

TO AMEND MUNITIONS ACT

England Proposes Plan to Obviate All Serious and Future Labor Troubles.

SETTLEMENT OF DIFFICULTIES

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 16.—A bill to amend the munitions act has been drafted to meet complaints that provisions of the original act are unjust.

Under the original act, it is necessary for men who leave the government-controlled factories to get certificates from their employers before they can obtain work elsewhere.

A second amendment extends the application of the act. It states that munition work, for the purposes of the act, shall include not only all direct work on munitions, but all subsidiary work such as building and repair work on munitions factories, the supply of light and power for the manufacture of munitions, and the manufacture of machinery and raw material for munitions.

Asks Another Change. The labor party has asked for still another change. All offenses against the act are tried before a tribunal, at present composed of a chairman appointed by the minister of munitions and two other members representing employers and employees, respectively.

Standardization of wages and working conditions is also asked as the proper corollary of the measure depriving the workman of the right to strike or leave his job. This will be considered when the bill is brought up in Parliament.

Question of Pay Difficult. Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, has recently circulated a letter to the effect that the best possible use is not being made of either machinery or labor in government-controlled establishments.

Employers are requested to furnish detailed information as to the assignment of their skilled labor and to take steps to replace skilled men with unskilled men or women wherever possible so as to utilize the skilled workers as far as possible.

ALBANIA BECOMES PIVOT OF CONFLICT

(Continued from Page One.) army, which is now concentrating in Albania, where its ranks are being reformed and supplies, landed by the allies, during the past fortnight, distributed.

Stubbins fighting continues between the Serbians and the Bulgarians along the Drina river in Albania.

Greek Situation in Status Quo. In Greece the assurances which the Greek government received that its territory would remain for the present free of invasion, not only by Bulgaria, but by Austro-German troops, has produced relief and optimism.

The English press, however, questions the sincerity of the Bulgarian assurances to Greece.

Telegram from the Austrian southern front report heavy snowstorms. Advances from the Russian north front say that serious troubles are being met with there, but Petrograd still believes the Germans are preparing a great push in the Divina region.

Full details of an attempted Turco-German coup in Persia received in London show that the alleged plot failed only by the narrowest margin.

Will Open Bids Soon for New Postoffice. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Reavis was informed today that bids for the construction of the Falls City postoffice to be one story and basement in brick and built of rough stone, would be opened in the supervising architect's office on March 1.

Thieves Steal Clothes from Two Omaha Homes. Clothing to the value of \$30 was stolen by a thief from the home of M. W. Nokes, 139 South Fifteenth street, F. M. Thompson, 68 North Seventeenth street, reports the theft of similar articles valued at \$9.

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"Baby" Blair Wins a Fine Doll



Baby Blair

Here is Baby Blair with "Gretchen," one of the dolls won in The Bee's contest of last week. Baby Blair tried three times before he succeeded in winning. At least his many friends tried for him.

AUSTRIAN REPLY TO ANCONA NOTE BEFORE CABINET

(Continued from Page One.) note by simply instructing Ambassador Penfield to ask for his passports and by handing his passports to the Austrian charge at Washington," says the Figaro.

Austria's answer is a barely disguised refusal. The only satisfaction Austria gives the United States is that she does not keep the United States waiting for it. President Wilson's magnanimity has its limits and the dismissal of the American charge at Washington and the recall of Ambassador Penfield will show this is not a question of a fit of anger, but a carefully thought out resolution.

Ancona Wantonly Shelled. PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17.—A statement that the liner Ancona, sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean November 7, was "wantonly shelled" while it was coming to a stop, and that the shells fell among the lifeboats after they were lowered, was made last night by George K. Moore of this city, a representative of an importing corporation with offices in Boston, who said he was a passenger on the Ancona. Mr. Moore arrived in Boston on the steamer Cretic from Naples.

He characterized the behavior of the crew of the Ancona as "disheartening." Only four boats were lowered, he averred, although orderly leadership would have done wonders in reducing the loss of life. He said that the boat he entered was upset by a woman jumping on the awning and that he was picked up by another boat. After rowing for seven hours they reached Messina.

"I should say the Ancona was sunk about eighteen minutes after we heard the first shot," he said. "I am certain the ship was wantonly shelled and I know that shells fell among the lifeboats."

