

# BIG WAR SENSATION

CONFIRMS SUSPICION LONG HELD BY ENGLISH DIPLOMATS.

## DIPLOMACY GETS PRAISE

London Papers Laud Watchfulness and Skill of American Intelligence Service—Queen Victoria is Dubbed Pro-German.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

London.—The Washington state department's revelation of a Swedish diplomat in Argentina acting as an intermediary for transferring German messages to Berlin has created one of the greatest international sensations of the war. The development itself is not, however, a great surprise, the chief surprise being that the American officials were able to obtain the messages, as they did the Zimmermann note of last winter regarding German overtures to Mexico.

The Swedish government, with the monarchy, the aristocracy and the army officers, has been rated strongly pro-German throughout the war and Queen Victoria in several public utterances has proclaimed her German sentiments strongly as any German could. The Swedish people, on the other hand, are reported as leaning strongly against Germany in the more recent stages of the war, particularly since the unrestricted submarine campaign.

The suspicion has been current in England throughout the war that Germany was obtaining much information of military movements which could not be obtained through ordinary spies, the spy industry in fact having been pretty well stamped out here for more than a year past, after a few lessons taught by several executions in the Tower of London.

### DISCLAIMS BLAME FOR LEAK.

Swedish Minister Claims No Ciphers From Argentina Through Legation.

Buenos Aires.—The Swedish minister to Argentina, Baron Lowen, denies that dispatches in cipher had been sent to Berlin by the German charge through the Swedish legation at Buenos Aires. He declared:

"I have not sent, nor caused to be sent by the legation under my charge any telegram from the German legation. The news is received as a disagreeable surprise. I have cabled to my government to clear up the matter."

### Victim of Air Raid.

Washington, D. C.—The death of First Lieut. W. T. Fitzsimmons, medical corps, U. S. A., killed Thursday when German aviators bombed hospitals behind the lines in France, was announced in a dispatch received by the war department by the American embassy at London. No mention was made of other Americans reported killed in press cables. Lieut. Fitzsimmons joined the army medical forces at Kansas City, his home, last May. He was just 20 years of age and a graduate of Kansas university.

### Meeting Ends in Bloodshed.

Milwaukee, Wis.—One Italian was killed, another was probably fatally wounded, and two police officers were slightly injured when an attempt was made to break up a patriotic open air meeting in the Italian section here. The two Italians who were shot are members of an alleged anarchist club which later was raided and literature, said to have been of an incendiary nature, was seized.

### Storm Socialist Gathering.

Rush City, Minn.—Sixteen hundred persons stormed a widely advertised socialist meeting in Dale, took possession of the hall, burned socialist banners and literature, and ejected three scheduled speakers. After the hall had been cleared of socialist leaders, the meeting was turned into a patriotic demonstration.

### No New Revolution.

Los Angeles.—A new Mexican revolution reported by Mexican officials in El Paso, Tex., as having been started in Los Angeles and on the Pacific coast, under the leadership of "Dr. Atl," is not regarded here seriously by supporters of the Carranza government, according to J. M. Carpio, Mexican consul here.

### Norbeck Suppresses Meets.

Pierre, S. D.—With the possibilities of trouble, which may arise at any time, Governor Norbeck has issued a general order to the state sheriff and to county sheriffs over the state to prevent gatherings or meetings which are called for the purpose of creating discord or which will tend to cause serious disturbances.

### New French War Credits.

Paris.—The budget committees of the chamber of deputies have commenced an examination of the war credits demanded for the final three months of 1917. The total amounts to 11,290,000,000 francs, the highest since the war began.

### Washington, D. C.—A bill to authorize the appointment of twenty chaplains at large for the army from Jewish as well as Christian ministers was favorably reported by a house committee.

# TO CRUSH DISLOYALS

LABOR MEET AT MINNEAPOLIS CLOSES WITH ELECTION OF GOMPERS.

## STATEMENT OF AIMS GIVEN

Principles include: Suppression of Disloyalists and Pro-German Propagandists; Solidification of Labor Behind the President.

