of the state.

A hearing was held before the state board of irrigation on the controversy between J. W. Steinmeyer of Beatrice and the Blue River Power Co. for a water power site at Barneston. Steinmeyer obtained a permit from the board to develop 200-horsepower at that place. The power company wants the permit cancelled because the development had not yet been made, and it asks for power rights at the same place.

Ten days after the state primary election, only thirty-seven counties had sent in their report to Secretary Pool. The returns are slower in coming than they used to be when the same board that conducted the election did the counting. Up to that time not a single county in the first congressional district, which is the territory closest to Lincoln, had been officially heard from.

The corn crop in Polk county and adjoining districts is the most complete failure that has occurred for twenty-four years, and the entire crop is the shortest in the history of the county. The condition of the ground is such that farmers are hesitating about planting fall wheat, as there is absolutely no moisture in the ground.

Henry C. Bittenbender, prominent prohibitionist and lawyer of Lincoln, died at his home after an illness of several weeks. At the time of his death he was the prohibition nominee for attorney general of Nebraska, and secretary of the prohibition state central committee and had been its chairman for many years previous.

Dr. C. W. Ervin of Lincoln has been appointed by Governor Neville as assistant adjutant general, succeeding Major C. M. Williamson, who lately received a commission as assistant division adjutant with American troops now in training for overseas service. A thirty-five acre farm near Dunbar, Otoe county, was sold the other day for \$390 per acre.

In the new registration of men who have become 21 years of age since June 5, the number enrolled in Nebraska was 1,958 as shown by reports from all the counties received at Governor Neville's office. Of that total, 1,587 were white Americans, 24 colored, and 47 of alien nationalities.

A campaign has been started by the county food administrator and the defense council to induce Dodge county farmers to plant more wheat this fall. Farmers are being urged to prepare their ground at once. Fifty thousand acres of wheat is Dodge county next year is the slogan.

In the vicinity of Table Rock four farms, totaling 450 acres, were recently sold for an aggregate of \$58,000.

Columbus now has a new fire station with two paid firemen on duty day and night. Two auto trucks are part of the equipment.

One hundred and fifty acres of alfalfa land near Arnold sold recently for \$125 per acre. A record price for Custer county land.

In an automobile accident near Albia, Dell Roberts, age 19, was killed and John Kautzman and Laverne Clayton were seriously injured.

Percy Vinning of Beatrice has recently been wounded for the second time while fighting in France. He was first wounded last March.

A prospective customer dropped a cigarette stub into a gasoline leak at a Pfliger garage, causing a fire which destroyed the building and contents.

A municipal ice plant is a reality in Omaha. The product will retail for thirty cents a hundred, against fifty cents charged by the independent company.

Ray Carlin, 16 years of age, of 3440 Sahler St., Omaha, was instantly killed in the elevator shaft of the McGraw Electric company, 1219 Harney street.

Sergeant Ellsworth C. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Wood, 2705 Ohio street, Omaha, was killed in an automobile accident in France August 8.

Omaha is in line for one of the chain of trans-continental aviation landing fields to be established by the government, is the opinion of Omaha Aero club officers.

Gering's new \$75,000 high school building will be practically completed when school starts, and is to be one of the finest structures of the kind in western Nebraska.

Gage county is entirely free from bonded indebtedness, having but recently closed all outstanding claims against the court house and jail, with a \$970 balance in the latter fund.

George Harris, a pioneer of Blue Springs, died at a hospital in Lincoln. He was well known in the southern part of Gage county and four years resided on a farm near Holmesville.

Rev. John J. Jennette, for twenty-five years chaplain at St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, is dead. He was a pioneer priest and saw much of the early life of the state and endured many hardships.

Daniel Brant, Jr., a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Pocahontas, is home for a visit with his parents at Table Rock. He has made four trips across, and is expecting to soon make another.

W. E. Gowen of North Loup was internally injured and his son George suffered a broken collar bone and fractured ribs when a Santa Fe train struck their automobile near Castle Rock, Colo.

Brainard experienced one of the most destructive fires in his history just recently, five frame buildings being consumed. The excellent water works system only prevented a much greater loss.

W. F. Thishoff has been appointed acting general manager of the Denver and Salt Lake railroad. He was formerly assistant general manager of the Burlington lines west, and his home was in Lincoln.

An automobile containing Elza Morehead of Pawnee City and Miss Dorothy Phillips, Glen Kent and Miss Meta Gallas of Table Rock overturned injuring Miss Gallas seriously. The rest of the party escaped with bruises.

Advices from Washington make it practically certain that Doane college at Crete will be designated for a unit of the students' training corps the coming year. There will also be special classes in Morse code and radio work.

Relatives at Fremont have received word from John McArthur, who was officially reported killed in France, July 20. Letters from him indicating that he was well, and dated July 24 and August 4, have been received recently.

