

CONQUEST OF THE AIR

AERIAL SERVICE FOR PASSENGERS, MAIL AND MERCHANDISE.

BIRDMEN MEET NEXT MONTH

Big Convention of Pan-American Aeronauts will Stimulate Enlistments in the U. S. Air Service.

Atlantic City, New Jersey, will be the Mecca for a large gathering of American men, and representative of foreign countries, who will be attracted by the first Pan-American Aeronautics Convention, which meets there in May.

Captain Charles J. Glidden, of the U. S. Air Service, Military Aeronautics, now stationed in the administrative department of the United States Flying School, Southerfield, Georgia, says:

"The Pan American Aeronautics Convention and exhibition to be held at Atlantic City during the month of May will bring to the attention of the American people the wonderful progress of aviation. The work of aircraft during the war establishes its practicability for commercial uses and insures the creation in this country of a complete aerial service, connecting all cities and towns for the transportation of persons, mail and merchandise.

"Before the close of 1920 I confidently predict this service will be in full operation, with extensions to all countries on this hemisphere. In the United States trunk lines will be established across the country which will place every city and town within six hours from some 24 distributing points. Once created and in operation our extensive coast line could be put under complete protection from any possible invasion. Thousands of college trained aviators in and out of the service are now waiting to join in the operation of an aerial service.

"The government calls for 15,000 men to enlist in air service for one or three years' time. This is bound to receive a quick response, as here is an opportunity for men to be immediately assigned to duty in the service and of the number who enlist, those who pass certain examinations will be given flying and balloon pilot instruction. This liberal offer is equivalent to a one or three years' college course in aeronautics, and one may become expert in all branches of aviation, and if qualified a non-commissioned or even a commissioned officer. In addition to regular pay, clothing, quarters and rations, extra pay begins with instructions to operate the aircraft. As the number of men wanted is limited to 15,000 for the entire country, quick application to the nearest recruiting office will be necessary before the privilege is withdrawn.

"Everybody directly and indirectly interested in aviation should attend the Atlantic City convention and exhibition in order to keep abreast with the times and become familiar with the development of aircraft for defense and commercial uses and witness the demonstrations of the world's greatest airplane aviators, who will fly, and balloon pilots sail to the Atlantic air port from all over the country."

Reservations.

The war may be over, but it hasn't been over long enough for some people to regain their former manners.

"That's how it was with Jenks, the waiter. 'Look here,' said the irate diner, 'there's a fly in the butter!'"

"That's isn't a fly," said Jenks sweetly; "it is a moth. And that isn't butter; it's margarine. Otherwise your assertion is correct."

Matters Not to Be Discussed.

Of this fact we may all rest assured: The quieter we keep about ourselves, our affairs, pleasant or otherwise, the better it will be for us. Time is at a premium these days, and if we hope to surmount our difficulties, no matter how trying they may be, we must wisely learn to keep each and every one of those problems in the background.

Good Reason.

"When a man hasn't a good reason for doing a thing, he has one very good reason for letting it alone," said Sir Walter Scott. The deed without a good reason back of it is like a house without a foundation—it is not wish in its beginning, or of much value when completed.

Still to Come.

"We here at home who perceived none of the actual horrors of war—" "Hold on until you see the new income tax blanks."

Real Article.

"Why are you so sure your husband is an optimist?" "Because," answered Mrs. Crosslots, "he is always absolutely confident that what we raise in our garden is going to look exactly like the picture on the seed package."

Up in Years.

Gert—I don't understand it, Mayme told me last year she was only 28. Now she says she's 30. Myrt—But think, dear, how things have gone up because of the war.

SITUATION IS ACUTE

ITALY INSISTS ON FULFILLMENT OF SECRET TREATY OF LONDON.

DECLINES TO GIVE UP FIUME

Claim Laid Also to Entire Dalmatian Coast and Islands—Peace Situation Declared to Have Reached an Acute Stage.

Paris.—The Italian issue over the Adriatic has reached an acute stage, where a decision one way or the other cannot longer be deferred, and a decision either way is fraught with serious consequences.

The council of four continued its session at the "white house." The Italian premier, Vittorio Orlando, and the Italian foreign minister, Baron Sonnino, were both present and made it known that the opening of parliament has necessitated their leaving Paris with definite knowledge of what is going to be done.

Baron Sonnino continued to occupy the extreme position, insisting upon the integral fulfillment of the secret treaty of London giving to Italy the entire Dalmatian coast and the islands and also claiming the city of Fiume without internationalization or division with the Jugo-Slavs.

Army Behind Premier.