Minneapolis, Sept. 10.—The American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, organized three weeks ago with President Wilson's approval, concluded its big loyalty conference here on Friday with the election of officers and the adoption of a ringing declaration of principles.

The alliance, composed of the nation's labor leaders and having as its double purpose the crushing of disloyalty and the solidifying of labor in the war for democracy, by unanimous vote elected as its leader Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The outstanding provisions in the declaration of principles include:

Suppression of disloyalists and pro-German propagandists.

Solidification of labor behind the government.

Conscription of wealth as well as of men.

Heavy taxes on incomes, excess profits and land values.

Government control of industries in case of labor disputes.

Action against speculative interests which enhance prices of necessities of life.

Insurance for soldiers and sailors.

Equal suffrage.

Indorsement of President Wilson's decision not to permit the war to be made an excuse for lowering labor standards.

Declaration that wage-earners must have a voice in determining conditions under which they give service, and must be represented in councils conducting the war and at peace negotiations.

"The overshadowing issue," the declaration says, "is preservation of democracy. Either democracy will endure and men will be free or autocracy will triumph and the race will be enslaved. To compromise now would be to sow seed for a bloodier war."

### 108 KILLED IN AIR RAID

Six German Airplanes Drop Bombs on Chatham, England—Most of the Victims Sailors.

London, Sept. 8.—Another air raid on England occurred on Tuesday night. The English coast was shelled, as well as the London district.

In Monday night's raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded at Chatham. It is announced officially.

Six airplanes took part in the raid. The victims were naval ratings or sailors.

The raids over the southeast coast on Sunday and Monday nights seem to have been more for the purpose of testing the possibility of attack by moonlight than in the hope of doing any considerable damage.

A dispatch to the Star from Chatham says that a part of the naval barracks was struck by a bomb during Monday night's air raid, causing serious loss of life. The Chatham dock yard, the message states, entirely escaped damage.

In addition to the naval casualties one civilian was killed and six were injured.

### U. S. TARS IN PRISON CAMP

Captain Oliver and Four Gunners Captured by German Submarine Are at Brandenburg, Prussia.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Captain Oliver of the American tank steamer, Campana, and the four naval gunners, Delaney, Roop, Kline and Jacobs, who were taken prisoner when their ship was sunk recently by a German submarine, are in a prison camp at Brandenburg, Prussia. The news came by cable to the American Red Cross from Geneva.

### 2 DIE AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

Southern Illinois Farmers Are Victims of a Grade Crossing Accident Near Belleville.

Belleville, Ill., Sept. 6.—Two men were killed and three were injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Louisville and Nashville train five miles east of here. The dead are: Rudolph Richter, retired farmer; John Reuth, farmer.

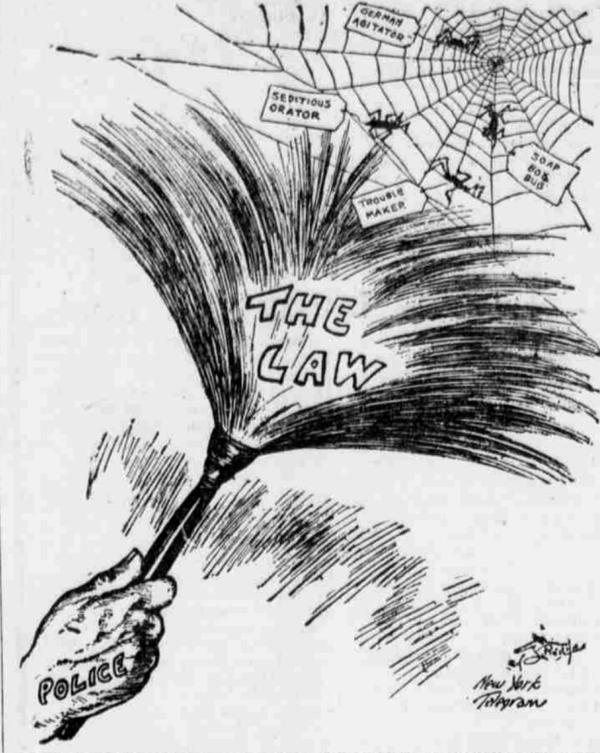
### Aviator Killed in Test.

