

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE GATHERED HERE COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

Canada has lowered the age limit for military service registration from 16 to 19 years.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, Chicago's first lady, who died at Sarasota, Fla., left an estate of \$15,000,000.

President Wilson indorsed the war department's objection to giving credit in the draft for volunteers furnished by states.

Transcontinental passenger service will be curtailed 33.13 per cent about June 1, according to plans of the railroad administration.

May movements of American troops to fill the gaps abroad will exceed the record of April, it was stated officially at Washington.

A British freight steamer ran down and sunk a German U-boat off the Irish coast, her crew reported upon their arrival at an Atlantic port.

British losses in men killed, wounded, captured and missing on the western front since the German offensive began March 21 are estimated at nearly 250,000.

Washington military men point out that the battle on the western front will more than likely go on until fall, much as it has gone—smash and gain, then check and halt.

It is reported that two American newspaper men, one in the employ of the United States government, have been expelled from Mexico by the Carranza government.

The war department's ability to equip and transport men is the only limit to be placed on America's 1918 army, Secretary Baker informed the house military affairs committee.

Nicaragua has declared war against Germany and its allies. The entry of the Central American republic into the war makes the twentieth antagonist arrayed against the Teutonic allies.

Manufacturers using sugar, except to make essential food products, will be put on strict rations, the food administration announced, in order to assure sufficient supplies for home canners.

About 17,000,000 persons bought almost \$4,000,000,000 worth of third liberty loan bonds, according to estimates based on latest returns. Final results may not be known for some time.

After having served twelve years as mayor of Omaha, James C. Dahlgren, known as the cowboy mayor, was defeated for re-election, together with five other members of the present city administration.

The drafting of 2,170,000 men for military service by July 1, which was outlined by Secretary Baker before the house committee on military affairs, will exhaust the registrants in class one.

President Wilson issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross week" and called upon the American people to contribute generously to a second \$100,000,000 war fund.

Secretary of War Baker has asked congress to appropriate approximately \$15,000,000,000 for the army for the next fiscal year. Last year the army estimate aggregated \$6,000,000,000 to pay for a force of 1,500,000.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been wasted through profiteering in the government's aircraft production program, Gutzon Borglum charges in an open letter to President Wilson. The president has ordered a rigid investigation of the activities of aircraft board.

Boy scouts of America have been called upon by the government to locate walnut timber from which to make airplane propellers and gun stocks. The scouts on their hiking trips are to mark every walnut tree located and report same to the local scout master.

The British admiralty has found that the channel at Zebrugge, in which old British cruisers recently were sunk during the naval raid on the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast, is still blocked.

The world's record in shipbuilding was made by the West Lianga, Skinner & Eddy Co., at Seattle, Wash., when a vessel was turned over to the government in 86 days following the laying of her keel. The previous world record was eighty-four days.

Ten vessels, aggregating 13,704 tons and twenty seamen were Norway's war losses during April.

Every county in Nebraska oversubscribed its allotment in the third Liberty loan campaign.

Sebastopol, big Russian fortress in the Crimea, has been occupied by the Germans, according to Berlin dispatches.

May 7 was the third anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine with the loss of 1,275 lives.

Antioch, Neb., established a record for the entire country in the third Liberty loan drive by oversubscribing its quota nine times.

Lieutenant John Rosenwald, the famous football player of the University of Minnesota, was killed in action on the battlefields of France.

The German government has announced that her captures during the past six months, thus far tabulated, shows \$717,500,000 worth of plunder.

No favorable occasion for a further peace move by Pope Benedict has presented itself, nor does one seem near. It was stated at the Vatican at Rome.

Five million men must be sent to the battle front by the United States within a year, Senator McCumber of North Dakota, declared in an address to the senate.

The teaching of German was discontinued and military training made compulsory in Council Bluffs, Ia., high schools by unanimous vote of the school board.

Eleven persons were killed when the American steamship Tyler, formerly an Old Dominion freighter, was torpedoed and sunk off the French coast.

Men raised under the draft can be sent anywhere in the world to fight for the United States, the supreme court decided in upholding the selective draft law.

Captain Norman Hall of Colfax, Ia., most famous American aviator, former member of the Lafayette escadrille, is missing after a battle of planes over the German lines.

Nebraska leads all states of the Tenth Federal reserve district in the Third Liberty loan campaign with subscriptions of \$44,195,450. Kansas stands second with \$42,517,400.

Representative Iowa bakers in conference with food administration heads agreed to increase the percentage of substitutes for wheat used in bread-making up to 50 per cent.

Indictments returned by the federal grand jury at Aberdeen, S. D., included one against F. W. Sallett of Aberdeen, publisher of the Dakota Freie Presse, a German language newspaper.