SUES FOR DAMAGE FROM FALLING ROCKET

HARTING, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Leonard Carrol has brought suit against the Hastings Chamber of Commerce for his son, Lawrence Carrol, aged 14, claiming \$10,000 for the injury of the latter by a falling skyrocket at the fireworks display of the Independence day celebration on July 5 last. The celebration was conducted by the Chamber of Commerce. For a month it was thought the boy would not live. He alleges that his left arm is paralyzed as a result of the negligence of the organization in permitting the skyrocket to fall into the crowd.

Mail Clerks All Named. HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Raney and Marshall Alkman of this city have been appointed to the railway mail service, the former with a run from Lincoln and the latter from St. Joseph.

Piles Cured in 9 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money of Pazo Ointment fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. First application gives relief. 50c.—Advertisement.

The National Capital

Friday, December 17, 1915. The Senate. Met at noon. Took up the house resolution extending the emergency revenue act one year. Philippines committee continued hearings on the self-government bill.

The Works bill for development of water holes in the California desert and the Sterling bill for 60 acres stock raising homesteads were reported favorably.

Senator Weeks introduced a bill for regulation of insurance companies. Passed joint resolution extending emergency revenue law until December 31. Adjourned at 8:40 p. m. to noon Tuesday, January 4.

The House. Met at noon. Passed a bill authorizing construction of a bridge across the Allouez river at Olit City, Pa.

War department recommended continuation of \$3,000,000 improvement project on the Missouri river. Adjourned at 5:42 p. m. to noon Tuesday, January 4.

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All Streams Near Cincinnati, Ohio, Near Flood Stage

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Heavy rains last night and today succeeded the sleet storm which fell yesterday throughout this section of the Ohio valley, with the result that almost every small stream within a radius of fifty miles from here is at flood tide.

Reports from central Kentucky likewise indicate flood danger. A thirty-foot rise in the Kentucky river at Jackson, Ky., was reported. All mountain streams in Kentucky are said to be rising rapidly and further rains will endanger many small villages.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 17.—One of the heaviest rains in years has fallen over Kentucky within the last thirty-six hours, swelling small streams and flooding lowlands, but reports indicate, resulting as yet in comparatively little damage. At Louisville the weather bureau reports a rainfall of 4.18 inches during the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. today.

Twelve Students of Lawrence College Suspended for Term

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 17.—Twelve Lawrence college students were suspended by the faculty, it was announced today, for the balance of the term, and their names were placed on probation as the result of what was almost a riot in Brokaw hall, the boys' dormitory, last night.

Upon returning from a vaudeville house, where 100 students nearly broke up the acts with yells, the boys went to Brokaw hall to finish their first inter-fraternity celebration of the year.

They tore down the doors, bent the hinges, rolled beer bottles down stairs and had a general "rough house," according to Dr. Plantz, president of the college.

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War Costing France Billion and a Half Francs Per Month

PARIS, Dec. 16.—(Delayed.)—In the course of his demand today in the Chamber of Deputies that the chamber grant three months' credit to the budget account, Alexandre Ribot, French minister of finance, stated that the subscription to the recent French national loan from London alone was 600,000,000 francs (\$120,000,000).

The minister said that the calculation concerning the results of the loan was far from being ready, and that therefore he would quote no total figures. He stated that he could say, however, that the country had answered the call and that never had there been a similar number of subscribers. He declared that the loan had been made by French savings, that speculation played no part in it, and that the subscriptions to it were sincere and genuine.

At another point in his speech M. Ribot stated that while the war expenditure at the beginning of the conflict was 1,500,000,000 francs per month, it was now 2,500,000,000 francs per month. The chamber, by a vote of 501 to 1, voted the credits asked on account of the first semester of 1916.

Fletcher Named for Mexican Post

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Henry P. Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson today for ambassador to Mexico. Eleseo Arredondo already has been appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States and Mr. Fletcher's nomination today restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, broken off nearly three years ago.

TEN THOUSAND DIE OF CHOLERA IN PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Because native Philippine health officers failed to cope with an epidemic of cholera in the islands within the last year there were 10,000 deaths, Captain R. C. Helebowier of the army medical corps today told the senate Philippines committee. Only nine cases, he said, had come to the direct attention of the army physician and assistance of the Americans was not welcomed by the native officers.

