

MAY JOIN THE LIST

ARGENTINA SHOWS SIGNS OF A BREAK WITH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA.

PLAN FOR WAR GARDENS

Will Cultivate Every Available Piece of Ground—German Strikers Have Issued an Ultimatum.

Buenos Aires.—The minister of war has recalled Argentina's military attaches from Berlin and Austria. In political circles this action is regarded as significant and connected with the sinking of the Argentine steamship Ministro Irriendo, January 26.

German Strikers Issue Ultimatum. Zurich.—The socialist paper, Vorwaerts, announces that the Berlin strikers have addressed to the government an ultimatum, of which the following are the principle demands:

- First—Accelerated conclusions of a general peace, without indemnities or annexations.
Second—Participation of workmen's delegates of all the countries in the peace negotiations.
Third—Amelioration of the food situation by better distribution.
Fourth—Immediate abolition of the state of siege and restoration of the right of public meetings, suspended by the military authorities.
Fifth—Abolition of militarization of war factories.
Sixth—Immediate release of all political prisoners.
Seventh—Fundamental democratization of state institutions.
Eighth—the institution of equal electoral suffrage by direct secret ballot.

PLANNING FOR WAR GARDENS

Every Vacant Piece of Ground to Be Cultivated.

Lincoln.—Within the next sixty days every important city and town in the state will have made note of every vacant piece of ground and its rental value. Plans to organize the state for war gardening purposes the coming spring and summer have already been put under way by the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska.

The plan to list all the vacant property in the more important towns throughout the state is being carried on with the co-operation of the schools and the school boards in the respective places. The children are taking a census of every vacant piece of property, finding out how much it will rent for or whether the owner will allow someone to garden it free of charge.

Airmen Again Raid England

London.—German airmen have again raided England. About fifteen airplanes took part in the raid. One of them dropped bombs in the southwestern outskirts of London and another in the outlying northeastern district. There were a few casualties in southwestern London. Bombs were dropped at various places in Kent and Essex. There were several aerial engagements. All the British machines returned safely.

Omaha, Neb.—Following a pitched battle during which more than 200 shots were fired, detectives from the central station captured five men and two women charged with the robbery of a Dodge street jewelry store. The stolen jewelry, valued at \$20,000, was recovered.

Havana.—With the liberals absenting themselves from the chamber, the conservative members of the house of representatives in regular session adopted a bill granting amnesty to all civilians who took part in the liberal revolution of February, 1917.

State Control of Great Advantage

London.—British railways, which have been under state control since the beginning of the war, have been operated through an executive committee of general managers of railways. The working under one control has resulted in many economies and proved of great advantage.

Newport.—Further investigation into the explosion at the torpedo station here last week strengthens the official conclusion that the blast was the result of an accident.

State Council Gathering Data

Lincoln.—In connection with the card index system which will be used in the different counties of the state to record what each individual is doing to support various war activities, the state council of defense is furnishing sample cards to all county councils, suggesting the form in which the records shall be kept. These cards contain blank spaces for the man's name and address, his telephone and automobile number and his rural route if he lives in the country.

MISERY FOR NEUTRALS

Spain One of the Countries Getting but Scant Comfort.

Madrid.—It is not easy to see any silver lining to the clouds that the great war has brought over Spain. Food has increased enormously in price and coal is terribly dear and virtually unobtainable. Wages have been reduced and strikes and troubles are occurring in all parts of the country. A long drought in the south which lasted all autumn and part of the winter ruined the crops. Snows have frozen fruits and vegetables, and many cattle have died of hunger from scarcity of grazing. Misery is great in small towns and Madrid streets are full of beggars. Every day the newspapers record deaths from hunger and cold. Prisons are reported to be full in some towns so that no further arrests can be made, although crimes against person and property continue.

No Date Set for Another Draft.

Washington.—Expansion of America's fighting forces beyond their present strength depends upon such things as events abroad and the shipping situation, Secretary Baker said, in discussing that the war department has not fixed a date for another nor even determined how many men shall be called. When Mr. Baker told the senate military committee that the United States would have half a million men in France early this year, and that in all a million and a half could go across if ships could be found to carry them, he referred to the divisions now in training camps and those already in Europe. Future developments will decide what additional forces will be sent.

