

GERMAN BLOCKADE SOON AT AN END

AS SOON AS THE ASSEMBLY O. K.'S THE PACT IT WILL BE LIFTED.

MEANS MUCH TO UNCLE SAM

Senate Will Have Unlimited Time for Discussion of Peace Treaty—Race for Share of Business with Former Foe Will Be Lively One.

Paris.—The official notification to Germany that the blockade will not be raised until the treaty is ratified by Germany was in the form of a resolution adopted by the council of four and presented to the German delegation before its departure for Berlin. The resolution follows: "The superior blockade council is instructed to base its arrangements for rescinding restriction upon trade with Germany on the assumption that the allied and associated powers will not wait to raise the blockade until the completion of ratification, as provided for at the end of the treaty with Germany, but that it is to be raised immediately upon receipt of information that the treaty of peace has been ratified by Germany."

Conditioning the raising of the blockade upon Germany's ratification of the treaty is regarded in conference circles as a sure plan for securing a speedy ratification because of Germany's food and raw material needs. As Russia was practically blockaded as a result of the blockade against the central powers, the opinion is held that when the blockade against them ceases there will be no blockade against Russia.

What It Means to U. S.

Washington, D. C.—The superior blockade council has been instructed to be prepared to raise the economic blockade of Germany immediately upon ratification by the German national assembly of the peace treaty.

This announcement was made in a dispatch to the state department from Paris.

The action of the council, officials here explained, means that upon ratification of the treaty by Germany all restrictions upon trade with Germany may be removed. Without requiring individual ratification by the allied and associated powers, all of the nations arrayed against Germany in the war may have an equal start in the race for German trade.

WILSON CANNOT ACT.

War-time Prohibition Will Not Be Lifted Until After Demobilization.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has decided he cannot legally lift the war-time prohibition ban before the country goes dry, but he expects to do so as soon thereafter as his power has been made clear by the completion of demobilization. In a cablegram made public at the White House, the president said he was convinced after consultation with his legal advisers that he had no authority to act at this time. "When demobilization is terminated," he continued, "my power to act without congressional action will be exercised." The message expressed no opinion as to the authority of the president when he raises the ban to make his action applicable to beer and wine.

To Attempt Long Flight.

Washington, D. C.—The British dirigible R-34 is expected to arrive in the United States on July 5 or 6 on a round trip flight across the Atlantic to be undertaken by a lighter than air craft. This announcement was made here by the British air attaché, who requested that American merchant ships on the north Atlantic radio weather reports to Capt. Race for both the outward and return voyage of the dirigible. The R-34 will land at Long Island and will remain only long enough to replenish its fuel and gas supplies.

National Bank Resources.

Washington, D. C.—Resources of national banks reported under the call of May 12 were announced as \$20,825,000,000, an increase of \$87,000,000 since March 4, and nearly \$10,000,000 in the last six years.

In Behalf of Welfare Workers.

Paris.—President Wilson has directed Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, to facilitate the return to America of welfare workers.

Prussian Government to Stand.

Berlin.—The Prussian government, having received a vote of confidence in the diet, has decided to remain in office.

\$600,000,000 For Navy.

Washington, D. C.—Agreement upon the naval appropriation bill fixing the personnel for next year at 170,000 officers and men, with a proviso authorizing the president in case of an emergency to increase this number to 191,000, was reached by house and senate conferees. The bill now provides an appropriation of \$614,000,000, an increase of \$16,000,000 over the amount voted by the house. The conferees cut the senate appropriation of \$35,000,000 for the naval air service to \$25,000,000.

FRANCESCO NITTI



Francesco Nitti is the new premier of Italy, succeeding Orlando. He was formerly minister of the treasury.

DRASTIC U. S. DRY BILL

IRONCLAD LID FRAMED IN THE HOUSE AT WASHINGTON.

Measure Provides \$3,500,000 Fund for Enforcement of Prohibition—Punishment is Severe.

Washington, June 27.—Drastic legislation for the strict enforcement of both war-time and constitutional prohibition was completed by the house judiciary committee. With only slight modifications the bill Chairman Volstead will submit to the house is the same as that proposed by the ultra dries.

An appropriation of \$3,500,000 is provided to carry out the act. The main provisions of the bill are:

Any beverage containing more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol is "intoxicating liquor."

