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U. S. TROOPS GET ACCUSTOMED TO TRENCH WARFARE IN FRANCE.

RATIONS FOR MEN ASSURED

Secretary Baker in Military Review Says Additional German Soldiers Have Been Brought to Western Front from Russian Positions.

Washington, D. C.—Development of Germany's long deferred offensive in the west from the reconnoitering trusts launched during the past week around Cambrai and at other points is suggested as a possibility in the weekly military review issued by the war department.

The review tells of the torpedoing of the liner Tuscania, which carried more than 2,100 American soldiers, and attributes the relatively small loss of life, estimated at about 113 men, to the fine discipline of the soldiers and efficiency of those in command.

The review also tells of the rescue work of the British navy. Describing briefly the activities of the American troops occupying a sector of the Lorraine front, the department says they have shown themselves well fitted for their task and are rapidly becoming accustomed to trench warfare.

"The sector in Lorraine where our forces are in contact with the enemy continued relatively active throughout the week," the review says. "Artillery duels took place intermittently, but fog and heavy rains prevented infantry engagements. The Germans attempted to further raids and settled down to systematic sniping and bombing of our positions."

"Our sharpshooters gave a good account of themselves, keeping the enemy parapets well cleared of Germans. German airplanes made repeated attempts to rush their reconnoitering sallies over our lines, but were invariably met with a hot fire from our anti-aircraft guns."

"The review says the rations for the men in the trenches, in spite of the enemy's attempts to break up our transport columns, have been regularly assured. "The arrival in the western theater of additional German forces coming originally from the Russian front is noted," says the review.

"Further Austrian divisions have also been detached from other zones of operations and are being concentrated in reserve behind the German lines in the west."

ROOSEVELT IMPROVING.

Absolute Quiet and Rest the Essential Thing Now.

New York.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who underwent two operations at the Roosevelt hospital last week, is steadily improving and his physicians believe that his recovery is simply a matter of time. While Col. Roosevelt will in all probability suffer acutely for several days, the attending surgeons look for his complete recovery, it was announced. The essential thing now is absolute quiet and rest.

Mrs. Roosevelt received the following message from King George, of England: "The queen and I regret the illness of Col. Roosevelt and hope for his speedy recovery."

To Deal With I. W. W.

Helena, Mont.—It is largely to deal with the I. W. W. situation in Montana that the legislature, which is now in special session, has been asked by Gov. Sam V. Stewart, in his call for the extra session, to pass a sedition and sabotage act. The governor in recent utterances expressed apprehension over the possibilities of trouble with I. W. W. sources in the state next spring.

Glass Kills Horses.

Waco, Tex.—Ground glass, mixed with feed, caused the death of seventeen horses of a United States infantry supply company which arrived here from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., according to military authorities. The animals were found dead in the cars, and a careful examination of their feed disclosed the pulverized glass. Government agents are investigating.

Appointment Accepted.

Paris.—The Swiss government has accepted the appointment of Paul Dufasta, former chief of the cabinet of the ministry of foreign affairs, as French ambassador. He will replace Paul Beau, who, upon his return here, will receive an important political position.

Is Named Chairman.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Martha Evans Martin, of New York city, has been selected executive chairman of the educational propaganda department of the woman's committee of the council of national defense, assisting Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

Flier Killed in Texas.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—Hubert P. Gama, 22 years old, of Oakland, Cal., an advanced aviation adept, was killed when his plane crumpled at an altitude of several hundred feet.

GERMAN MONEY TO BOLSHIEVIKI

Lenine and Trotzky Bribed by Kaiser—Revealed by Papers.

ARMS BOUGHT FOR "REDS"

White Guards in Finland Defeat Revolutionary Red Guard—3,000 Killed in Battle at Korkeakoski, Near Tammerfors.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The Petit Parisien continues the publication of official German documents, which, it says, were brought to France by a prominent French scientist, who obtained them from a Russian revolutionary paper.

The latest installment consists of a series of documents tending to show that the bolshevik movement in Russia has been financed by Germany.