Three Chances to Help Make Bright Paths Now Gloomy

Splendid response has been made by The Bee's readers to appeals for aid. Mrs. Doane reports the cases heretofore mentioned are well provided for. But there are others. Here are three more Mrs. Doane recommends as specially worthy of assistance:

13. Widow and five children; girl 15, girl 13, boy 11, boy 10, girl 8. Mother does laundry work. Broke down under strain. Need food, clothing and shoes.

14. Colored family, mother and daughter. Mother lost leg and arm in accident. Does day work. Girl 13. Need clothing and extra allowance of food every week.

15. Family, father, mother and two children. Mother crippled. Father met with accident. Girl 13, boy 10. Need food and fuel. Help ONE of these and lift a cloud from the path of a deserving family.

Will YOU help one? Send donations either to Mrs. Doane direct or to The Bee.

Wrecked Ship Sold for Eleven Dollars

GULFPORT, Miss., Dec. 17.—The American schooner, John W. Dana, of Boston, which was wrecked December 8, four miles southwest of Chandelier Island, has been sold at auction here by the underwriters for \$11. The vessel was loaded with asphalt from Brighton, Port of Spain, and with its cargo, was valued at about \$25,000.

Acreage Sown to Winter Wheat is Off Eleven Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Next year's winter wheat crop was estimated today by the Department of Agriculture at about 540,000,000 bushels. That would be 114,000,000 bushels less than the winter wheat harvest this season, but approximately 100,000,000 bushels more than the average of the five years, 1909-13.

Winter wheat was sown this fall on 72,250,000 acres, a decrease of 11.3 per cent from the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1914, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

Winter wheat condition on December 1 was 87.5 per cent of normal, compared with 88.3 on December 1 last year, 92.3 in 1913 and 90.8, the ten-year average.

Rye was sown this fall on 3,668,000 acres, a decrease of 3 per cent from the revised estimated area sown in the fall of 1914.

Rye condition on December 1 was 81.5 per cent of normal, compared with 81.5 on December 1 last year, 86.3 in 1913, and 82.3, the ten-year average.

War Bureau Urges Ten-Foot Channel in The Missouri River

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Continuance of the ten-year project for a permanent six-foot channel in the Missouri river from its mouth to Kansas City, despite an adverse report of the district engineer in charge, was recommended to congress today by the War department.

The board of engineers overruled the district engineer, who recommended that the project, begun six years ago, be modified to provide only for removal of snags on the ground that commerce did not warrant a permanent channel. The project involves expenditures of \$30,000,000, of which \$6,250,000 has been appropriated.

Modification of the present project for improving the Arkansas river, so that it will embrace only removal of snags from the mouth to Osark at \$25,000 annually, was recommended by the department.

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British Bonds to Take Up Americans Are Well Received

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The 3 per cent five-year exchequer bond issue, with which the government plans to pay for American securities, is regarded on the stock exchange as an excellent investment, and it already has had a slightly depressing effect on the gilt-edged section, where quotations were marked down about half a point early today. Consols opened at 97 1/2, against 98 1/2 yesterday, and the war loan declined 1/4 to 95 1/2.

The appearance of the French loan on the market with dealings at 97 1/2 on the basis of 25 francs to the pound sterling, or an eighth over the price of issue, also detracted interest from standard securities.

DEATH RECORD.

Peter Jacoby. AURORA, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Bowed down by age and affliction Peter Jacoby, long one of the leading farmers of this part of the state, died last night.

At one time he was the owner of 840 acres of splendid land lying just north of this city. He was an enterprising farmer and his farm was one of the show places of the county. But bad investments and business misfortunes overtook him and he had but eighty acres of land and his home in this city when he died. Mr. Jacoby had just passed his eightieth birthday. His surviving children are: Mrs. Mary Squires of Comstock, Mrs. Ella Lambert of Joplin, Mo.; Mrs. Carrie McMullen of Loup City, Dwight Jacoby of Loup City, Arthur Jacoby and Mrs. Grace Johnson of Aurora.

H. L. Seaman. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Word was received here today of the death of H. L. Seaman, for forty years a resident of Nebraska and well known throughout the state. He left Kearney several years ago to live in California, where he died Monday. He was buried at Ingleside, Cal., old soldiers having charge of the funeral services. Mr. Seaman left a widow, one son and three daughters.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—A civil service examination will be held on January 22, for postmaster at Omaha, Neb. John A. Stransky was appointed postmaster at Pukwana, Brule county, S. D. vice Charles S. Fonesk, resigned.

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