

# DEFENSE COUNCIL TO BE REFORMED ON 4-MAN BASIS

## Division of Work Will Follow Reorganization of Board, Member of Wilson's Cabinet Says.

### EACH TO HEAD DIVISION

One Will Direct All War Industry, Including Railroad Work, and Others Work of Purchasing Supplies.

Washington, June 25.—The council of national defense very shortly will be reorganized on a four man basis. This was stated officially today by members of the president's cabinet. Tentative plans call for the selection of one man as the head of the war industry committee to direct and be held solely responsible for all railroad and industrial work.

Another will be a director of all purchases and the dissemination of all raw materials. A third will be a director of all purchasing of finished materials, and the fourth will be chairman of a general purchasing board.

# COCCHI ADMITS MURDER OF GIRL

## Declares He Killed Pretty High School Graduate When He Failed to Win Her Love.

Bologna, Italy, June 25.—Alfredo Cocchi, the fugitive New York motorcycle dealer, abandoned today his pretense of innocence of the murder of Ruth Cruger and confessed his guilt. Jealousy was his motive. He was unable, he declared, to win her love and became furious when she refused his persistent attentions.

The admissions of the young Italian, whose escape from the New York police failed to prevent, were made in tears after searching interrogations by Judge Zucconi, broke down Cocchi's reserve. Prior to this examination, Cocchi had coolly and insistently maintained he had known Miss Cruger only two days before her disappearance in February, when she went to his shop to have her hat sharpened, and had declared his conduct toward her was entirely correct.

Under Judge Zucconi's searching questions today, however, Cocchi finally broke into tears and became so rattled as his confession fell haltingly from his lips that the persons surrounding him believed he was about to have an epileptic fit.

He was granted time to recover and then resumed the story of how the 18-year-old Washington girl disappeared in the building where her body recently was found in the cellar.

**Says He Told All.**

After making up his mind to tell the truth Cocchi talked freely and without reserve gave full details of his crime including the disappearance of the girl's body. After the confession had been completed the judge directed the clerk to read to Cocchi the written report of his deposition. The prisoner said it was correct and later signed it.

On returning to his cell, Cocchi said to the prison attendants:

"At last I feel relieved. I have freed myself from a nightmare which tortured my conscience. Now I have told everything and am ready to suffer any penalty."

Alfredo Cocchi went to Bologna from New York in February after the disappearance of Ruth Cruger, a girl 18 years old. When the girl's body was discovered in the basement of Cocchi's motorcycle shop in New York, the American authorities called to Italy asking for the man's arrest on a charge of murder. Cocchi was caught on June 20, but at first protested his innocence. Later he broke down, after being placed in solitary confinement.

### SUIT REVEALS ASSISTANT.

New York, June 25.—With the announcement from Italy that Alfredo Cocchi had confessed to the murder of Ruth Cruger, police efforts here turned to the problem of having the motorcycle dealer brought back to New York to face trial.

District Attorney Swan announced that he had conferred personally here last night with Frank L. Polk, counselor of the state department, and was assured the United States would exert every effort to have Cocchi returned to this country.

The authorities are working on the theory that Cocchi had accomplices both in the commission of the crime and in connection with his escape from this country after eluding investigation.

The identification of the man who purchased one of the suits found in the excavation next to the body of the Cruger girl is expected to lead to the person who is believed to have helped Cocchi bury the body. The coat of the suit was tried on Victor Blady, who is employed by the Hudson Dye company, and he admitted that, except that the "sleeves are a little short," it fitted. He denied, however, that the suit belonged to him or that he knew the owner.

The label was that of an expensive Broadway tailor, whose records showed the suit was sold to a wealthy man who once lived on Thirty-third street, but who now lives on Bradhurst avenue. This man's character, in the judgment of the district attorney, precludes the possibility of his having had any connection with the affair. When it was attempted to examine him yesterday he could not be reached.

A subpoena was left for him, and he is expected to visit the prosecutor's office this morning when it is believed he will have no difficulty in telling how his suit got into the hands of the person who took it to Cocchi's shop.

**Articles Buried With Body.**

A complete list of the articles found in the excavation and taken to the dis-

trict attorney's office includes a gray sack suit, one knickerbocker suit, one pair of black puttees, two pairs of motor pants, one pair of dark striped trousers, one black tie, a piece of rope, three pairs of khaki leggings, one khaki cap marked "887," one pair of tan tennis shoes, one pair of men's shoes marked "Voel," one piece of matted about 18 inches square, one pair of leather knee pads, one box of iron balls, one handkerchief of good quality and 200 pounds of iron and steel motor cycle parts.

