

GUARDS ASKED TO AID

Governor Calls On Members of All Nebraska Organizations to Help Harvest State's Wheat Crop.

Adjutant H. E. Clapp, under authority of Governor Neville, has issued an order to the 30,000 members of the Nebraska home guards instructing them to assist in the patriotic work of harvesting the state's wheat crop, which is now ready for the binder in practically all sections. The order urges that as many home guards as can do so in each community, go out and assist farmers in taking care of the grain. It is pointed out by the appeal that the war has called into military service upward of 36,000 of Nebraska's young men, a large number of whom came from farms, and the resulting scarcity of hands makes it imperative that those remaining at home, who can in a measure take the places of those agricultural workers, owe it as a patriotic duty to respond to the call.

According to an announcement of the state food administration, Nebraska had in its elevators throughout the state on June 22, 3,404,815 bushels of cereals of all kinds. The totals do not include Omaha or South Omaha. Corn was the greatest in total with 1,308,274 bushels in storage; oats came next, 1,308,304 bushels; wheat was third on the list, 149,274 bushels; barley fourth, 118,087 bushels, and rye fifth, 23,067 bushels.

Reports reaching Lincoln tend to confirm the story that a considerable force of professional nonpartisan league organizers will be sent into Nebraska to enroll members in the organization and also to assist in the preliminary election fight that occurs in August.

At a meeting of the Gage county defense council at Beatrice a resolution was passed denouncing the nonpartisan league as detrimental to the best interests of the people of Nebraska and as unpatriotic and asking all loyal members to withdraw therefrom.

Republicans of Nebraska are called to meet in Lincoln on Tuesday, July 30, for the purpose of adopting a platform and selecting a state central committee and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The government food administration at Washington authorized bakers of Nebraska to increase the wholesale price of bread from one-half to one and one-half cent a loaf the first of the month. Retail prices have advanced proportionally.

University of Nebraska extension department will have an exhibit at Thayer county fair at Hebron with expert judges and demonstrators. August 28 is set aside for children's day, when 7,000 school children are provided with free admissions.

As the result of modification of the meat program by the federal food controller, eating places in Nebraska have been permitted to serve beef one meal each day by the state food administration instead of twice weekly which was formerly the rule.

A broken bottle of liquor in a trunk led to the arrest of a man at Omaha who, police believe, is a German spy and a member of a gang of alien enemies with headquarters in the Nebraska metropolis.

Three companies, all engaged in the production of electric current in Grand Island, have been requested by the national fuel administration to consolidate their plants, for the purpose of conserving fuel.

For the first time in its history the Fourth of July passed in Lincoln without a serious accident from explosives. Not a single accident of any kind was reported to the police during the day.

Two young people, Mrs. Agnes Lawless and Ed Schweitzer were almost instantly killed when the automobile they were riding in crashed into a telephone pole at Omaha.

It is estimated that approximately 1,100 delegates will attend the democratic state convention at Hastings, July 30.

More than 25,000 persons attended the third annual round-up carnival at Ogallala. The affair was a complete success.

H. P. Shumway, 62 years old, of Lyons, one of Nebraska's most popular politicians, died at Lincoln.

That there is to be a state fair this fall is settled beyond doubt by Secretary E. R. Danielson of the state fair board, who stated the other day that the 1918 fair will be bigger and better than ever. "It has been asked frequently this year whether or not the State Fair would be discontinued," he said. "The Nebraska state board of agriculture wishes to emphatically state, that the fair will be held as usual. Those who have stated that the state fair will be given up this year are doing it an injury."

Nebraska's campaign for War Savings societies had a whirlwind finish last Friday. Rallies and meetings were held all over the state in community centers and business houses. High hopes are held out by leaders of the movement that the 10,000 War Savings Societies Nebraska was called upon to form have been perfected.

Alson B. Cole, sentenced to be electrocuted at Lincoln this week for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt of Elba, a year ago, has been granted a respite by Governor Neville until November 22.