In defiance of the German submarine, the United States is sending grain to Switzerland aboard armed ships under naval convoys prepared to fight their way through the danger zones.

Five hundred machine guns of all kinds are being ground out of America's factories per day. This record will grow steadily, ordnance experts say, until 1,500 per day probably will be reached by November 1.

Reports have reached Washington that famine has reached a point in Persia, which has resulted in cannibalism being practiced. The daily death toll from starvation is very heavy the reports say.

An average wage increase of 20 per cent for railroad workers has been recommended to Director General McAdoo by the railroad wage commission. This increase would aggregate about \$200,000,000 a year.

According to a French official dispatch 700 young men of Brussels, born in Belgium of German parentage, but Belgian citizens by adoption, have been taken to Germany to be enrolled in the army.

The Ku-Klux-Klan has been revived in the south. The other night 150 men in white robes rode through the streets of Birmingham, Ala., distributing cards warning every able-bodied man to find work during the war.

American soldiers in France will not be permitted to vote in the coming elections, the war department has decided. Men in training in this country will be allowed to vote if their states wish to collect their ballots.

Lord Robert Cecil, British minister of blockade, predicts that the failure of Germany's "knockout offensive" on the western front will result in a big peace offensive, which will not afford any terms the allies can look at.

In preparation for a tremendous increase in the American army the house military committee was told by Secretary Baker that every existing entrenchment in the country will be enlarged and every national guard camp utilized to its full capacity.

WAGE INCREASE IS ALLOWED R. R. MEN

Advances to 1,939,399 Employees, Based on Living Cost, Totals \$300,000,000.

M'ADOO MAY NOT APPROVE IT

Report of Commission Submitted to Director General Results in Protest From Four Principal Brotherhoods.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Railroad employees to the number of 1,939,399 will receive wage advances ranging from 1 to 43 per cent to the lowest paid workers, the total aggregating \$300,000,000, according to the report of the railroad wage commission submitted to Director General McAdoo.

Mr. McAdoo is expected to adopt only part of the recommendations and probably will make a number of different alignments in deciding what wage increases shall be granted.

In general, the director general advocates higher pay for most classes of workmen to enable them to meet increased living costs, but he has been represented as favoring proportionately larger increases for some classes than for others now making the same pay. He also is strongly opposed to granting wage increases which might disarrange the general scheme of pay existing throughout other industries.

Leaders to Protest.

The leaders of the four principal railway brotherhoods found on examining the report that they had been recommended for less than half the increases they had asked of the railroad managements before government control started and which they repeated before the commission. Their demands had been for an average of somewhat less than 40 per cent, and increases for them average less than 20 per cent.

Some union leaders who anticipated that the commission's recommendations would not be for as great amounts as they had asked already have appealed to Director General McAdoo to amend the proposed scale to give them higher pay. Others, however, virtually have agreed to accept the report.

The wage advances, which range all the way from \$1 to \$74 a month, are increases above the amount of pay each employee was receiving on December 31, 1915. Employees who have received advances since that date will benefit now to the extent of the difference between their present wage and that fixed by the wage commission.

The net cost of the additional pay

to the railroads is estimated at \$200,000,000. This is exclusive of the estimated deficit of \$600,000,000 in government operation of the railroads this year, as a result of which Director General McAdoo contemplates advancing passenger rates at least 2 1/2 per cent and freight rates possibly as much as 15 per cent.

Based on Living Cost. The scheme of wage advances adopted is based on an inquiry into the cost of living, which the commission found has increased approximately 40 per cent to the average railroad employee receiving \$85 a month.

The commission favors a shorter average workday, presumably eight hours, but decided that in the emergency the nation could not afford to put into effect a reform that would slow down the war machinery and discriminate against other classes of workers being called upon for great sacrifices.

Rates of overtime pay are not disturbed and the increases are adjusted to the mileage basis of compensation of some employees, a road engineer, for example, receiving an increase of 11 1/4 per cent in his mileage rate. A scheme of applying the increases to piece work and overtime therefor is also provided.

An important feature of the report was the recommendation that where the same service is rendered the pay shall be the same, without discrimination as to sex or race.

Report of Commission.

The report of the commission, consisting of Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior; Charles C. McChord, J. Harry Covington, and William R. Willcox, is an exhaustive one. In part the report says:

"The requests which have come to us for wage increases, would, if fully granted, involve an additional outlay in wages of somewhat over \$1,000,000,000 per year in excess of the wage fund of last year, which exceeded \$2,000,000,000. Some asked for an increase of 100 per cent in their pay, and from this they graduated downward to 10 per cent. None were satisfied with their present wages.