### At Least Two Buried Body.

Evidence is continually coming to light convincing the prosecutor that whoever may have been the murderer, there were two, and possibly three, persons who had a part in the burial. Leading from the register was a heating pipe about a foot in diameter, which had been taken down to permit the passage of the body and set up against the wall of the way it was fastened convinced Mr. Dooling it could not have been set up by one man.

There is also a good deal of mystery as to what was done with the dirt which when the excavation was filled was replaced by the body, clothing and tools found beneath the soil. Further investigation of the chest beneath which the body was buried convinced the prosecutor that it was extremely improbable that one man had moved it from its position and back into place. Carried Police Indorsement.

The examination of several policemen by Assistant District Attorneys Dooling and Fitzpatrick, developed an evident spirit of good fellowship between policemen and the motorcycle man. Among Cocchi's effects was found one of his business cards on which was written:

"Take care of Alfred Cocchi. He is O. K. Billy Eynon"

William H. Eynon, a member of the motorcycle squad, admitted to Mr. Dooling the writing was his. He explained it by saying it was given long before the murder to be used by Cocchi in buying tires at a rubber house where Eynon was well acquainted.

### BRITAIN RESTRICTS TALK OF REBEL AGITATORS

London, June 25.—Telegrams from Bombay that the restrictions placed by the government on Mrs. Annie Besant and her colleagues are the sequel to a violent home rule agitation distinguished by a vilification of everything British and western. The restrictive measures evoked a storm of adverse comment in the native press and protest meetings were organized.

Mrs. Besant has been forbidden by the Indian government to participate in any meetings, deliver lectures or publish her writings. She and her associates also are prohibited from residing in Madras City, and ordered to remain within certain areas. Their correspondence also has been placed under censorship. Mrs. Besant is head of the Theosophical society and was expelled from the presidency of Bombay last year for preaching revolt in India.

### PREDICTS SPUDS WILL BE CHEAP

St. Paul, Minn., June 25.—Potatoes selling at less than 50 cents a bushel is beyond the wildest dream of most persons, but John A. Tierney, of Tierney & Co., commission merchants, has announced that the \$4 a bushel potato will be selling for 15 cents a bushel and may go as low as 10 cents a bushel when the crop is harvested, and gives the following reasons for his opinion:

Everyone planted potatoes and there is every indication that the harvest this year will produce an over supply. Two years ago, when the market was flooded, potatoes were sold in car load lots for 7 cents.

The allied countries have made special effort to raise large crops and there is every reason to believe that the returns will fulfill the hope of a bumper crop. There have been millions killed in Europe and millions of others wounded. The wounded will not care to eat as much as well persons, and the millions killed will not have to be fed.

### St. Paul Commission Merchant Says Drop to 50 Cents a Bushel Is Not Unlikely.

### PEACE WITH PAY FOR WAR SOUGHT

Prince Von Buelow, Discussing War Aims of Germany, Hopes for the End This Year.

### SUFFS, CARRYING BANNER, ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., June 25.—The police quickly blocked another attempt today by suffragettes to display a banner in front of the White House gates.

Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia, and Miss Gladys Greiner, of Baltimore, who carried the banner, were arrested yesterday before they had it entirely unfurled, by a police matron and taken to headquarters in a waiting price automobile. The banner carried a quotation from one of President Wilson's books.

The two women were released at police headquarters on their own recognizance. No date for the trial was set.

# "DRYS" PLAN PROHIBITION DEMONSTRATION JULY 4

Minneapolis, Minn., June 25.—A demonstration in favor of prohibition as a war time measure will be an outstanding feature of the Fourth of July celebration in Minneapolis and in other cities this year, according to an announcement by officers of the Minnesota Anti-Saloon league. Sixteen hundred ministers in various parts of Minnesota have been urged to join in the movement. The demonstration here will consist of a parade, to be followed by a mass meeting.

In announcing the plan for the demonstration prohibition leaders declared the amount of grain and molasses used annually in production of distilled spirits and fermented liquors, totals nearly 7,000,000,000 pounds. This statement is in sharp contrast with statements by representatives of national liquor dealers' associations that only 70,000,000 bushels of grain is utilized in this manner.