San Mateo, Cal., Sept. 10.—Fred Ochsner of San Francisco is dead here of injuries sustained when he fell 300 feet while making a test flight for a pilot's license at the California aviation corps school at San Carlos.

### French Cabinet Resigns.

Paris, Sept. 10.—The resignation of the Ribot ministry was decided upon unanimously after a cabinet meeting Friday. President Poincare has asked the premier and his ministers to withhold their resignation.

# SWEEP OUT THE PESTS



## U. S. RAIDS I. W. W. HEADS DRAFT PARADE

FEDERAL AGENTS AT CHICAGO SEIZE MUCH EVIDENCE.

Department of Justice Takes Drastic Measures to End Anti-War Propaganda in Country.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The government on Wednesday took drastic measures to end the antiwar propaganda and activities conducted in the name of the Industrial Workers of the World, the Socialist party, and other organizations throughout the United States. On order from Attorney General Gregory, United States marshals in many towns and cities descended at 2 p. m., central time, upon local headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World, seized books, checks, correspondence and other documents, and in some instances arrested officials found upon the premises.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Eight raids were conducted simultaneously in Chicago Wednesday by men from the offices of the department of justice and wagonloads of evidence were seized in the offices and houses of Socialist and I. W. W. agitators. Telegraphic reports show that similar raids were conducted at the same time in 20 or more cities all over the United States.

Oliver E. Pagan, federal indictment expert, who has been in Chicago for a month working secretly with Hinton G. Clabaugh, chief of the local department of justice, and Charles F. Clyne, United States district attorney, is reported to have drawn up the papers and to have engineered the entire nationwide clean-up. This is the first time that the recently passed espionage act has been used for the basis of such a crusade.

To insure utmost secrecy of preparation it is understood that Pagan, Clabaugh, and Clyne established offices "somewhere in Chicago" and there prepared the plan that so successfully swept the nation and caught the men wanted.

In Chicago orders were not to make arrests, but to grab everything in sight that might be evidence. Apparently the order was carried out to the letter.

### FIND I. W. W. BOMB IN DETROIT

Evidence of Plans for General Strike of Great Lakes Seamen Found at Headquarters in Cleveland.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 8.—A bomb was found among the stuff confiscated in the raid on the I. W. W. headquarters in Detroit. It was revealed on Thursday. Federal officials were preparing indictments to make arrests in connection with the discovery.

United States Marshal Behrend advocated internment of all I. W. W.'s for the duration of the war.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 8.—Evidence of plans for a general strike of great lakes seamen is believed to have been found by federal agents in records taken in raids on I. W. W. headquarters in great lakes cities.

That the lynching of Frank Little, national I. W. W. organizer in Butte, frustrated the call of such a strike to paralyze the government's war program became known.

### Drafted Man and Bride Die.

Chicago, Sept. 10.—William Haake and his bride, Rosie, were found dead by gas in their home. The husband had been ordered to go to Rockford to join the National army, and he and his wife decided to die together.

### Bandits Beat Carranza Men.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 10.—Reports have reached here of the defeat and virtual annihilation of a body of 100 Carranza soldiers in an encounter with bandits near Villa Garcia. Only a few wounded soldiers escaped.

### Lufbery Adds to Score.

Paris, Sept. 10.—Sub-Lieut. Raoul Lufbery of Wallingford, Conn., a star aviator of the Lafayette Escadrille, flying on September 4 and 5, brought down his tenth and eleventh German airplane.

### Over \$700,000,000 a Month.

Paris, Sept. 10.—The budget committees of the chamber of deputies has begun an examination of the war credits demanded for the final three months of 1917. The total amounts to \$2,240,000,000.