Premier Orlando was rather more conciliating, though a telegram which he had received from the head of the Italian army declared that the entire army was behind him in upholding Italy's aspirations.

Capt. Tozzi, of Premier Orlando's staff, said the telegram was in effect an ultimatum and disclosed how universal and deep rooted was the Italian determination to demand protection on the eastern Adriatic coast. He added that if these rights were not accorded Italy would undoubtedly adopt her own course without reference to the conference and occupy the regions to which she considered herself entitled.

President Wilson's position was said to be equally determined against any recognition of the secret treaty of London. Reports of a compromise on the basis of the Italians getting the Italian quarters of Fiume and the Jugo-Slavs getting their districts were not confirmed, and it was said that this was the plan put forward to the Italians but not accepted.

RADICALS CONTROL VIENNA.

Soldiers' Council Has Taken Over the Austrian Capital.

Vienna.—Chaotic conditions still prevail at Munich, where the government troops are declared to have been augmented and a battle for supremacy to be in immediate prospect. Sporadic conflicts are said to be in progress. The soldiers' council at Vienna has taken over the Austrian capital and purposes to administer it with a bolshevik government. Troops representing the soldiers' council have occupied the parliament building. The allied representatives have issued a proclamation declaring that if there were disorders the food supply will be cut off. Representatives with plenipotentiary powers are to be demanded of Germany at Versailles when the peace treaty is handed to Germany. The council of four has informed Germany that representatives who are merely messengers cannot be received.

American Killed by Mexicans.

Washington, D. C.—Dispatches to the state department confirmed reports that Edward L. Dufoureaq, of New York city, assistant general manager of the Teztlutan Copper company, was murdered last Wednesday by Mexican bandits. His body was recovered Thursday and will be sent to New York. According to the department's information Dufoureaq and his assistant, O. Galsman, were attacked and wounded while traveling on a railroad motor car near the copper company's plant. Galsman escaped, but Dufoureaq was seized by the bandits, who apparently had intended at first to hold him for ransom. Later, however, he was killed.

In Hands of Revolutionists.

London.—Sebastopol has been evacuated by the Crimean government, which is proceeding to Constantinople. The government of Sebastopol is now in the hands of the revolutionary committee. This announcement is made in a Russian wireless dispatch, which adds that after negotiations with the allied command an agreement was reached for an eight days' armistice, expiring April 25.

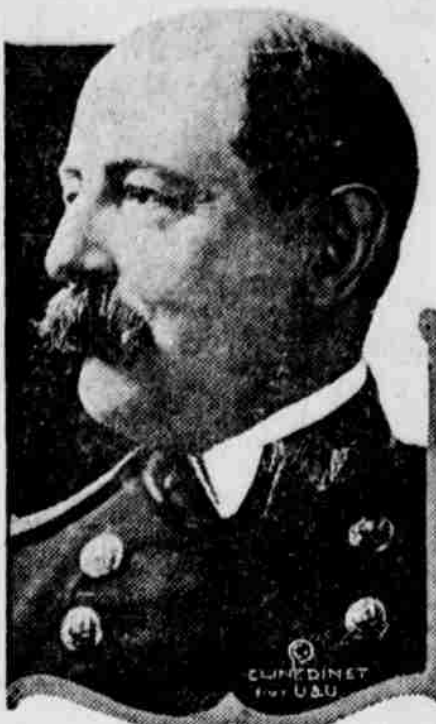
Mail Plane Stricken.

Paris.—An airship carrying mail from Strassburg to Paris fell near St. Didier. Two of the crew were burned to death and a third was seriously injured.

Miners Strike.

Leadville, Colo.—Between 600 and 700 metal miners, engineers and pumpmen employed in the big mines struck following refusal of mine operators to rescind their action ordering a cut of 41 a day in wages. There is no picketing and the city is quiet. The miners are not members of any international union. The strike followed a mass meeting at which the miners refused to accept a wage reduction from \$4.50 a day to \$3.50 a day. Efforts by Gov. Oliver H. Shoup to get the men to agree to a wage of \$3.75 a day failed.

REAR ADMIRAL COWIE.



Rear Admiral Thomas J. Cowie, whose slogan, "The Battle of the Bells," and able management of past Liberty loan campaigns in the navy were an inspiration to the "gobs" to do their utmost to back up the country's fighting men on land and sea, was selected by Secretary Daniels to launch the navy Victory loan campaign, April 21.

MUNICH IS IN CHAOS

LOOTERS RUN WILD; TROOPS JOIN THE REDS.

All Work Ceases, Trains Not Running—German Troops Occupy Magdeburg—Archduke Not Slain.