Among these documents is a circular, dated March 2, 1917, from the German Imperial bank, to all representatives in Switzerland instructing them to honor all demands for money from Nicolai Lenine, M. Zinovieff, Leon Trotzky, M. Kameneff, one of the Russian representatives at the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations; M. Soumenson and Mazsta Koslovsky, who has been described as the chief German agent in Russia, all of whom have taken a prominent part in the bolshevik movement, as well as Mme. Alexandra Kollantay, a supporter of Lenine and now in charge of the bolshevik department of public welfare; and M. Mercanin. The money was to be paid "under certain conditions."

Another document is a letter, dated at Stockholm, September 21, 1917, from Y. Furstenberg to Raphael Schumann at Haparanda, Sweden, reading: "Honored Comrade: Varberg's bank on receipt of a telegram from the president of the Rhenish Westphalian syndicate has opened an account for Comrade Trotzky's enterprise. The lawyer has bought arms and arranged for their conveyance as far as Luton and Varda."

"Instruct the firm of Essens Sons at Luton as to whom they are to be consigned and the name of the confidential person to whom the sum asked for by Comrade Trotzky is to be paid." Other letters announce the payment to Lenine, the bolshevik premier, of sums varying from 150,000 to 300,000 marks (\$71,000).

Stockholm, Feb. 11.—General Mannerheim, commander of the forces (White guards) which are supporting the Finnish provisional government, has defeated the revolutionary Red guard, a Helsingfors dispatch to the Afton Tidningen reports. The Red guards are said to have suffered a loss of 3,000 killed. The battle occurred at Korkeakoski, near Tammerfors.

I. W. W. PLOT BARED BY U. S.

Fifty-Five Persons Charged With Conspiring to Hinder the Government in War Work.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Industrial Workers of the World on the Pacific coast have planned the wholesale destruction of industries and shipping and other interference with the prosecution of the war, it was said on Friday at the department of justice.

The indictment of fifty-five at Sacramento by a federal grand jury is the result of recent investigations by government agents, who discovered that leaders were plotting systematic sabotage.

The investigation was a direct result of the recent attempt to blow up the governor's residence at Sacramento. Agents discovered a nest of plotters, whose activities extended throughout the Pacific coast territory.

WILSON TALKS TO FARMERS

President Tells Delegation Last Stand Is Being Made for American Ideals.

Washington, Feb. 11.—America is now facing "the final tackle" between the things she "has always been opposed to and the things she stands for," President Wilson told a delegation of farmers.

"It is the final contest," he said, "and to lose it would set the whole world back—not 100 years, perhaps several hundred years—in the development of human rights."

The farmer delegation sought exemption from the draft for farmers and organization of a board of nine farmers to represent the agricultural world in the government.

The farmers also asked better transportation for their products, raw materials at cost, and free fertilizer.

To Wed General's Daughter.

London, Feb. 9.—The engagement is announced of Mina, daughter of the late Maj. Gen. Lord Ralph Kerr, and Capt. Francis Thwing of the Coldstream Guards. Captain Thwing is the son of C. F. Thwing, Cleveland.

High-Salaried Raft Men Lose Jobs.

Toledo, O., Feb. 9.—More than a dozen high-salaried railroad men in the freight-hauling offices of the Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Big Four railroads were discharged or transferred to other departments.

PRUSSIAN PUNCHING PRACTICE



ELEVEN SPIES GUILTY HAS NEW WAR BILL

FRANZ RINTELEN AND TEN OTHERS ARE CONVICTED. PROVIDES MOST SWEEPING POWERS WILSON HAS YET SOUGHT TO DIRECT CONDUCT OF WAR.

Each Man Sentenced to Eighteen Months in Federal Prison and Fined \$2,000.

New York, Feb. 7.—Franz Rintelen, German agent, and ten co-defendants, all Germans, were found guilty by a federal jury on Tuesday of conspiring to destroy munition and food ships of the entente allies.

Each man convicted was sentenced to 18 months in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and to pay a fine of \$2,000. This is the maximum penalty.

The defendants were characterized as "murderers at heart" by United States Assistant District Attorney James W. Osborne, Jr., in summing up for the government. He asked for a verdict of guilty, declaring the prosecution had proved its case.