Government statistics show that Nebraska stands sixth in the union in the list of all things brought from the soil. Its total is \$774,000,000 for the year 1917. This includes the value of all animals of a domestic nature. Iowa leads with \$1,330,000,000. The states following the Hawkeyes are Illinois, Texas, Missouri and Ohio. Nebraska is first in the production of wheat and corn, and hogs and cattle. In these four items it leads the country.

That selective service men who registered for military service June 5, last, may help to fill next month's draft quotas, was indicated in instructions received from the War department at Washington by state officials at Lincoln. Local draft boards, the instructions said, should give the new registrants their physical examinations as soon as they are classified in Class 1.

An initiative petition for an amendment to the state constitution has been presented to Secretary of State Pool. The petition is for an amendment to the constitution by direct vote of the people at the general election this fall, authorizing a single tax on automobiles, the tax so collected to be placed in a fund for the improvements of roads.

State officials are desirous that a correction should be made of a statement made by the newspapers that the War department will not be able to furnish lists of Nebraska soldiers in France in time for them to vote at the primary. The Nebraska law does not provide that soldiers out of the United States can vote at the primary.

Freight houses in all Nebraska cities will be required to remain open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week and until 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, according to an order of the State Railway commission.

A list of the membership of the Nonpartisan league in this state must be produced in the Nonpartisan League-State Council of Defense injunction suit in the Lancaster county district court at Lincoln by order of the presiding judge.

Governor and Mrs. Neville are the proud parents of a new baby girl. This is the first child born to any governor of Nebraska in the present executive mansion at Lincoln so far as is now recalled, since it was acquired by the state in 1889.

A new record price for heavy beef cattle was established on the South Omaha market, when a load of western steers from the Great Western Sugar company, Scottsbluff, was sold for \$18.30 per 100 pounds.

Information received by the state food administration at Omaha shows Nebraska's sugar allowance for July totals 5,490,000 pounds. "Save all you can from this allotment" is the urgent request from Administrator Hoover.

According to State Treasurer Hall's monthly statement the balance in all funds in the state treasury at the close of business in June reached the unexpected total of \$2,300,000, the largest in the history of Nebraska.

Taxes on incomes and excess profits collected in Nebraska amounted to \$11,333,081 for the fiscal year ending June 30, according to the figures made public by the treasury department at Washington.

An unusually large crowd witnessed the laying of the cornerstone for the new Lutheran church at North Platte. This church when completed will be one of the finest Luther churches west of Mississippi.

During the first six months of 1918 a total of 2,037,000 hogs were marketed at South Omaha, exceeding the receipts during the corresponding period of 1917 by about 206,000 head.

Instead of holding Fourth of July celebration the men of a large number of Nebraska towns spent the day in the country aiding farmers in harvesting their wheat crop.

For disloyal remarks concerning the prosecution of the war, the president and the allies, four Nebraska farmers were convicted under the espionage act at North Platte.

Eighty-five war saving societies have been organized in Pawnee county to remain in force during the period of the war.

Governor Neville and Charley Bryan have filed for the democratic nomination for governor at the August primaries.

Over 100 war savings societies have been organized in Dodge county.

York county wheat fields are yielding from 10 to 20 bushels to the acre. Oats are almost a complete failure in the county. Corn never was as far advanced as at this time of year and with favorable weather there will be the largest crop ever known in York county.

Verne Kennedy, probably the first farmer in Gage county to thresh his winter wheat, reported a yield of 22 and 35 bushels to the acre from two fields on his farm. The grain tested 61 pounds and is of good quality.

Virtually all wheat in the southeastern part of the state is in shock. The acreage is about one-fifth more than usual and the yield and quality promise to be above the average. Labor is scarce and it is no uncommon sight to see girls following the harvesters shocking the grain.

After facing an ice famine for a week with no relief in sight from the ice man, the Oxford village board took matters in its own hands, ordered a car of ice and sold it to consumers at cost. It is planned to continue the venture through the balance of the season.

LAUNCH MANY SHIPS ON FOURTH

Day's Feat of Loyal Workers Receives Recognition From High Officials.

GEN. PERSHING THANKS MEN

Commander of Forces Overseas Declares "With Such Backing We Cannot Fail to Win"—Cereemonies in 76 Shipyards.