London, April 17.—Complete anarchy reigns in Munich, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. All work has ceased, trains are not running and robbers are looting houses and threatening the banks, the dispatch states. The First Infantry regiment is said to have joined the Spartacists.

Berlin, April 17.—The battle in Munich for the central railway station ended in the complete defeat of the government troops, according to Nuremberg advices.

At the closing session Tuesday of the soviet congress a proposal to send a committee of investigation to Russia was referred to the central council and a motion condemning Germany's foreign policy was adopted.

German government troops occupied the entire town of Magdeburg on Tuesday, according to a Weimar dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger. It is reported there was hard fighting with many casualties on both sides.

A Vienna dispatch to the Aechthubblatt of Berlin says that Herr Boehm, a member of the soviet ministry, at Budapest, has arrived there and has declared that Archduke Joseph, Dr. Alexander Wokerle, former premier, and Baron Joseph Stepeny, former minister of commerce, have not been executed, as was reported in Berlin. The archduke is said to be with his family at Alesnth, while Dr. Wokerle and Baron Stepeny are securely guarded in the prison at Budapest.

President Ebert, in an Easter message to the national assembly, denounces the internal disturbers of the country, whose action, he says, "threatens to completely destroy our economic life."

VICTORY FLEET IS BACK

Armada of 103 Fighting Ships Returns to New York Harbor From Service in European Waters.

New York, April 15.—The Atlantic fleet, comprising in ships and tonnage the greater part of the "Victory Armada" ordered here to give 30,000 sailors and marines a vacation on home shores, steamed into New York harbor.

With its arrival the greatest assemblage of war craft ever seen in an American port—103 vessels—rode at anchor in the North river and almost immediately launches started shoreward with the first contingent of officers and men on leave.

Preceded by a flotilla of 50 destroyers, 13 superdreadnaughts—the "teeth" of the fighting fleet—entered Ambrose channel shortly before noon, the Mississippi, Oklahoma and Wyoming leading, and close in their wake the Pennsylvania, flying the flag of Admiral Mayo, commander of the fleet and ranking officer of the units assembled here from two oceans.

Rainbow Men Are Praised.

Brest, April 15.—Vice Admiral Moore, governor of Brest, reviewed the American Forty-second (Rainbow) division here and read a letter to the assembled troops from Premier Clemenceau, in which the achievements of the division were eulogized.

Heavy Hogs Bring \$21.

Kansas City, Mo., April 17.—Heavy hogs brought \$21 a hundred pounds here when Brown & Gant of Jamesport, Mo., disposed of two carloads at that figure. The Kansas City market is first to reach that record price.

Bombs to Disperse Crowd.

Berlin, April 17.—In attempting to disperse a crowd of demonstrators at Iserloh, Westphalia, the civilian guards threw bombs. Eight persons were injured and taken to hospitals and many windows were smashed.

ALLIES AGREE TO FEED RUSS REDS

Agreement Stipulates That Leningrad Must Quit War to Get Relief.

FOOD COMMISSION NAMED

Norwegian Explorer Nansen to Head Body—Military Occupation of Left Bank of Rhine to Continue Fifteen Years.

Paris, April 17.—An agreement was reached by the associated powers to send food to Russia under neutral control, but the French representatives made several reservations which will be considered later.

It seems likely, however, that the objections will be overcome and that the relief work will be pressed rapidly.

The agreement stipulates that the bolsheviks must cease hostilities.

The relief work will be in charge of a commission headed by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer. The other members will be citizens of Scandinavia and Switzerland.

Delegates of the 18 states which declared war against Germany, exclusive of the five great powers, were called to meet at the French foreign office with representatives of the five powers.

The matters for discussion included the question of calling in the German plenipotentiaries and making known the peace preliminaries to these 18 states.

The negotiations between the representatives of the allied and associated governments virtually were completed Tuesday, the Echo de Paris says it learns from an authoritative source.

The newspaper adds that at no time has the understanding between France and the United States been closer and that the French government is completely satisfied with the attitude of President Wilson.

The Goulois says that the final agreement on the frontiers between Jugo-Slavia and Italy will be incorporated in the preliminary peace treaty with Germany.

The council of four decided definitely that military occupation of the left bank of the Rhine shall continue for 15 years, the newspapers say. At first forces of the allies would be used, but they would be withdrawn progressively in proportion as Germany met her financial obligations and be replaced by French and Belgian soldiers.

Paris, April 16.—A statement by President Wilson in behalf of the Council of Four says the questions of peace are so near complete solution that they will be quickly and finally drafted.

The announcement was contained in an official bulletin, which added that the German plenipotentiaries had been invited to meet at Versailles on April 25.