Will Maupin, state publicity commissioner, this week purchased the plant of the old South Omaha Democrat and he is now engaged in packing the material for shipment to Gering, where he will establish a new paper. His new journal will be democratic in politics.

Owing to the fact that referendum petitions involving the measure, temporarily suspended it, Nebraska women were unable to vote at the recent primaries. Women of the state will not be able to take advantage of the partial suffrage law enacted by the 1917 legislature until the case is settled in the courts.

Lieut. Charles J. Hyde, killed when his aeroplane fell from an altitude of 300 feet at Dallas, Tex., was a resident of Norfolk, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyde. He was twenty-five years old and a senior in the Albany, N. Y., law school. The body will be brought home for burial.

John Olsen, of Fremont, received word that his brother Sam, a former Fremont resident, had been wounded in action in France. He was a member of the draft contingent from Montana and went overseas this summer. Attention of all persons who send mail to the boys in France is called to the fact that letters should not be addressed with the abbreviation A. E. F., as it is apt to become confused with the Australian Expeditionary Force. The word "American" must be spelled out in full in writing American Expeditionary Forces, if delays are to be avoided.

FEW TO ESCAPE TAX

NEW REVENUE BILL HITS INCOMES ANOTHER BLOW

EXEMPTIONS ARE THE SAME

Final Estimate Places Yield at \$8,012,792,000—Excess Profits to Yield Large Revenue

Washington.—The new bill with a levy affecting every individual and business concern in the country, has been approved unanimously by the house ways and means committee. Chairman Kitchin introduced it in the house and asked for immediate consideration. Leaders hope to send it to the senate within ten days after debate begins. The final committee estimate of the revenue to be yielded under the new bill is \$8,012,792,000, as against \$3,941,533,000 last year, under the present law. The largest source of estimated revenue is from taxes on excess profits, including war profits—\$3,100,000,000, and the next is from taxes on incomes—\$1,482,188,000 from individuals and \$82,000,000 from corporations.

The exemptions under the new bill are the same as under the old—\$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married persons with \$200 additional allowed for each dependent child under eighteen years of age. An exemption of \$200 for each dependent incapable of self support because of mental or physical disability also is allowed.

The report says that the bill levied on all citizens or residents of the United States a normal tax of 12 per cent upon the amount of income in excess of exemptions, except that on the first \$4,000 of the taxable amount the rate shall be 6 per cent. The measure also increases the surtaxes all along the line.

Von Hertling is Pessimistic

Amsterdam.—Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, expressed anxiety over the outlook of the future in an address to a delegation of representatives of a Catholic student society. He spoke of the sacrifices and demands of the war and declared in addition to the sacrifices of blood, "there are difficulties of food and clothing and manifold deprivations at the present time and I am anxious concerning the outlook for the future."

Plans Relief for Farmers

Washington.—An amendment to the emergency agricultural appropriation bill, now pending in the senate with its national prohibition rider, was introduced by Senator Gore of Oklahoma, proposing an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to be used for the temporary relief of farmers in drought-stricken sections of the country. Under the amendment the money would be advanced to banks in such districts which have made loans to farmers.

Supposed Political Murder

Victoria, B. C.—The motive for the murder here of Tang Hui Lung, minister of education for China, by Mah Chew, a Chinese barber, is thought to have been political. The barber committed suicide. Tang Hui Lung, former Chinese minister of the interior, was leaving the Chinese club, where he had been dining, when Mah Chew, waiting outside with a revolver in each hand, fired two shots at the minister.

Rolling Up Prisoner List

Paris.—The allied forces on the western front have taken a total of 128,302 prisoners since July 15, it was announced in an official statement. In the same period 2,069 guns, 1,734 mine throwers and 13,783 machine guns were captured. On the French front 75,900 prisoners and seven hundred guns had been captured by the French since July 18.

New Federal Bank Notes

Washington.—Two new greenbacks—the first of the nation's war time currency—are in circulation. They are the \$1 and \$2 federal reserve bank notes planned especially to replace the silver certificates withdrawn from circulation as the treasury's silver reserve is melted into bullion for export to the allies.

Killed by Smugglers

Brownsville.—Customs Officer Fred Tate was shot and instantly killed by Mexican smugglers on the main road two miles north of Brownsville. Tate was the second officer killed by smugglers in this section within a fortnight. Ranger Joe Shaw was shot and killed on August 22.

River Steamer is Sunk

St. Louis.—The river steamer St. Louis of the St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet company ran onto a snag twenty-three miles south of St. Louis and sank in fifteen minutes in twenty feet of water. Two persons are said to be missing.

Pan-Thracian Congress

Athens.—At a meeting here of more than 500 refugees from the Thrace it was finally decided to call a pan-Thracian congress to prepare a memorial to the Greek government concerning the future of their fatherland.

Labor Service Flag

Kansas City.—A service flag nearly 500 feet long and bearing 5,240 stars, six of them in gold—labor-contribution to the war for Kansas City—was the feature of a parade of 10,000 union workmen here.

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