Revolution Threatens Finland

Stockholm.—The long threatened revolution in Finland, is proceeding in the eastern provinces, according to sparse reports reaching Haparanda and forwarded here. The railroad station at Helsingford is reported to have been occupied by the Russian red guard. Sharp fighting has taken place at Viborg. Russian soldiers are said to be aiding the red guard and reinforcements are reported to have been sent from Petrograd.

In answer to a protest made by Finland the Russian government said that it must support the proletariat against Finland's bourgeoisie. Helsingfors is commanded by the guns of Russian warships under control of bolshevik sailors.

A bolshevik organ at Helsingfors says the "red guard got out of hand and was guilty of murdering and plundering. Conditions of anarchy are said to prevail in the region of the disturbances.

Starvation With Two Years of War

Norfolk, Va.—European food experts are agreed that the entire world will be brought to the verge of starvation if the war continues two years more, according to Dr. Maurice Francis Egan, United States minister to Denmark. The northern European neutrals, Dr. Egan declared, are in dire straits. Food is so scarce in Denmark that the famous Danish wolf hounds are being slaughtered for food.

Marriage Will Be No Aid.

Washington.—Men of draft age married since May 18, 1917, should not be exempted from selective service, Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced. He instructed government agents to appeal to district boards all cases in which local boards have granted dependency exemption to men married after May 18. At the same time Crowder ruled that no draft registrants will be permitted to enlist in the armies of the allies, pending call to this country's flag.

Petrograd.—The government commissioners announce that diplomatic relations with Rumania have been broken, and that the Rumanian delegation and all the Rumanian representatives here will be sent out of the country by the shortest route.

Major General Wood Injured

Washington.—Major General Leonard Wood, in France on an observation tour, was slightly wounded by an accidental explosion which killed five French soldiers and hurt two other American officers.

Rumors Were Unfounded

Chicago.—Red Cross headquarters in Chicago after investigating charges of a plot to inoculate bandages made in Springfield, Ill., with disease and germs, declared that the charges were without basis in fact.

Martial Law at Deming

Deming, N. M.—Charging lack of co-operation from officials in keeping Deming free from vice Mayor M. A. Nordhaus has announced his resignation with a statement of conditions for Secretary of War Baker and recommended that the city be placed under martial law. Camp Cody is located here. William Maupin, newspaper man, is here as the personal representative of Governor Keith Neville of Nebraska to prepare a report for the governor on conditions at Camp Cody.

Moonshining on Increase

Washington.—The necessity of arousing state and county officials to their responsibilities in assisting the government break up the manufacture of moonshine whiskey is urged upon the governors of prohibition states in a letter from Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper.

The letter was made public as part of a nation-wide campaign against illicit distilling recently announced by Commissioner Roper when it was discovered that the manufacture of "moonshine" was rapidly increasing

STATE SHOWS WELL

A BIG PERCENTAGE OF PHYSICALLY CAPABLE

BUT FEW SLACKERS KNOWN

Nebraska Stands Ahead of Forty-five in Number of Men Reporting for War Duty.

Washington.—Nebraska figures in Provost Marshal General Crowder's report are interesting in themselves and in comparison with the figures of other states.

Nebraska, for instance, had 26,377 draftees examined for physical defects and of the number there were 21,063 qualified.

It amounted to 79.85 per cent—and is a showing exceeded by only one other state in the union, South Dakota. The average of the county was slightly over 70 per cent so the Nebraska showing indicates that ten more men out of every hundred were physically capable than in the average state of the union.

The total number of registrants called was 28,573 and there were 12,878 claims filed for exemption. This was less than the average for the country. The Nebraska percentage was 45.07 in this item—and the national average was 56.05 per cent.

There were 9,731 claims granted, which made a percentage of 75.86, compared to a national average of 81.79 per cent.

Of the 27,573 men called there were 1,369 who failed to appear. That was a percentage of 4.79 for the state, compared to a national percentage of 8.18.

Forty-five states of the union were behind Nebraska in this respect.

In Texas where they brag so the percentage of men who got cold feet ran up to 10.13. In New York where everybody seemed anxious to go to war, the percentage was 7.95.

There were 4,499 colored registrants in Nebraska, or enough to make more than a regiment of colored fighters. They constituted 3.80 per cent of the entire 118,278 registrants. Only 761 of the number were called.