Washington, July 6.—America's merchant fleet, grown to 10,040,853 gross tons by the construction of 1,622 new ships of 1,493,793 tons in the fiscal year ended June 30, was augmented on the Fourth of July by the unprecedented launching of nearly 100 ships.

The day's feat of the loyal army of workmen received recognition from the highest officials directing the nation's war activities.

"We are all comrades in a great cause," declared President Wilson in a message read as part of the launching ceremonies in 76 yards.

From General Pershing came the thanks of America's fighting men for the support of which the launchings are substantial evidence.

"With such backing we cannot fail to win," asserted the commander.

Chairman Hurley of the shipping board said in a telegram to the yard managements: "Your employees will douse the kaiser."

Secretary Redfield went to two yards in the Philadelphia district for the ceremonies.

Director General Schwab and Vice President Piez of the Emergency Fleet corporation were guests of honor in San Francisco, where the Schwab plant recaptured the laurels taken by an Eastern yard with the Tuckahoe by launching a 12,000-ton steel vessel in less than forty working days.

The vast program of launchings, in which shipyards from Bath, Me., to Tampa, Fla., and from Tacoma, Wash., to Los Angeles, took part, was started at a minute after midnight, when at Superior, Wis., the Lake Aurice, a steel vessel of 3,400 tons, slid down the ways.

Quincy, Mass., July 6.—The United States destroyer Maury, named for Matthew Fontaine Maury, hydrographer, was launched at the Bethlehem Fore River plant. Immediately the keel of another destroyer was laid.

London, July 6.—Premier Lloyd George sent the following message to President Wilson:

"I have just heard that a hundred ships have been launched in the United States. Heartfelt congratulations on this magnificent performance."

BIG CELEBRATIONS ON 4TH

Thousands of People of Many Races Celebrate Independence Day in New York and Chicago.

New York, July 6.—More than 75,000 people, representing 42 races and nationalities, marched up Fifth avenue in the Fourth of July parade, passing in review before Secretary of the Navy Daniels and others. New York rose en masse to the occasion. It welcomed the parading thousands with an acclaim that soared in a mighty roar of handclapping, cheering and patriotic fervor to the very heavens. Doubtless, too, its echo will be heard in Berlin.

Chicago, July 6.—Chicago's cosmopolitan millions celebrated Independence day with a fervor and a resolve not equaled since that original Independence day when a group of Americans signed their names to a document which meant liberty for America and was destined to presage freedom for the world.

SULTAN OF TURKEY IS DEAD

Constantinople Dispatch Says Ruler Died on Wednesday Night.

Amsterdam, July 6.—Mohammed V, sultan of Turkey, died at seven o'clock Wednesday night, says a Constantinople dispatch received here by way of Vienna.

Mohammed V, thirty-fifth sovereign of Turkey in direct descent of the house of Osman, founder of the empire, came to the throne by a coup d'etat on April 27, 1909, after having been held for 33 years a prisoner by his brother, Sultan Abdul II, in the royal palace and gardens in Constantinople. Mohammed V was born in Constantinople November 3, 1845. In 1914, at the outbreak of the present war, Mohammed issued a proclamation blaming the triple entente with thrusting war on Turkey. The next heir to the throne, Yussuff Izzeddine, is the son of the late Sultan Abdul Azzizi.

Miss Rankin for Senate. Washington, July 8.—Miss Jeanette Rankin, representative from Montana, announced she will be a candidate for the Republican nomination to the senate to succeed Senator Walsh, in November.

Drop Weinsberg Case. St. Louis, July 8.—The case against Dr. Charles H. Weinsberg, charged with violation of the espionage act, was dismissed by Judge Page Marris in the United States district court on Friday.

AMERICAN FIREWORKS FOR KAISER BILL



SINK HOSPITAL SHIP ORDER IS EXPLAINED

HUNS TORPEDO BRITISH STEAMER LLANDOVERY CASTLE; 234 MISSING.

Craft Was Homeward Bound From Canada When Attacked—Fourteen Women Nurses on Vessel.

London, July 3.—A German submarine sank the British hospital ship Llandoverly Castle, 116 miles southwest of Fastnet, June 27, the British admiralty announced on Monday night.