"These men were willing to strike a neutral in the back in order to prove loyalty to the fatherland," Mr. Osborne added. "Let us assume that the German government knew nothing about the plot, but the fact remains that these conspirators planned this dastardly crime."

The attorney attacked the defense of some of the accused that they thought they were making bombs for a legitimate purpose and asserted that Rintelen had opened a bank account for \$500,000 in an international bank, indicating existence of a fund for the alleged conspiracy.

The alleged conspiracy involved also the shipment of bombs to the Pacific coast to be placed on vessels sailing for the Orient. In all 33 ships valued at more than \$4,000,000 were said to have been damaged.

U-BOAT FAILS TO SINK SHIP

Aurania Torpedoed but Is Taken Safely to Port—Was on Way to the United States.

New York, Feb. 9.—The Cunard liner Aurania, 13,400 tons, was torpedoed by a German submarine within the last forty-eight hours while bound for the United States, it was learned from officials of the Cunard line. Although badly damaged by the explosion, the ship was not sunk, and is making its way back to port with the assistance of government vessels, it was said. The ship carried but little cargo.

There were 14 passengers aboard the Aurania when it was struck. [The Aurania is a sister ship of the Anchor liner Andania, sunk by a submarine last month. The ship was 530 feet long and had accommodations for 550 passengers in the cabin and 2,000 in the steerage.]

BREAD RATION IN EFFECT

Food Administration Orders Supplies Cut to Meet the Situation and Provide for Future.

Washington, Feb. 7.—A two-ounce bread ration was ordered on Tuesday by the food administration for patrons of hotels, restaurants and dining cars. This allowance is about that now observed in England.

15 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

Ten Vessels of More Than 1,600 Tons and Five Others Are Destroyed in Week.

London, Feb. 8.—The admiralty reports 15 British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine in the last week. Of these ten were 1,600 tons or over and five were under 1,600 tons. Four fishing vessels were also sunk.

Censor Airplane Accident News.

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 11.—A close censorship has been placed on all news pertaining to an investigation being made at Fort Sill into the deaths of Lieutenants Stamps and Loomis when an airplane they were flying in fell.

Taken Off Dutch Steamer.

New York, Feb. 11.—Sixteen passengers, taken off the Dutch steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, which reached an Atlantic port, were taken to Ellis Island by federal officers. All information concerning them was refused.

PRESIDENT HAS MEASURE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE.

Provides Most Sweeping Powers Wilson Has Yet Sought to Direct Conduct of War.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson on Wednesday gave definite indication of his purpose to shake up the war machinery of the government.

He sent to congress legislation calling for the most sweeping powers he has yet sought to direct the conduct of the war. If passed it will enable him to revise completely the relationships of the most important departments of the government so that great co-ordination and centralization of functions can be effected.

With a stroke of the pen, under these powers, it is stated, the president would create a war cabinet, if he saw fit, or an armaments director.

Under the bill the president may shift and interchange at will any and all of the various bureau, departments, commissions and officers.

The bill states that the president, in making the various changes, shall act "in such manner as in his judgment shall seem best," and "as he may deem appropriate."

The first section of the bill provides: "That, for the national security of defense, for the successful prosecution of the war, for the support and maintenance of the army and navy and for the better utilization of resources and industries and for the more effective exercise and more efficient administration by the president of his powers as commander in chief of the land and naval forces, the president is hereby authorized and empowered to make such redistribution of functions among executive agencies as he may deem necessary, including any functions, duties and powers hitherto by law conferred upon any executive department, commission, bureau, agency, office or officer, in such manner as in his judgment shall seem best fitted to carry out the purpose of this act, and to this end is authorized to make such regulations and to issue such orders as he may deem necessary."

WOULD DRAFT MEN AT 21

Bill Amending Law to Require Registration Approved by Senate Committee.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Favorable report on the war department's bill amending the selective draft law to require registration of men as they reach twenty-one years and basing quotas on the number of men in class 1, instead of on state populations, was unanimously ordered on Friday by the senate military committee.