The per capita cost of carrying out the selective draft system in Nebraska was just 36 cents. The national average was 54 cents. There were thirty-three states of the union whose figures ran much higher. Nevada was at the top with \$1.03 per capita.

Nebraska's gross military quota was given at 13,000—and there were 11,493 volunteer enlistments which General Crowder charged off against the state. This was a percentage of 82.68, as compared to the dreadfully fragile figure of 64.47 as an average for all the states of the union.

The total alien enlistments in Nebraska ran up to 4,908. Allied aliens constituted 1,855 of this number. Neutral aliens constituted another 1,007 of the number, and there were 698 alien enemies who registered or 14.22 per cent of the entire alien registration.

Farmers Demand Reasonable Price

Lincoln.—Farmers are bombarding the Nebraska state railway commission with telegrams, telegraph and mail, saying that under the order issued by the commission to facilitate the marketing of "soft corn" before warm weather sets in, elevator men have adopted an arbitrary attitude, and some of them are refusing to pay what the farmers deem to be a reasonable price for their grain. Farmers consequently are refusing to sell.

Rioters Clamoring for Peace

London.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Express says that extraordinary reports are current concerning a revolution in Germany and that there have been rumors of great disorders in Berlin during the past few days, the rioters clamoring for peace. He also reports bread riots which were ruthlessly repressed by the police, many men, women and children being wounded.

Campaign Against Anti-Slackers

The idea of the cards now being distributed by the county councils of defense is to assist in an equitable distribution of the financial burdens of the war. It is a measure to prevent the disloyalists and slackers from slipping by the campaigns for funds at the expense of those who are loyal.

Nebraskans Lead Tuberculosis Fight

Washington.—Congressmen Shalenger and Sloan of Nebraska led the floor battle in the house for the appropriation of \$250,000 to fight animal tuberculosis in the west. Both men were vigorous proponents of a plan to increase the amount over the statement of the agricultural department that \$250,000 was all that could be put to use advantageously just now. Arguments advanced were practically unassailable, but the effort was futile.

No Action Will Be Taken

Omaha.—Although no public announcement has been made by the state council of defense, it is extremely unlikely that any action will be taken upon the protest filed by the Nebraska Equal Suffrage association, upon the form of the proposed amendment which the council is submitting through the initiative and referendum to disenfranchise "alien enemy voters" who are seeking exemption from the draft on the grounds that they are not citizens.

TO HELP WIN THE WAR

HOUSEWIVES URGED TO PRACTICE RIGID ECONOMY

Food Administration Requests Use of Less Material in Preparation of Daily Menu

REMEMBER YOUR MENU

Two wheatless days a week—Monday and Wednesday—and one wheatless meal a day. Two porkless days a week—Tuesday and Saturday. One meatless day a week—Tuesday—and one meatless meal a day.

Washington.—The new home card of the food administration has been issued and shortly will be distributed throughout the United States to aid housekeepers in observing the 1918 food conservation program of two wheatless, one meatless and two porkless days a week, as announced in President Wilson's proclamation.

The card, carrying an explanation of the weekly plan, went into effect at once, and bakers began the manufacture of the "Victory loaf," a war bread containing a 5 per cent substitute for wheat flour. Bakers are to increase the substitutes for wheat flour until a 20 per cent substitution is reached February 24. At the same time grocers will sell householders wheat flour only when the purchaser buys an equal amount of some other cereals.

The Food Administration asks every loyal American to help win the war by maintaining rigidly as a minimum of saving the following:

- Have two wheatless days (Monday and Wednesday) in every week and one wheatless meal in every day.
On wheatless days and in wheatless meals of other days use no crackers, pastry, macaroni, breakfast food or other cereal food containing wheat, and do not use wheat flour in any form except the small amount that may be needed for thickening soups or gravies or for a binder in cornbread and other cereal breads.
As to bread if you bake it at home use other cereals than wheat, and if you buy it, buy only war bread. The object is that we should buy and consume one-third less wheat products than we did last year.
Have one meatless day (Tuesday) in every week and one meatless meal in every day.
Have two porkless days (Tuesday and Saturday) in every week.
Meatless means without any cattle, hog or sheep products. On other days use mutton and lamb in preference to beef or pork.
Porkless means without pork, bacon, ham, lard or pork products fresh or preserved.
Use fish, poultry and eggs.
As a nation we eat and waste nearly twice as much meat as we need.
Make every day a fat saving day (butter, lard, lard substitutes, etc).
Fry less; bake, broil, boil or stew food instead.
Save meat drippings; use them and vegetable oils for cooking instead of butter.
Butter has food values vital to children, therefore, give it to them. Use it only on the table.
Waste no soap, it is made from fat. Be careful of all fats. We use and waste two and a half times as much fat as we need.
Make every day a sugar saving day. Use less sugar; less sweet drinks and candy containing sugar should be used in war times. As a nation we have used twice as much sugar as we need.
Use fruits, vegetables and potatoes abundantly. These foods are healthful and plentiful and at the same time partly take the place of other foods which we must save. Raise all you can for home use.
Use milk wisely. Use all of the milk, waste no part of it. The children must have whole milk. Use sour and skim milk in cooking and for cottage cheese.
Any one buying and holding a larger supply of food now than in peace time, except foods canned, dried or preserved in the home, is helping to defeat the Food Administration in its attempt to secure a just division of food and the establishment of fair prices. The food hoarder is working against the common good and even against the very safety of the country. Hoarding food in households is both selfish and unnecessary; the government is protecting the food supply of its people.
Assessed valuations of property in Nebraska are generally higher than those in South Dakota, according to figures compiled by Secretary Bernecker of the board of equalization. Automobiles, pianos and threshing machines are about the only items which are taxed higher than those in Nebraska.
Students in Nebraska schools where German has been dropped will not be penalized in their entrance credits at the University of Nebraska, according to announcement by Chancellor Avery.
A resolution passed at the war conference at Lincoln last week, urges congress to make a law providing that any man pleading exemption on grounds that he is an alien, in order to avoid military service, can never become a citizen of the United States.
Judge N. G. Sears of the district court, sitting at Omaha, has upheld the main provisions of the Nebraska blue sky law, and the right of the railway commission to enforce its measures.

A DOMINANT POWER

UNITED STATES BANKING CENTER OF THE WORLD

GERMAN STRIKE IS SERIOUS

Much Worse Than Was Indicated in Official Dispatches—America's Shipping is Holding Its Own

Washington.—How the United States has become the dominant banking power of the world was shown in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency, John Skelton Williams, has been presented to congress. Comptroller Williams estimated the whole banking power of the nation at \$37,529,000,000, an increase of more than \$14,000,000,000 since the beginning of the present administration. Taking the latest estimate of banking power of the world, placed in 1890 at \$15,558,000,000, he said, America's increase was alone nearly equal to the world's combined banking power twenty-seven years ago.

National banks of the United States, Comptroller Williams declared to be stronger, safer, more observant of laws, and more efficiently managed than ever before. Their resources—\$18,553,197,000—are greater by more than \$2,000,000,000 than ever before and exceed by about the same amount the combined resources of all state banks, private banks and trust companies.

America's Shipping Holds Its Own

New York.—In the twelve months of unrestricted warfare launched against American and allied shipping by Germany one year ago there have been sunk by submarines, mines and raiders sixty-nine vessels, totalling 171,061 gross tons, according to a careful compilation of records of sinkings which have been made public during the period. Offsetting this loss of American vessels, most of which were sailing ships, the United States, since February 1, has added to her merchant marine by the seizure of former German and Austrian owned ships, a total of 107 vessels having a gross tonnage of 686,494, leaving on the credit side of the American ledger in the account with the central powers, a net gain of 515,433 gross tons. The loss of life caused by the sinking of the sixty-nine American ships was more than 300 persons however.

GERMAN STRIKE SERIOUS

Much Worse Than Was Indicated in Official Dispatches

London.—Dispatches from Switzerland and Holland describe the general strike in Berlin and other parts of Germany as much more serious than indicated by the official dispatches sent from Berlin. According to Central news advices from Amsterdam, nearly all of the workmen of the Daimler, Boersig, Ludwig and General Electric works are on strike. Trades unions are not at the head of the movement but several trades are almost completely at a standstill.

The independent socialists have carried on an active propaganda during the last few days, the dispatch says, and the movement appears to be very serious and in industrial centers meetings are prohibited. It is particularly grave in the suburbs of Lichterfelde, Heringsdorf and Johannisthal, where electric works and airplane factories are situated. Strikes also have broken out in Rhineland and Westphalia.