The Llandoverly Castle was homeward bound from Canada. It carried 238 persons. This total included 80 Canadian army medical corps men and 14 women nurses.

One of the boats containing 12 nursing sisters, was seen to capsize, it was reported. The sisters were drowned.

The submarine commander who ordered the captain of the Llandoverly Castle, several of the officers, and Major Lyon of the medical corps aboard, declared that he had sunk the ship because it was carrying American aviation officers and others in the fighting service of the allies. The only officers on board the ship were six officers of the medical corps.

YANKS SEE 3 "SUBS" SUNK

British Transport Runs Into Nest of U-Boats Off the Irish Coast.

An Atlantic Port, July 6.—A British transport, carrying 7,400 American soldiers, ran into a nest of German submarines off the Irish coast and with the aid of a destroyer sank three of the U-boats.

An official of the British government en route to Washington, and other passengers reaching here told of the battle. The transport sank one of the submarines by ramming it and is now in dry dock in England. A large hole was torn in the side of the troopship by the collision.

The American soldiers lined the rail of the transport while the fight was in progress and as each of the submarines was sunk they threw their hats into the air and cheered the British gun crew. When the battle was over they hoisted the British gunners on their shoulders and paraded the deck.

TURKEY MUST EXPLAIN TO U.S.

Ultimatum on Hospital Raid Sent to Constantinople—Reply May Mean War.

Washington, July 3.—It was Turkish regular troops who burned and looted the American hospital at Tabriz. Confirmation of this has been received through the Spanish government by the state department. No details have as yet come through, but a formal protest and demand for satisfaction has been presented officially to the Turkish government through Sweden. Upon the reply received will depend the next step which the United States will take.

Speed Boat Pilot Is Dead. Detroit, Mich., July 8.—John Milot, well-known as an automobile racer and more recently as a pilot in speed boat races, died here. In 1915 he piloted Miss Detroit I over the Detroit river course, winning the event.

Illinois Aviator Safe. With the American Army in France, July 8.—Lieut. William H. Brotherton of Guthrie, Ill., an American aviator who was reported missing on June 25, has safely landed within the allied lines in Alsace.

U. S. TRANSPORT IS TORPEDOED

Troopship Covington Sent to Bottom by U-Boat While on Way Home.

SIX OF CREW ARE MISSING

Navy Department Says None of the Officers and Men Landed Are Seriously Injured—Craft Was Former German Liner.

Washington, July 8.—The American army transport Covington, homeward bound after landing several thousand soldiers in France, was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone last Monday night.

Six members of the crew are missing, but all the other men, with the ship's officers, have been landed at a French port.

No army personnel or passengers were aboard. The Covington formerly was the Hamburg-American liner Cincinnati, which was laid up at Boston and taken over when the United States entered the war. She was 608 feet long and 16,330 gross tonnage.

The men missing are: Ernest C. Anderson, fireman, Lynn, Mass.

Joseph B. Bowden, seaman, Mountain Lake, N. J.

Ambrose C. Ford, fireman, Somerville, Mass.

William Henry Lynch, Jr., fireman, Manchester, N. H.

Albert S. Payne, seaman, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Lloyd H. Silvernail, seaman, Bainbridge, N. Y.

The navy department's announcement of the torpedoing of the Covington said none of the officers and men landed was "seriously injured."

The Covington was struck at 9:17 o'clock Monday night, while proceeding with a fleet of other transports conveyed by destroyers. The submarine was not sighted.

The transport remained afloat until Tuesday, when efforts were made by another vessel and two tugs to tow her to port, but she was too badly damaged to keep afloat.

HALTS REVOLT IN AFRICA

Prompt Action by British Troops Prevents Loss of Life, Says Botha—Blames Hun Agents.

Pretoria, South Africa, July 8.—Premier Botha of the Union of South Africa issued a statement on Friday, showing that serious unrest exists in South Africa. Strong police and military measures were taken to cope with the situation.

Continuing, Premier Botha in his statement says: "There is good reason for suspecting that enemy agencies are at work in this country and that they are intriguing to stir up strife not only among Europeans but also among the natives, and no means or matters are deemed too despicable as long as they can attain their object."