### WOMAN WHO KILLED WIFE FLAYS LOVER

Waukesha, Wis., June 25.—Miss Grace Lusk, high school teacher, who shot and killed Mrs. David Roberts, wife of a former state official with whom she professed to be in love, has been served with a warrant charging her with murder in the first degree. The warrant was read to her in the hospital where her life still hangs in the balance from a bullet wound she inflicted on herself after standing off the police for half an hour.

Despite her protestations of lasting love for Dr. Roberts, Miss Lusk indicated bitterness when she was placed under formal arrest. "Oh, God! she called, "are they going to take me and let him go free?"

Later Miss Lusk's condition took a turn for the worse.

A pathetic incident occurred when Dr. A. P. Lusk, father of the accused slayer, visited her in the hospital this afternoon. "Are they going to take me and let him go free?" she asked.

"In a broken voice Dr. Lusk asked: "You poor girl; why did you do it?"

"If you only knew, father, the life I have lived. It was terrible and I know God will forgive me," she replied.

A letter that Miss Lusk dictated to Dr. R. E. Davis while she held him and others at bay at the foot of the stairs of the Mills home was made public. It was addressed to Miss Winifred Pratt, 226 East Arlino street, Santa Barbara, Cal., and reads:

"He loved me dearly, but it all came out just as you said it would."

Miss Lusk further commented bitterly on Dr. Roberts when one of the unsigned masculine notes found among her effects was called to her attention.

"Oh, he has the maudlin and common sentiment that characterizes only the horse doctor," she said, when reminded of the note. "I thought his mentality matched mine; that his conception of ideals was pure and his intellectuality a rock of ages, but he is a charlatan. He has sacrificed his wife and me on the altar of desire."

# EFFORT TO FILL ARMY IS BEGUN

## Nation Wide Drive for Recruits to Regular Army Opens as Proclamation of President Directs.

Washington, June 25.—A nation wide drive of one week to recruit 70,000 men to bring the regular army up to its authorized war strength of 300,000, began today in accordance with President Wilson's proclamation calling for volunteers.

This is the first step in the war organization of America's army. Next is the national guard; then comes the selection of the men for the new national army from the millions who registered here June 5.

The president calls upon "unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 40 years who have no dependents and who are not engaged in pursuits vitally necessary to the prosecution of the war."

This means that those between the ages 18 and 21 and 31 and 40, as well as the recent registrants, will be given an opportunity for immediate training in the prospect of early active service.

The urgency of filling the ranks of the regular army is emphasized by army officers who declare it will be necessary within the next six months to take many of the regulars as instructors for the new selective army.

# ANOTHER U-BOAT SENT TO BOTTOM

## U. S. Gunners Shoot Periscope Away and Drop Another Shell in Water Just Above Sub.

An Atlantic Port, June 25.—A fight between American freight steamer and a German submarine, which took place June 6, one day out from Genoa, Italy, and resulted in the navy gunners on the American vessel scoring at least one hit, was reported by the captain of the steamer "its arrival here today.

The captain said the U-boat suddenly appeared at a distance of about 500 yards and launched a torpedo. Its wake was discernible and it was possible to maneuver the vessel so that it missed the ship by about 20 feet.

Fire was immediately opened on the U-boat from a stern gun and four shots were discharged in rapid succession as the submarine submerged. The second shot, the captain said, struck the periscope throwing it high into the air and the last shot fired hit the water on the exact spot where the U-boat disappeared.

The American vessel suffered no damage. This is the second encounter reported within two days in which an American ship successfully defended herself against attack.

**CONFIRMS SINKING OF SUB.**

Washington, June 25.—Confirmation of the sinking of a German submarine by the navy crew of an armed American merchantman, mentioned yesterday's dispatches, was received today by the navy department in a report from Chief Boatswain's Mate C. J. Gullikson, commanding the gunners.

"Apparently the submarine was either sunk or badly damaged," his report says, "as nothing further was seen of it."

### APRIL EXPORTS HIGHEST IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Washington, June 25.—American imports in May of \$281,000,000 reached the highest total of any month in the history of American commerce. Exports of \$51,000,000 showed a gain of \$1,000,000 over April.

Both imports and exports for the 12 months ending with May, set new year-to-date records, imports being valued at \$2,600,000,000 and exports at \$4,183,000,000.

Seventy-one per cent of the merchandise entering in May came free of duty. For the 12-month period the percentage was 69.3. Gold exports in May valued at \$58,000,000 were \$6,000,000 greater than imports. Net gold imports for the 12 months were valued at \$776,000,000.