# BOND BILL PASSED

MEASURE AUTHORIZING \$11,538,945,460 APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY HOUSE.

## NOW READY FOR THE SENATE

Clark Protests Size of Loan and Comes Out for 50 Per Cent on Profits to Pay Major Cost of War.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The great war credits bill authorizing \$11,538,945,460 in bonds and certificates passed the house unanimously on Thursday. Action by the senate as soon as the pending war tax bill is disposed of is planned by administration leaders. Not a material amendment was added to the bill by the house.

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania led a group of Republicans in a futile fight for consideration of his proposal for a war expenditure committee, which was thrown out on a point of order.

If the secretary desires, under the measure, he may use some of the \$17,600,000 appropriated for disposing of all the bonds and certificates in newspaper publicity.

Representative Cannon of Illinois managed to obtain the adoption of a compromise amendment to exempt from taxation forever interest on bonds not in excess of \$5,000. He wanted to make it \$10,000, but Democratic Leader Kitchin would not agree to that.

The bill authorizes the issuance of \$7,538,945,460 worth of convertible 4 per cent bonds, subject to surtaxes and war profits taxes, and to terminate at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury. Of this total \$4,000,000,000 worth is for a new allied loan, \$3,000,000,000 worth to take over a 3 1/2 per cent issue already authorized and the remaining \$538,945,460 to be used for converting certain outstanding bonds, including the Danish West Indies, Alaskan railway, Panama canal and naval construction issues.

Issuance also is authorized of not more than \$2,000,000,000 worth each of certificates of indebtedness and war savings certificates to run not more than one year and five years, respectively, at rates of interest to be fixed by the secretary of the treasury. These issues are to be subject to the same taxes as the bonds.

The bill provides that foreign bonds, taken in exchange for loans, shall not be sold at less than the purchase price.

For more than an hour debate veered from the bill itself to the general war financing situation. Speaker Clark and Representative Sherley of Kentucky urged that more taxes should be levied soon and declaring grave dangers lay ahead if congress continues to issue vast quantities of bonds without regard to equalization by taxes.

"I favor a fifty-fifty proposition as between taxes and bonds or something near that, for financing the war exclusive of foreign loans," Speaker Clark declared emphatically.

### RUSSIAN FLEET WILL FIGHT

Baltic Navy Forces to Make Desperate Defense of Petrograd, Officials Are Assured.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Russia's Baltic fleet will make a desperate defense of Petrograd and the bases of Kronstadt and Revel. Official assurances to this effect were given in dispatches to the provisional government from the commanders of those ports.

A most significant feature of this important development is that it shows that the grave new peril facing Russia since the fall of Riga is uniting the hostile political factions. A large part of the Baltic fleet has been under control of the Maximists, who, up to the present, have maintained a hostile attitude towards the Kerensky government.

### UPHOLD MILITARY DETENTION

Court Denies Writs of Habeas Corpus to the Springfield Riot Prisoners.

Springfield, Sept. 6.—The right of the state to hold prisoners arrested by soldiers during a riot was upheld in the Sangamon county circuit court here, when Judge E. S. Smith denied a writ of habeas corpus to Julius Bringle, who is being held by the military authorities for alleged activity in street-car strike rioting of Monday night. Judge Smith cited section 2, article 2, of the Illinois military code, which, he declared, gave the military authorities the right to make arrests and to retain prisoners until released by the commanding officers.

### Rolt Kills 68 Sheep.

Galesburg, Ill., Sept. 8.—Sixty-eight sheep were killed near here when lightning struck a barn on Fred J. Brown's farm.

### New German Plane Marvel.

Paris, Sept. 8.—The Gotha airplanes, with which the Germans have been bombarding England, are biplanes fitted with two motors, developing 430 horsepower, and with two tractor propellers, according to Georges Prade.

### German Flyers Raid Sulina.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—An official statement says: "German hydroaeroplanes on Monday attacked the harbor works at Sulina. Attacks were observed at two points." Sulina is on the Black sea on the west coast of Roumania.

# GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

In a statement just given out, the Nebraska state council of defense formally approves the organization of reserve militia companies and home guards in the different counties of the state and explains their purposes.

A summary of business handled by State Auditor Smith's office in August shows 4,334 warrants issued for a total of \$480,000. The state's disbursements for the first eight months of this year are \$4,279,000, or an increase of \$696,000 over the same period in 1916.

### G. W. Wattles, of Omaha, who has been appointed government representative in Nebraska for administering the new food control law, together with Herbert Hoover the national food director, will have the hearty support of the state council of defense in any line of work undertaken.

### The women voters' conservation league has tendered its services to the state council of defense for patriotic work, and asks that it be allowed to do its share in assisting in the enrollment of Nebraska women in the registration on September 12.

### According to reports certified by the county assessors, the total cost of valuing property for assessment in Nebraska this year was \$234,127, as compared with \$267,600 last year and \$215,657 in 1915. Five counties failed to report the expense of assessing.

### A ruling by Provost General Crowder regarding the status of medical students before the exemption boards, received by Governor Neville, states that they can enlist in the medical reserve corps and may claim exemption on that ground. If they enlist they may be called upon for active service.

### A genuine New Mexico sandstorm greeted the Nebraska boys the day of their arrival at Fort Deming, threatening to destroy the tents that had been put up. No serious damage was done, however, and a rain storm during the evening effectually settled the dust and cooled off the atmosphere.

### The last of 13,900 letters notifying owners of brands that their trade marks or brands expire December 31 and must be renewed have gone out of the office of Secretary of State Pool. The fee for renewal is 50 cents and the fee for recording a new brand is \$1.50. Brands must be renewed every five years or the right to use them ceases to exist.

### Opening day at the state fair drew a crowd of almost 10,000 people, who listened to the band concerts, made acquaintances, and greeted old friends. Last year's Sunday attendance was in the neighborhood of 9,000, which encourages the management in the belief that the 1917 attendance will exceed the average, notwithstanding war and other conditions.

### The United States government refuses to spend any of its good roads funds on any highway where it is necessary to use a toll bridge, and for this reason the project for the sale of the Platte river bridge at Ashland to the State of Nebraska and Saunders and Sarpy counties is being pushed by everyone interested in having the Lincoln-Omaha automobile road recognized for federal and state aid.

### A troop of boy scouts pitched their up tents at the fair grounds after having hiked from Seward during the night. The lads had made some forced marches, and the fair held few attractions for them for several hours after their arrival. Sixteen boys under scoutmaster Earl Scott made the trip. They left Seward Tuesday evening, and made camp after they had marched or three hours. In the morning they resumed their trip and arrived in Lincoln after five hours of marching.

### The Nebraska hospital corps, now in the federal service and known as the second field hospital company of the 117th sanitary train of the 42d rainbow division, left Lincoln Wednesday for the east. The hospital corps is Nebraska's share of the rainbow division, is under command of Major John F. Spealman of Lincoln, and consists of seventy-four enlisted men and five officers. The "Draft Special" with 409 Nebraskans who form the first detachment of 5 per cent of the draft army, left Lincoln Thursday night on their way to training camp.

### Prof. Laurence Fossler and Prof. Fred M. Fling of the University of Nebraska, C. J. Ernest of Omaha, and I. J. Thomas of Seward have been appointed by the state council of defense as members of a committee to examine the 1,200 volumes of German language publications which are being circulated by the state library commission, to weed out any which may be obnoxious to the spirit of American democracy. The appointment came upon the suggestion of Chancellor Avery a member of the library commission.

### Hot shots thrown at Frank L. Haller, president and member of the university board of regents, German textbooks, the German press and aliens featured the meeting of the chairmen of the county councils and officers of the state council of defense held Tuesday morning and afternoon at Lincoln. All officers of the state council, including Governor Neville, Vice Chairman Coupland, R. L. Metcalfe, George Brophy, T. P. Reynolds, C. A. McCloud and Adjutant General Steele made short talks.