SHOWS HUGE FOOD PROFITS

Figures on Enormous War Profits Sent to Senate in Response to Resolution by Borah.

Washington, July 8.—Some figures on war profits were sent to the senate on Friday by the treasury in response to a resolution by Senator Borah of Idaho calling for information regarding profiteering. The dairy interests listed showed profit increases from zero to 180 per cent, banks up to 80 per cent and flour mills as high as 437 per cent. The maximum increased profit listed, 2,183 per cent, was of a food dealer with \$1,000 capital. Another food concern, with \$325,000 made 34.75 per cent excess.

In clothing trades a concern with \$400,000 capital increased its profits 15 per cent.

VOTES TO SEIZE WIRE LINES

House Passes Resolution Giving U. S. Power to Take Telegraph and Telephone Systems.

Washington, July 8.—With the Western Union telegraphers scheduled to strike next week for recognition of the telegraphers' union, the house of representatives, acting under strong administration pressure, adopted on Friday the resolution authorizing the president to take possession of the telegraph and telephone systems of the country for the remainder of the war. The vote on the resolution was 221 in favor to four against. The measure was sent to the senate.

More German Troops Landed

Stockholm, July 6.—Germany last week landed large military forces at Hangoe, on the Finnish coast west of Helsingfors, according to information received here from reliable sources. The troops had full winter equipment.

Says Royal Family Fled

Copenhagen, July 6.—Several members of the Russian royal family took passage on a steamer which recently sailed from the Murman coast, on the White sea, according to a dispatch to the Berlinische Tidende from Bergen.

CROWDER RULING HITS MEN OF DRAFT AGE ONLY

Several Communities Apparently Are Confused Regarding the "Work or Fight" Decree.

Washington, July 5.—Commenting on the new work or fight regulations which are in effect, Provost Marshal General Crowder emphasized that the order does not affect men outside of draft ages. Several communities apparently have confused it with anti-loiter laws in some states.

General Crowder explained that the work or fight order is purely a military step and that regulations regarding employment or military service for unregistered men are not embraced in his functions. The only effect the order has upon persons not subject to draft is that it offers them more opportunities of employment. Places vacated by men liable to draft necessarily are left open for men outside of the draft, he explained.

CZECHO-SLAVS DEFEAT FOES

Lenine Troops Lose Irkutsk—Finland May Enter War Against Allies.

London, July 8.—Czecho-Slovak forces have inflicted a severe defeat upon the bolshevik troops, according to a telegram received here from Irkutsk, Siberia. The bolsheviks are said to have been completely defeated west of Irkutsk and to have been driven out of the region to the east of Lake Balkal.

There was a battle at Nerhnie Udinsk, and it resulted in the Russian government troops being driven out of the place.

Stockholm, July 8.—At editorial offices here a declaration of war by Finland against the entente nations is expected at any hour.

POWDER BLAST KILLS 65

Two Explosions Wreck Big Factory Near Syracuse, N. Y.—Destructive Blast Follows.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 4.—At least 65 persons were killed and 200 injured at the huge plant of the Semet-Solvay company, at Split Rock, near here, virtually wrecked by two explosions of trinitrotoluol at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Terrific concussions rocked business buildings in the center of the city, smashing plate glass windows, and caused a panic in the residential districts.

The explosion followed a fire that had got beyond control and spread to the "T. N. T." vats. Two of these exploded.

SENATE O. K.'S BOND BILL

House Measure Providing for \$8,000,000,000 of Liberty Bonds Approved Without Roll Call.

Washington, July 8.—The house bill providing for \$8,000,000,000 of Liberty bonds was passed by the senate without roll call on Friday.

To Raise Express Wages

Chicago, July 8.—Wage raises for the federalized express companies' employees are the first steps planned under government control. It was announced by George C. Taylor, president of the Railway Express company.

U. S. Flyer Is Prisoner

Washington, July 8.—Ensign George Roe of Scituate, Mass., an aviation pilot in the American navy, has been captured and is imprisoned at Cuzco Landshut, Germany, the navy was advised by Vice Admiral Sims.