When the war-time prohibition act or constitutional prohibition goes into effect, it shall be unlawful to "manufacture, sell, barter, give away, transport, import, export, deliver, furnish, receive or possess any intoxicating liquor except as authorized by this act." The only exceptions are for medicinal, scientific or sacramental purposes, or where liquor is stored in private homes before prohibition goes into effect, for private use.

Punishments for violations are as follows:

A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense, and a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, with imprisonment from 30 to 90 days, for the second offense.

A fine of not less than \$500 and imprisonment from six months to two years is provided for the subsequent offenses. In addition, courts may require bonds as security that violators will not again break the law for one year.

Enforcement of the prohibition law is lodged with the commissioner of internal revenue and the department of justice.

Patent and proprietary medicine manufacturers must prove to the commissioner that their products cannot be used in place of intoxicating liquor.

TO LICENSE WHEAT DEALERS

Wilson Order Puts Trade Under Regulation—Small Bakers and Farmers Exempt.

New York, June 26.—Julius Barnes, United States wheat director, announced that President Wilson has signed a proclamation putting under license of the wheat director persons, firms, corporations and associations dealing in wheat, wheat flour or baking products, manufactured either wholly or partly from wheat flour. The only exceptions are retailers, farmers and small bakers.

SENATE ASKS ABOUT SIBERIA

Resolution Adopted Requesting President to Give Information as to Policy in Russia.

Washington, June 28.—By unanimous vote the senate adopted the resolution of Senator Johnson, Republican, of California asking the president for information as to the administration's policy in respect to Siberia and as to the maintenance of United States troops there.

To Name First President.

Helsingfors, Finland, June 28.—The new constitution adopted by the diet provides that the first president shall be elected by the diet. His term of office will be six years.

Poles to March on Bandits.

Paris, June 30.—The council of four has granted Poland permission to use Gen. Hitler's army or any of its other troops in restoring quiet to eastern Galicia and driving outlaws from the country.

Austrian Ex-Kaiser Is Ill.

Geneva, June 30.—It is reported from Prangins, where former Emperor Charles of Austria is staying, that his health is causing anxiety. He has not left the house for a week. He is attended by a Swiss doctor.

SPECIAL FUND TO CURB ALIEN REDS

Senate Committee Provides \$2,000,000 for Use of Department of Justice.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN IS NEAR

Sundry Civil Bill Also Provides for Continuing Permanently the War-Time Regulations of Explosives.

Washington, June 30.—The senate began consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill which, as reported out of committee, carries provisions for a vigorous campaign by the department of justice against anarchists.

In addition to \$200,000 as a special fund to be devoted to the rounding up and deportation of dangerous aliens, the committee recommended an increase of from \$1,400,000 to \$2,000,000 in the amount to be used by the department of justice in general suppression of crime.

The bill also provides for continuing permanently war-time regulations as to purchase, storage, manufacture, sale and distribution of explosives, under the direction of the bureau of mines.

The naval appropriation bill was passed in the senate virtually as reported by the committee, and now goes to conference. Its total of about \$644,000,000 is \$44,000,000 more than the house bill provides, and a stiff fight in conference is anticipated.

The proposed appropriation of \$35,000,000 for aviation is \$20,000,000 more than the sum proposed in the house bill.

Provision is also made for an enlistment strength of 191,000 men from September 30 to the end of the year, as opposed to the house plan for a force of 170,000 after January 1, entailing an increase of pay of \$12,000,000.

JOB FOR MANY SOLDIERS

Positions Have Been Obtained for 70 Per Cent of Returned Yanks Says Colonel Woods.

New York, June 30.—Seventy per cent of the soldiers discharged since the armistice have positions awaiting them, Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to the secretary of war, who is in charge of obtaining employment for discharged service men, announced.

"Enlisted men are being discharged at the rate of from 60,000 to 70,000 a week," Colonel Woods said, "and only a comparatively small percentage are unable either to return to their old positions or to obtain new positions through the various agencies. The principal centers of unemployment at the present time are New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Boston. Colonel Wood again emphasized the fact that one of the difficulties is the unusual demand among discharged service men for clerical labor and the reluctance of the average man to perform farm labor."