### PRESIDENT DENIES ROW IN SHIP BOARD IS CLOSED

Washington, June 25.—President Wilson today authorized Secretary Tamm to say that the president has not yet settled the difficulties between Chairman Demann, of the shipping board, and General Goetsch, of the emergency fleet corporation over the wooden ship building program.

The president, Mr. Tamm said, was waiting for further information which he expects to obtain in a few days.

# FRENCH GIRLS WEAR U. S. FLAG IN STRIKE TO GET ENGLISH HALF HOLIDAY

Paris, June 25.—American flags were worn by a great many of the Parisian sewing girls during their recent strike. Asked why they chose the Star Spangled Banner as the standard of their revolt, one of them replied: "Why because we demand the 'semaine anglaise'" (the English week with Saturday half holiday).

"Then wouldn't the British flag be more appropriate?" it was asked.

"Perhaps, but the 'drapeau etoile' (the Stars and Stripes) are much more becoming."

# WETS' MAY BLOCK FOOD LEGISLATION

## Clique in Senate, Headed by Hartwick, Plan Fight to Pass Only Anti-Speculation Clause.

Washington, June 25.—Consideration of the prohibition section of the food control bill began in the House today, immediately after rejection, by a vote of 125 to 33, of the Meeker amendment to strike out the price fixing section of the bill.

Washington, D. C., June 25.—Only a "dry" fight will prevent the passage of the administration control bill in the House. Administration leaders were confident today that the entire liquor fight would not last sufficiently long to hold up the measure.

**New Opposition Found.**

At the same time it developed in the Senate, just at the time when it appeared that plans promised to bring action on the bill very soon, a very small clique headed by Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, announced that no part of the measure is necessary, and that such a department is not necessary and nothing but the antispeculation clause should go through.

The "wets" declare that they will fight the bill to the utmost, and it is thought that the speakers on that side will not begin until the latter part of next week, thus preventing the measure going to conference by the first of July.

Senator Hardwick says the only thing to do is to eliminate the whole bill except the speculation clause and that he doesn't think it is necessary to create such a control bill to give Herbert Hoover a job.

**Wheat Price Goes Lower.**

Congressmen are now being flooded with letters from frightened elevator men who fear to buy wheat because they do not want to be guilty of hoarding. Wheat in the southwest is dropping in price, and it is to prevent disorganization of this that grain exchange officials have been summoned here to prevent the farmer from sacrificing his crops.

# GERMAN TELLS WHY WORLD HATES TEUTONS

## Says Kaiser Wants Peace Without Indemnities, But Fears to Say So.

Amsterdam, June 25.—According to the Berlin Vorwaerts, a copy of which has been received here, Wolfgang Heine, member of the reichstag, addressed a social democratic meeting in Berlin spoke strongly in favor of peace without annexation or indemnities.

"Herr Heine declared that the government long ago should have stated publicly what it said confidentially to Dr. Arthur Hoffmann, the former member of the Swiss federal council who endeavored to open peace negotiations between Russia and Germany.

It failed to do so, Herr Heine continued, because Wilhelmstrasse was afraid of the Kreuz Zeitung, the Reichsland and the Tages-Zeitung, and because Prussian tradition attached vastly more importance to the words of the generals than to those of other people.

"But since the belligerent governments are now so involved in the cul de sac that it is unlikely that they will come together to talk peace," Heine continued, "it only remains for the people themselves to raise their voices for peace and to take in hand the task of removing the influence of those people whose mischievous activity is largely blamable for the war; whose avowed policy of domination is wrongly regarded abroad as the aim of the German people and to whom must be ascribed the fact that Germany is hated by the entire world."

# DANDELION SOUP THEIR ONLY FOOD

## Inhabitants Expelled From St. Quentin Tell of Hunger Under German Rule.

Paris, June 25.—The inhabitants of St. Quentin, who were expelled by the Germans arriving in Paris, having traveled by way of Belgium, Germany and Switzerland. Late arrivals say that the town was finally evacuated by the last of the civil population March 15, after a long period in which they suffered from lack of food. Supplies from the relief commission has been entirely suspended for that region and other parts of northern France and the refugees subsisted during their passage into Belgium, and Germany on soup made from dandelions and nettles.

### RUNS DOWN GIRL; HANGED.

Houston, Tex., June 23.—Ben Harper, a negro charged with being the driver of an automobile which ran down and killed Olive May Goodrum, a 12-year-old girl of Navasota, on Thursday, was hanged by a mob at the scene of the girl's death near Courtney, Tex., early yesterday. Seven other negroes are being held by officers in connection with the girl's death.