One hundred-billion gold marks (\$25,000,000,000) is the amount Germany must pay the allied and associated governments for losses and damage caused in the war, plus other billions to be determined by a special commission on which Germany is to be represented.

ORDERS WOMEN COMMUNIZED

Munich Soviet Includes Wives in Order Issued as Rule of City

Berlin, April 17.—The communist government in Munich, apparently realizing that its days are numbered, issued Saturday a long list of orders more radical than its previous decrees. One order provided for the communization of women, "including wives." Another order displaced all managers and directors of industrial establishments and gave their places to the workmen.

U. S. PROBES MILK BUSINESS

Deputy Marshals Sent From Chicago to Various Points to Bring in Dealers and Farmers.

Chicago, April 17.—Federal grand jury investigation of alleged control of milk products and price fixing were started here. Twenty-five deputy marshals were dispatched to various points in northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana to bring dealers and farmers before the grand jury that is in session.

U. S. Thanks Big Packers.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary Wilson of the department of labor has written the five leading meat packers expressing the gratification of the department at their expressed willingness to continue existing labor agreements for one year after peace is signed.

Robert S. McCormick Dies.

Chicago, April 18.—Robert S. McCormick, former ambassador to Russia and France and the first ambassador of the United States to Austria-Hungary, died at his home in Hinsdale, from pneumonia, after a short illness.

Gobs Can Pick Their Ships.

New York, April 18.—As an incentive to enlistments in the navy an order was issued providing that any man who enters the service while the Atlantic fleet remains here may select the ship on which he wishes to serve.

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THIS MAJESTIC STATE

Reports of Interesting Happenings Throughout Nebraska Condensed to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

B. A. George and W. S. Whitten of Lincoln were chosen president and secretary, respectively of the Pershing Historical Highway association, at a convention held at Lincoln of delegates from states through which the highway will pass. The route as outlined at the meeting will pass through the following Nebraska cities: Falls City, Auburn, Nebraska City, Lincoln, Seward, York, Aurora, Grand Island, North Platte and Kimball. It will extend from New York to San Francisco.

Farmers in north Nebraska are beginning to fear for the harvest of their crops if men returning from the army fail to interest themselves in farm work. The employment bureau at Norfolk is swamped with requests for farm hands, but it is discovered that men out of work who want town jobs would rather work for less money in the city than take jobs on farms which pay from \$55 to \$75, which includes board and room.

A carload of prairie hay sold on the Omaha Hay Exchange at the record carload price of \$38 a ton. Dealers say government buying last year drew so much hay out of Nebraska that they have been since and are now still shipping hay back in many hay growing localities of the state.

R. E. Holland, county agent, leader, who just returned to Lincoln from a series of farm bureau conferences in the southwestern part of the state, declared that a bumper crop prospects exist throughout that part of the state. Old settlers told him that prospects were the best they had ever seen.

Walter Reisenwever, a 17-year-old Wyoming youth, is said to have confessed to the murder of Charles F. Johnson, manager of the Grier commissary, at Alliance, with an axe, the motive being robbery. The entire community surrounding Alliance was shocked by the cold-bloodedness of the crime.

Scores of telephone poles were broken down and hundreds of window lights were broken in a hail and wind storm which struck Hastings and vicinity. Hailstones larger than teacups were picked up six hours after the storm was over.

Petitions are in circulation in Saline county asking the county commissioners to make an annual levy for the purpose of raising \$100,000 to be used for the erection of a new county court house and jail at Wilbur.

Commission men and live stock producers at South Omaha say that hog prices are liable to climb to undreamed of prices before long. A price of \$23 a hundred is predicted inside of a few weeks.

Tyson Brothers of Lyons sold a load of hogs at the South Omaha market one day last week for \$20.05 per hundred, the highest price ever paid for hogs at that market up to that time.

Jefferson was the first Nebraska county to raise its quota in the Victory loan drive. On Friday of last week sixteen banks of the county guaranteed payments of the quota, \$300,000.

Sixty-six men registered for the university school of agriculture short course being staged at Lincoln to help provide tractor operators for the Nebraska good roads program.

Official figures for Nebraska from Victory loan headquarters at Washington make the state's quota \$52,265,750. The quota in the fourth Liberty loan was \$08,670,950.

Wednesday, April 30, has been named as the date for the big aerial demonstration in Alliance, by the French, English and American aces of the world war.

Wheat is in an excellent condition all over Saunders and surrounding counties, and with present moisture a bumper crop is almost a sure thing. The soldiers, sailors and marines of Jefferson county met at Fairbury, April 17, and perfected a World War Veterans' Association.