SEVEN BROTHERS GO TO JAIL

Operated Twenty-Seven Stores in Chicago and Elsewhere—\$500,000 Involved.

New York, June 30.—Seven brothers, Abraham, Charles, Davis, Elias, George, John and Joseph Solomon, were sentenced by United States Judge Knox to serve two years each in the Atlanta penitentiary after pleading guilty to conspiring to swindle merchants out of goods valued at more than \$500,000.

The seven operated a wholesale business in wearing apparel, conducting 27 stores in Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Trenton, Newark, New York and other places.

EARL DEAR IS HANGED

Slayer of Chicago Chauffeur Pays Penalty for His Crime on the Gallows.

Chicago, June 30.—Earl Dear, the lumine; Earl Dear, the robber, the automobile bandit, the murderer of Rudolph Wolfe, chauffeur for Dr. Philip Doane, was hanged here. It was the sixty-sixth official hanging in Chicago.

CLOSE ENLISTMENTS JULY 5

Recruits for Service in A. E. F. Will Not Be Accepted After Midnight Week From Saturday.

Washington, June 30.—Enlistments for service in the A. E. F. will not be accepted after midnight July 5, the way department announced.

Robbers Get \$40,000.

St. Louis, June 30.—Robbers held up officials of the Middle-Fork mine, near Benton, Ill., and obtained \$40,000, according to advices received here. Two of the robbers were reported to have been killed by a posse which pursued.

Wilkins Found Guilty.

Minneapolis, N. Y., June 30.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, charged with having killed his wife, Julia, at their Long Beach home, February 27, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury 14 to 11.

MRS. ALICE LONGWORTH



A new photograph of Mrs. Alice Longworth, daughter of the late President Roosevelt and wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio. Mrs. Longworth is now taking an active interest in politics, being associated with Mrs. Medill McCormick in the Republican women's national committee.

SEIZE INDIANA MAYOR

MUNCIE EXECUTIVE ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF SWINDLING.

Prosecuting Attorney of Delaware County Also Taken on U. S. Warrant.

Muncie, Ind., June 27.—Horace G. Murphy, prosecuting attorney of Delaware county, and Dr. Rollin H. Bunch, mayor of Muncie, were arrested in connection with operations by alleged swindlers who made their headquarters in Muncie.

The arrests were made by United States Marshal Mark Storen on warrants issued on federal grand jury indictments.

Both men gave bonds for \$10,000 each. The government's allegation is that they provided protection from arrest to the alleged swindlers, victims of whom are said to reside in several states.

Mayor Bunch denied any connection with the men recently arrested and accused by the federal authorities of having swindled at least 34 wealthy men by means of fake prizefights and wrestling matches. He asserted he was the victim of spite work.

Prosecutor Murphy was elected in 1916 on a reform ticket and re-elected in 1918.

It has been charged that the alleged gang obtained more than \$200,000 in its work. Thirteen men previously were arrested.

HUNS BURN FRENCH FLAG

Violate Armistice Terms by Destroying Emblems Seized in the Franco-Prussian War.

Paris, June 26.—Word of the burning of certain French battle flags by the Germans has been received here. Peace conference opinion is apparently unanimous that this is a distinct violation of the peace treaty, inasmuch as that document stipulated that the flags should be returned to France by Germany. It is probable that a commission will be appointed to consider taking action in the matter.

Presumably the foregoing refers to French battle flags taken by the Germans in the war of 1870-71. Article 245 of the peace treaty, in the original draft, stipulated that within six months after the treaty should take effect Germany must restore to France the trophies, works of art, etc., carried from France by the Germans in the Franco-Prussian war, "particularly the French flags."

MUST PAY FOR SINKING FLEET

Allies in Note to Germany Demand Reparation and Punishment of Those Responsible for Act.

Paris, June 27.—Germany has been notified in a note sent by the allies that they possess the right to punish the persons responsible for the destruction of the German ships and to collect reparation for the loss. The sinking of the fleet is denounced as a violation of the armistice and a deliberate breach in advance of the conditions of peace.

Nat's Liquor Brings \$6,000.

New York, July 28.—Approximately \$6,000 was paid for the private liquor stocks of the late Nat C. Goodwin, actor, when it was put up at auction.

Veterans Urge \$120 Bonus.