Another bill favorably reported which affects the draft, would authorize the president in any emergency to call into immediate military service skilled experts in industry or agriculture, regardless of classification, residence or quota.

KRUPPS' FEAR AIR ATTACK

Important Parts of Plants Are Placed Underground as Precaution Against Raiders.

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 9.—Important parts of the Krupp works at Essen have been placed underground, as a precaution against air raids, according to E. C. Murdock, representative of a Brooklyn electrical concern, who has been in Holland for the last 18 months. He added that deserters from the German ranks are continually coming over the border to Rotterdam.

Austrian Premier Quits.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Vienna says that Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has tendered the resignation of the entire cabinet to Emperor Charles. New unrest is reported in Austria-Hungary.

Lifts Embargo on Grain.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The trade transportation department of the Chicago board of trade announced that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has lifted its embargo on shipments of grain to Chicago.

COAL PROFITS ARE FIXED

State Fuel Administrator Kennedy Announces Margin for the Entire State of Nebraska.

The maximum retail gross margins per ton, for coal and coke, delivered at the yards, to consumers in Nebraska outside of Douglas and Lancaster counties, were established by State Fuel Administrator Kennedy as follows: Domestic coal, not yard screened, \$1.25; domestic coal, yard screened, \$1.40; steam coal, 90c; coke, \$1.25. This is the first time margins on the sale of coal have been made uniform all over the state.

The order compels all retail coal dealers to post up and maintain in their places of business, accessible to their customers, the cost to them of each kind of coal and coke handled, the maximum retail gross margin allowed, and the retail price at the yard; also drayage and delivery charges.

According to a report issued by A. E. Anderson, Nebraska field agent for the bureau of crop estimates, live stock has increased in this state from 8,912,000 head on January 1, 1917, to 9,281,000 head on the first of this year. In the past twelve months horses averaged an increase in value from \$95 to \$101 a head; mules from \$106 to \$113; milch cows, from \$68 to \$78.50; other cattle from \$44.30 to \$49.30; sheep from \$7.50 to \$11, and hogs from \$14.00 to \$24.50. On the first of this year there were 1,049,000 horses in the state, 118,000 mules, 703,000 milch cows, 2,803,000 head of other cattle, 408,000 sheep and 4,200,000 swine.

Will Maupin, Nebraska publicity director, who just visited Camp Cody as a special representative of Governor Neville, reports that the men are well fed, well clothed, comfortably housed and that hospital equipment and management good. The general health of the men is good, he said, but no doubt would be better if it wasn't for the sand and sandstorms.

State Food Administrator Wattles has designated Thursday of each week as "Potato Day" in Nebraska, and called upon merchants to sell potatoes on those days at reduced prices. On these days merchants will be authorized to sell potatoes as a substitute with wheat flour on the basis of four pounds of potatoes to one pound of flour.

Seward county ranks first among counties of Nebraska that have reported thrift stamps sales to the Omaha postoffice, up to a few days ago. Thayer county is second. Seward's quota was \$329,880; sales, \$89,835; percentage, 27.07.

Horse meat is to be put on the market in Omaha, is the announcement of the Equine Meat and Packing company, recently incorporated in Nebraska with \$50,000 capital. The company has been selling horse meat at Grand Island for some time.

Nearly 15,000 carloads of Nebraska live stock were shipped to markets during the month of January, according to reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Illinois and Iowa are the only states in the union which exceeded Nebraska.

One of the few Nebraska men known to have been on the Tuscania when torpedoed off the northern Irish coast was Patrick McGowan, Jr., of York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGowan of York.

Nebraska is included in the list of states where priority is given to cars needed to move corn and other cereals to market by orders of Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

Ellery W. Davis, 60, dean of the department of literature, arts and science of the University of Nebraska, and well known throughout the United States as an educator, died at his home in Lincoln.

A hundred German textbooks were stolen from the Seward High school. The school board had previously voted to discontinue the course.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska conference of charities and corrections will be held in Omaha February 17 to 19.

Kearney voters will pass on a \$30,000 bond issue at a special election on April 2, the money to be used to improve city schools.