York is looking forward to a monster delegation of Spanish-American war veterans May 19-21, the dates set for the state reunion there. Waboo is experiencing the most acute shortage of houses in the history of the city.

Even though county commissioners of Franklin county failed to appropriate funds, the farm bureau work will be continued by subscription.

The value of Douglas county property is \$289,777,000, according to an estimate made by the county assessor, now superintending the annual assessment.

Potash plants of western Nebraska are expected to be in operation by July 1, if plans which have been perfected for the refining of potash salts are adopted.

Red Cloud, Daykin, Uehling and Broken Bow have refused to abide by the daylight saving regulation and have turned back the clocks an hour. Municipal authorities assert their action is in deference to wishes of the farming community.

Alton B. Cole, sentenced to die for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt of Howard county, has been granted a reprieve by Governor McKelvie until June 6, so that he may testify at the hearing of A. V. Grammer, convicted of being an accessory to the same offense and sentenced to death.

AURORA WOMAN CHOSEN FOR BOARD OF CONTROL.



The selection of Mrs. Peterson by Governor McKelvie as a member of the State Board of Control, to succeed E. O. Mayfield, resigned, is a recognition of the work of women along patriotic lines and also meets the demand expressed by women's organizations that they have a part in the control of state institutions. She is the first woman who has ever held an office of this character in Nebraska, and besides Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin of Montana, and two or three others, is the only American woman to receive appointment of as high an official position.

After deliberating but a few minutes, and the taking of a single ballot, a jury at Neligh brought in an instructed verdict awarding 1-cent damages in the case of Royal V. Sheets, prominent member of the Nonpartisan league, who sued seven members of the Antelope county council of defense for \$35,000 damages he said he suffered when he was called before the council to answer charges of pro-Germanism.

The will of the late W. H. Lanning, Hastings' broker, filed for probate, provides for a \$75,000 hotel for self-supporting working girls, to be built at Hastings; a maternity hospital to cost \$40,000 and a perpetual home for nurses. In addition to these legacies there is a sum of \$300,000 set aside for the Lanning Memorial hospital and nurses' dormitory, now in operation. The estate is valued at \$750,000.

Scotts Bluff county, at a special election, voted to issue \$200,000 worth of bonds to build a new court house. The main issue of the campaign was the question of changing the county seat to Scottsbluff. The vote was overwhelming in favor of keeping the county seat at Gering, and the result is conceded to mean the final settlement of any county seat agitation.

The experimental balloon flight undertaken by army men at Fort Omaha last week proved a success. The huge bugs and their occupants left the fort at the same time, one landing at Cabot, Ark., and the other at Arcola, Miss. They flew at an altitude of between 5,000 and 10,000 feet.

The first fatal accident resulting from baseball in Nebraska, occurred at Diller when the 12-year-old daughter of S. J. Thompson died from being struck over the eye by a ball bat, which slipped from the hands of a player during a game.

A new hotel is among the recent improvements planned for Geneva. A site will be donated by the city for the erection of a modern 40-room structure. If agreement with the parties who have made the community club a proposition can be completed.

Erection of an alfalfa mill at Plattsmouth was assured by action of the city council, when it voted to vacate the necessary ground for the structure, which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Ex-Governor John H. Moorehead is named as president of the Nebraska State bank of Falls City, which has been granted a charter by the state banking board. The capital stock of the new institution is \$40,000.

The Lincoln city council has been presented with a petition containing 1,800 names for the legalizing of a Sunday theaters. The issue will be voted upon at the general city election, May 6.

Women of De Witt plan to contest the results of the recent election, when pool halls were permitted to operate by a single vote.

Among the twenty enemy aliens released from the war prison barracks at Fort Douglas, Utah, were a number of Nebraskans. Methodists of Omaha plan to establish a community church to cost about \$240,000.

A canvass is being made to raise funds for the erection of a cathedral at Hastings.

It is rumored throughout western Nebraska that oil has been found in Banner county in paying quantities.

Cattle losses in western Nebraska from the recent blizzard were very light compared with losses suffered in April, 1913, at which time some ran up to \$30,000 in the case of one ranch.

Announcement was made at the Nebraska department of the G. A. R. at Lincoln that old soldiers who attend the state encampment at York, May 19 to 23, will be given a reduced rate of 2 cents a mile.

Alliance is planning to hold a great "Welcome Home" celebration July 4 for the men of the community who served their country in the great world war. It will be the last day of the stockmen's reunion and a very fitting time for the event.

Dodge county farmers, at a meeting at Scribner, adopted a resolution denouncing the new time as a "fad and wasteful" and calling upon the merchants of the county to go back to the old schedule. The resolution asks the school authorities to change back to the old time.