Aurora, Ill., June 28.—The World War Veterans, in their first national encampment here, adopted resolutions condemning bolshevism and calling upon congress to vote an additional \$120 bonus to all men.

Killed by Liquor Runners.

Coffeeville, Kan., June 28.—F. S. Peter, deputy sheriff of Lafayette county, Kansas, was fatally shot by liquor runners near Chetopa, Kan. The liquor haulers were in an automobile, headed for Oklahoma.

FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THIS MAJESTIC STATE

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

Dean G. W. Hastings of the University of Nebraska college of law announced at Lincoln that he had been retained by the German Lutheran synod of Missouri and Bohemian societies of Omaha as counsel in their fight against the validity of the parochial school law of the last legislature. He also made the announcement he had been employed by the German-American Alliance several years ago to prepare the Mockett law, requiring the teaching of foreign languages in Nebraska schools on petition of patrons.

Nebraska hawkers who voted for the measure at the last session of the legislature which provides for the election of delegates to the constitutional convention on a non-partisan ballot are not alarmed over the report of a committee of Illinois lawyers holding that such an act under the constitution of Illinois—which is the same as Nebraska's—would be illegal.

The threat of County Attorney Edgerton of Hamilton county to prosecute Miss Mary Regier, who operated a school near Henderson in which German was taught in the study of lessons from the bible, resulted in the discontinuance of the school.

Governor McKelvie says he expects to hire an efficiency expert to help install new departments of the state administration reorganized after the federal cabinet system by the code bill of the last legislature.

The extension department of the state university is preparing to introduce a number of new features in connection with their exhibit at the Thayer county fair to be held in Deshler, August 26-29.

The transcontinental flying circus which will travel over the country for the purpose of interesting young men in the possibilities of the air service, will visit a number of Nebraska cities in August.

More than two score Nebraska communities have asked for the assistance of Miss Louise Murphy, the state's first public health nurse. Miss Murphy began her work the first of July.

The farm of Edward Jordan, near Wilcox, an interned German alien, has been ordered sold by the alien property custodian to satisfy a \$10,000 alimony judgment obtained by Mrs. Jordan.

Unless drastic action is taken at once to destroy cutworms working on Douglas county alfalfa crops, a great loss may be experienced by farmers, according to County Agent Maxwell.

The agricultural department at Washington reports that crops in Nebraska, counting the entire field and comparing to the ten-year average are in 112 per cent condition.

The proposition to erect a modern rural high school building at Ellis, failed, as two of the districts in Lincoln township voted against erecting the proposed new building.

The Colorado and Wyoming division of the Sons of Veterans has endorsed Lieutenant Governor Barrows of Nebraska for commander-in-chief of the national organization.

A statue to cost about \$300 is to be erected on the Thayer county fair grounds at Deshler as a memorial for the soldiers of the county.

Petitions are in circulation for more than three miles of paving in Aurora. It is not likely that any construction work will be done until next spring.

Voters of Douglas county approved a \$3,000,000 paved road bond proposition at a special election by a majority of three to one.

Nearly two miles of the grading on the federal and state aid road project, between Fremont and Ceresco, has been completed.

A contract has been awarded for the laying of forty blocks of brick paving at Wahoo. The contract price is \$3.48 a square yard.

The Nebraska Epworth Assembly will be held at Lincoln during the ten-day period between July 29 and August 7.

Dawes County Development Association has decided to spend \$1500 advertising the resources of the county.

In some sections of Thayer and surrounding counties there is a shortage of carpenters and laborers.

Hogs sold for \$21.10 per hundred on the South Omaha market the other day, the highest on record.

Miss Ethel Moffitt, aged 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moffitt, old residents of western Nebraska, lost her life by drowning in the Farmers' canal at Scottsbluff.

Replies to Governor McKelvie's inquiry to state senators and representatives relating to the advisability of calling the legislature in special session to act on the suffrage amendment indicate that a majority of the members are in favor of the move, and some advise that the code law be included.

Peter O'Shea of Scottsbluff is suing the North American Hotel company for \$32,000, charging that the company bought three lots from him in Scottsbluff, stating that they intended to build a hotel on the property and that they have never finished the hotel nor paid him for the lots.