The government is urging retired farmers to get into the game again and do their bit to help win the war. The campaign in this state is being conducted by M. A. Coykendall of the U. S. immigration service department of labor, located at Omaha. Anyone interested should write Mr. Coykendall for particulars.

Fremont has a grocereria. The store is operated on the cafeteria plan. Customers wait on themselves and pay a cashier at the gate. There are no clerks.

Nebraska will spend \$417,000 on road improvements in the state during 1918. This sum includes both federal and state appropriations. Plans of the state good roads department are to use the money on 1,600 miles of highway, averaging approximately \$260 to the mile.

Director Pugsley of the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska has received assurance from the United States Department of Agriculture that the government will send a potato starch expert to this state in the near future. Mr. Pugsley proposes that the vast quantities of potatoes in western Nebraska be turned into starch. He estimates that there are 2,500 cars of potatoes in the hands of growers in Nebraska. Last year these growers greatly increased production. Unless some means is found to turn to good account the supply, production next year will naturally be decreased.

The executive committee of the State Council of Defense, in replying to the offer of the Nebraska Nonpartisan League to share the work of the state council, declared that the literature the league is circulating in this state is decidedly unpatriotic, and is not in harmony with the effort now being made by Americans of all political parties and all classes of people to bring the war to a successful conclusion. The council did not decline the offer, however, but asserted that the aid of all citizens and organizations alike working in harmony with the government, was desired.

Captain Walter Anderson, provost marshal of Nebraska, is preparing county quotas for the 300 Nebraska men to be called to Camp Funston, February 23, as the last 15 per cent increment of the first draft. These men will be selected by local boards under the new classification, he says.

Senator Hitchcock's attitude on the war cabinet bill is a disgrace to Nebraska in the opinion of five Omaha labor organizations, which sent telegrams to Hitchcock condemning him for his stand toward the administration and suggesting that he devote his energies to "fighting the kaiser instead of President Wilson."

Governor Neville and the State Council of Defense have again appealed to the national authorities for immediate action in providing needed cars to move Nebraska's corn crop. It is claimed that enormous losses to farmers of Nebraska are certain unless freight cars are supplied by the railroads immediately.

The campaign to enroll members in the Junior Red Cross is on in this state. Nebraska's quota is 200,000, more than half the total number of school children in the state, which the census shows to be 385,000. Every school in the state is a Red Cross auxiliary and is expected to get members.

Extensive tests made by government and private engineers as to the water power possibilities of the Niobrara river show the stream would generate 22,000 horsepower and could be developed at a cost of \$8,000,000.

The Kearney city council passed an ordinance which prohibits the giving of any Sunday entertainment to which an admission is charged and will put a stop to Sunday shows, Sunday baseball and chataouga programs.

A petition for the paving of the Lincoln Highway from the east city limits of Fremont to the town of Ames, eight miles west, has been filed with the Dodge county board of supervisors.

The state university may be made a vocational training camp by the government, carrying out a plan to utilize the universities of the country for that purpose, according to a message received in Lincoln.

K. H. Walker of Scottsbluff is recorded as Nebraska's first volunteer shipyard worker. Nebraska's quota in the drive for shipyard volunteers is 2,500 men. The campaign will be directed by the state council of defense.

Harold Heasty, a University of Nebraska forestry student, son of State Senator John F. Heasty of Fairbury, was aboard the ill-fated Tuscania, sunk last Tuesday by a submarine.

Rumors are current in Washington that Charles W. Bryan, brother of W. J. Bryan, will be a candidate for governor of Nebraska on the democratic ticket.

With ice from five to seven inches thick on all Nebraska rivers, Nebraska railroads are anticipating the worst ice jams and subsequent floods in the past decade.

Nebraska boasts the first Red Cross auxiliary organized by full-blooded Indians. This auxiliary has been formed at Macy, by the Omaha Indians.

This week is Boy Scout week in Nebraska according to a proclamation issued by Governor Neville.

The national food administration has called upon Nebraska farmers through State Food Administrator Wattles to market every available bushel of wheat in the state. The allies must have it and we must meet their needs, says the appeal. The Nebraska administrator is requested to use every possible resource to get wheat marketed immediately.