Openly Urges Revolt

London.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam, says Deutsche Tages Zeitung openly calls on the German people to revolt against the present regime.

"We, too," says this pan-German organ, "have a Judas among us today. He appears in the red coat and mantle of Germany's hangman. Who will save Germany from these traitors but the German people. It is now 'Germans help yourself and God will help.'" Although Emperor William is not named in the article the expression "Germany's hangman" is meant for the Kaiser.

Railroads Cutting Down Expenses

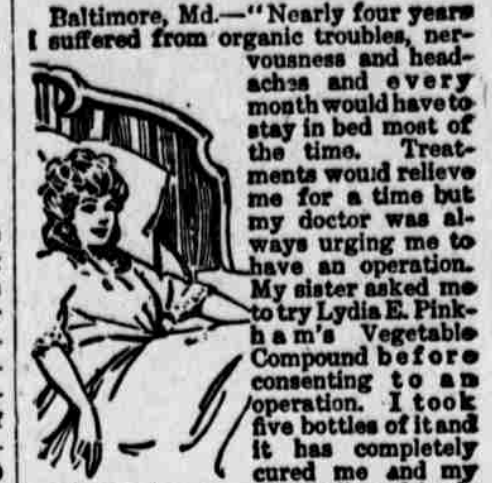
Washington.—Railroads have been ordered by Director General McAdoo to dispense with the services of executive and political agents and all attorneys not engaged in the performance of necessary legal work and to observe strictly the law regulating free passes. This, the first economy order under government operation of the railroads, will cut off large and well-paid staffs maintained by many companies and eliminate from payrolls hundreds throughout the country.

Italians Take 1,500 Prisoners.

Rome.—Italian troops have made a heavy attack on the northern mountain front and broke into the enemy lines, the war office reports. Reinforcements which the enemy was hurrying down the Nos and Campomulo valleys were dispersed by the artillery of the Italians and their allies. Twelve enemy airplanes were brought down. The Italians held mastery of the air everywhere. The Italians took more than 1,500 prisoners.

DOCTOR URGED AN OPERATION

Instead I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Was Cured.



Baltimore, Md.—"Nearly four years I suffered from organic troubles, nervousness and headaches and every month would have to stay in bed most of the time. Treatments would relieve me for a time but my doctor was always urging me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before consenting to an operation. I took five bottles of it and it has completely cured me and my work is a pleasure. I tell all my friends who have any trouble of this kind what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—NELLIE B. BRITTINGHAM, 609 Calverton Rd., Baltimore, Md.

It is only natural for any woman to dread the thought of an operation. So many women have been restored to health by this famous remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after an operation has been advised that it will pay any woman who suffers from such ailments to consider trying it before submitting to such a trying ordeal.

His Wish About the War.

He is an old-fashioned man who is getting well along in years and he finds it rather difficult to keep pace with the rapidly changing phases of the war situation. He is loyal, however, and does his best to keep up, though at times he finds himself a stride or two behind.

The other day the news was broken to him that because of his income from a farm and certain other real estate, he probably would have to pay a small income tax, under the law relating to that subject. It was the wife who first discovered this interesting bit of news and after she had read it to him out of the paper the old man remarked: "Maw, sometimes I almost wish this war had never happened."—Indianapolis News.

OLD PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK KIDNEYS

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfil the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says, "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale." According to sworn statements and verified testimony of thousands who have used the preparation, the success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is due to the fact that, so many people claim, it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder ailments, corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which causes rheumatism. You may receive a sample bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents; also mention this paper. Large and medium size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

Really Wonderful.

"Isn't it wonderful how these harvesting machines cut the wheat and tie it into bundles?" "Oh, I don't know! I hear they have a machine now that cuts the wheat, threshes it, grinds it into flour and raises the price, all in one operation."—Life.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 3/4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

What He Wondered.

"By George, old chap, when I read your latest poem, I sit and wonder." "How I do it?" "No, why you do it?"

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PILE OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

If a man feels it in his bones it's rheumatism.

Advertisement for Hills' Quinine, featuring a circular logo and text: "Costs Less and Kills That Cold. HILLS' QUININE. The standard cold cure for 20 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—cures cold in 24 hours—gives it soft days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red top and Mr. Hill's picture on it. Costs less, gives more, saves money. 24 Tablets for 25c. At Any Drug Store."