There will be no paving of the Lincoln highway through North Platte this year. A petition signed by two-thirds of the property owners on the street through which the highway runs, has registered sentiment against the project.

A large number of motor trucks for use in building roads in Nebraska have been received by the state engineer at Lincoln from the government. Nebraska's allotment will be about 400 trucks. These trucks are not to be apportioned out to the different counties, but will be placed where they will be needed and used the most.

Following the report from Kansas that I. W. W. agitators in that state are threatening to destroy wheat crops as a protest against wages being paid farm hands, both the governor's office and the state fire warden at Lincoln report that no complaints or warnings in that direction have been given them.

According to State Horticulturist Weber, Nebraska's fruit crop this year will run about as follows: Apples, 30 to 50 per cent over the average for preceding years; cherries 80 per cent above the average; pears, 20 and berries 75 to 80. The peach crop will about equal that of 1918.

A number of Chadron business men are about to begin the construction of a pipe line from the extensive oil fields north of Lusk, Wyo. This, it is believed, will give Chadron a cheap fuel and greatly assist the growth of the city.

The legal department of Adams county and Hastings have agreed that Sunday baseball is illegal in Hastings. Consequently, it is said, no attempt will be made to engage in the national pastime in the city or county on the Sabbath this season.

Lincoln voted two million dollars for new school buildings at a special bond election. The vote was very light, standing 1,391 for an 440 against. Of the votes cast for the issue 520 were by women of the city.

An effort will be made by a Fremont committee to secure the services of Gen. John J. Pershing, American commander in France, for the principal address on Fremont's homecoming celebration, August 15.

W. T. Thompson of Lincoln has been chosen chairman of the executive committee of the New-Nebraska Federation, an organization started to help elect certain delegates to the state constitutional convention.

Daylight saving was abandoned by the village of Dunbar last Monday. The scheme was too inconvenient for the people to wait for the repeal of the law in October, so the old order of things was adopted.

The government army motor track train which is to cross the continent to stimulate interest in a transcontinental highway, will leave Washington July 7 and will pass through Nebraska early in August.

Paving to cost around \$50,000 will be laid at Laurel, a contract having been let for the work. Nearly \$13,000 worth of new water mains are also to be laid in the town.

A violent hail storm, covering a strip four miles wide and thirty-three miles in length, caused several thousand dollars' damage to crops in central Thayer county.

Wheat harvesting has commenced in some sections of the southern part of the state, and some difficulty is being experienced in securing help.

All high price records for Boone county farm land were shattered when Col. Dan Fuller sold his 100 acre farm near Albion for \$60,000.

The William Lehnhoff farm, near Louisville, consisting of 160 acres, was sold for \$300 per acre, a record price for land in the vicinity.

August 15 is the date selected for homecoming celebration for Dodge county soldiers and sailors. The affair will be held at Fremont.

Property and crops in western Douglas county were severely damaged by a terrific wind and hail storm that swept the district last week.

The board of directors of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted for the return of the railroads to private ownership.

Old settlers of the southwestern part of the state say that the signs of prosperity on all sides were never so bright as at present.

A number of corn and wheat fields in the vicinity of Fremont were badly blown down when a young tornado visited the district.

Elmwood is planning a homecoming celebration for her soldier boys. August 31 is the date set for the grand event.

State officials are making preparations to re-appraise school lands in Custer, Sheridan and other northwest counties.

The Fremont Commercial club has decided to secure suitable grounds for the landing of aeroplanes.

While bathing in the Elkhorn river near Beemer, Sam Rich, Jr., 18, lost his life by drowning.

A fast amateur baseball club has been organized by citizens of Wahoo. A good sized fund has been raised by public subscription to support the team.

According to railroad crop experts, condition of wheat, corn, oats, barley, sugar beets and other crops in Nebraska is the best. Winter wheat, threatened by rust, is safe, it is said. An average crop of fruit is reported.

The state board of agriculture has reported that the spring wheat acreage in Nebraska totals approximately \$12,000 acres.

State Engineer George Johnson has appointed the following superintendents of the five divisions of the state under which the system of road building will be carried on: First district, E. H. Morey of Lincoln. Second district, M. F. Black of Norfolk. Third district, Harold Cochran of North Platte. Fourth district, R. O. Green of Hastings. Fifth district, J. H. McLe of Bridgeport.