The negroes, who are said to be from Houston, were celebrating Emancipation day.

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## Numbers That Correspond to Those Given Men When Registering to Be Drawn by Officials. NAMES WILL BE CANCELED

### Absolute Fairness Believed Provided—Local Officials to Pass on Exemptions—Troops in Camp Sept. 1.

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No official announcement has been made and official confirmation is being withheld but it has been stated that the federal government itself will do the drafting, probably here in Washington, so there will be no opportunity for local favoritisms, political or otherwise.

As the registrations stand now, every registered man bears a number. The numbers will be forwarded to Washington and the drawing will be entirely by number. The identity of the numbered men will be unknown to those in charge of the draft machinery and can be established only by comparing a number with a printed list of the man's home district.

The questions of exemptions will go before the local boards.

If a man is exempted the man bearing the number which is drawn next in order will take his place and so on until the first increment of 625,000 has been assembled. The others will be called as the need develops. It is hoped to have all the men in training by September 1.

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## "True Pacifists" Hope to Escape Through Clause in Regulations.

Washington, June 25.—"True Pacifist" organizations have launched a huge campaign that if carried out would, officials said, undermine the selective draft law. These organizations, it is said are attempting to open up a channel for escape for military duty.

More than 10,000 have entered these organizations. Agents of the department of justice are today fixing their attentions upon the activities of representatives of the organizations. So far, efforts of the pacifists are confined to attempts to have inserted in the exemption regulations which will be published, a clause, which would eliminate thousands "conscientious objection to war," to escape the draft enrollment of members with the implied promise that their membership constitutes them objectors to the draft.

# WAR PROSPERITY HITS WASHINGTON

## Prices of Everything Skyward as the Population Leaps and 50,000 More Clerks Are Needed.

Washington, June 25.—War prosperity has hit Washington and those who have rooms to rent are getting rich. The capital's population is growing rapidly. Every train brings its load. War talk fills the air.

The government and the various industries that have established war headquarters here will need 50,000 more clerks before the dog days, according to conservative estimates. Already there is a famine in stenographers. Uncle Sam commanded them.

Now government offices are springing up all over the city. Department work for such generations have been small, quiet affairs have suddenly become bloated to 20 times their usual size. This means more employees. The restaurants are busier than Coney Island chowder kitchens. The street cars are almost always jammed to the gunwales and frequently blocked. Apartment houses have been made into hotels—residences into apartments. In some cases startling prices are demanded for cots. All rents are upward bound.

The telephone service is swamped—the messenger service overwhelmed. Streets are crowded and the aged hackmen are investing in Liberty Bonds. Now Uncle Sam is meditating commandeering more office space and ousting private firms.

# NO SPECIAL SESSION IS THOUGHT LIKELY

## Harding Opposes Calling Legislature to Vote Funds for Defense Council.

Des Moines, Ia., June 25.—There will be no special session of the Iowa legislature at the present time. Governor Harding is understood to be opposed to calling a special session.

The move for a special session was fostered by the state council of defense, which finds itself hampered because no funds have been provided for it. The attorney general and the governor have ruled that a call for reports on condition of national banks will be issued within 48 hours. These are the last reports to be made computing reserves under the federal act before its recent amendment.

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# PLAN TO IMPEACH CHICAGO'S MAYOR

## Council Committee Will Try to Oust Thompson, in School Board Row.

Chicago, Ill., June 25.—Notice was posted this afternoon that the judiciary committee of the city council will consider impeachment charges against Mayor Thompson at a meeting next Monday. The matter will be first considered by the judiciary committee. Anti-Thompson aldermen largely predominate in the council and in the committee.

# EXPLOSION TAKES HUGE LIFE TOLL

## More Than 1,000 Killed and Injured When Austrian Munitions Plant at Blowitz Is Wrecked.

Amsterdam, June 25.—More than 1,000 persons were killed and injured or missing in consequence of an explosion in munitions factories at Blowitz, according to an announcement made in the lower house of the Austrian parliament by the minister of defense, as forwarded in a dispatch from Vienna.

The statistics were given by the minister as follows:

Dead, 138; missing, 170; wounded, 625. Of the wounded 520 received only slight injuries.

The minister said the explosion probably due to the lack of caution on the part of men employed in trench mortar workshops.

# COAL FAMINE NOW SERIOUS

Washington, June 25.—Declaring it a question of a very short time before the government will commandeer all the oil and coal in the country, Daniels told the Senate military committee today that the situation is serious.