"An unprecedented call had come from men of certain trades in connection with the new industries that had been created by the war in Europe, and this long before our entry into the conflict. Machinists and iron workers of all kinds found themselves to be essential to the great munition plants and day labor of the most unskilled character rose into high demand.

Cut Off Those Not Needed.

"The commission recommends that during the period of government conduct of the railroads no salaries be paid to officials who are not essential to the operation of the roads shall be charged as part of the operating expenses.

"There should be constituted a tribunal or tribunals to continue the study of railroad labor problems, composed in part at least of men experienced in this kind of work, for conditions are ever changing."

Scale of Rates of Increases in Pay Awarded to Railroad Workers by the Wage Commission.

Table with columns: Present monthly rate, New monthly rate, Present monthly rate, New monthly rate, Present monthly rate, New monthly rate. The table lists numerous wage scales for different employee classes.

FROM ALL OVER

The manufacture of porcelain pyrometer tubes is a new industry. A Pennsylvania farmer is the inventor of a device to be worn on one hand to tie the knots in twine. Italy prohibits mills producing wheat flour for bread in which less than 80 per cent of the grain is used. Many tropical plants possess light giving qualities, their flowers and stems being luminous and their juices phosphorescent.

One agricultural college and three experiment stations are maintained by the government of Norway. American electric fans of large size are used to drive mosquitoes from the palace of the Caliph of Bagdad. An inventor has combined a shaving brush and a rubber device for rubbing in the lather on one handle. To give boxers practice a dummy human figure has been invented, so connected to a registering device that blows struck are recorded, both as to position and force.

ALL QUOTAS EXCEEDED

Nebraska Makes Great Record in Liberty Loan Drive.—Some Counties More Than Double Allotment.

Nebraska made a wonderful record in the third Liberty loan campaign. Every county in the state oversubscribed its allotment and the state as a whole rolled up a subscription of nearly \$41,000,000 or \$9,000,000 over the apportionment. District No. 8, comprising 10 northeastern counties, claims the highest oversubscription by counties, having averaged 150 per cent of its quota for the entire district. Hayes county made the highest mark of any county, with a record of 400 per cent of its quota. Antioch made the best record for towns, going nine times over its quota. Counties which fell down in previous drives wiped out all blemishes in the last campaign.

Static electricity is said to have caused the explosion of a giant balloon at Fort Omaha which resulted in the death of two soldiers and the injury of eighteen others. It was the first serious accident at the fort since the declaration of war. The soldiers killed, Private J. E. Davis, of West Concord, N. H., and Private Vincent Beall, of Jessup, Md., were horribly burned.

The first response in this state to the government's call to consumers to bring back flour so that the American soldiers in France may have bread to eat, was made by farmers near Elm Creek, when they shipped a full carload of 480 sacks to Omaha. Not only did they return the flour at the call of the government, but they paid the freight on the car into Omaha.

Following disclosures of use of the ball and chain, flogging and handcuffing at the girls' industrial home at Geneva, the state board of control announced that all extreme corporal punishment in the fifteen state institutions will be abolished. Every superintendent has been asked to report on punishments inflicted at his institution.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wiseman of Ewing received word from the War department at Washington that their son, Charles, has been killed in action "somewhere in France." Charles was one of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman in the service and was a member of the Rainbow division.

Nebraska and war savings workers of the state saved the national war savings plan from going on the rocks, National Director Frank A. Vanderlip of New York told directors of the states west of the Mississippi river, in conference at Omaha.

Attorney General Reed has filed a complaint against Christopher C. Frum, a member of the Thurston county board. It is alleged he violated the state sedition law by attempting to discourage farmers from planting wheat.

A paid secretary will be employed by the Nebraska State Teachers' association to look after the interests of the organization, it was decided at the meeting of the executive committee held at Lincoln.

Buffalo county, the first county in the state to raise its quota in the third Liberty loan drive, oversubscribed its allotment by \$100,000.

Incendiarism is believed to have caused the big fire Berlin, Otoe county, the other day, which resulted in property loss of about \$50,000.

A plank indorsing the war with Germany was included in the platform adopted by Nebraska socialists in their convention at Omaha.

W. N. Hensley of Columbus has been appointed commandant of the old soldiers' home at Milford by the state board of control.

Forty-three I. W. W. members will face a federal grand jury on the charge of sedition at Omaha beginning May 20.

Indications are that there will be a big crowd at the loyalty convention of the Republicans of the state in Lincoln, May 28.

Since February 21 the proceeds from the sale of Red Cross hogs at South Omaha have amounted to \$183,300.

The special technical training camp at the State University at Lincoln for soldiers will open June 15.

Hall county farmers have organized a farm bureau and will employ a county agricultural agent. The sum of \$2,000 has been appropriated for the work.

Someone entered the Gretta school house the other day and removed practically all of the German books. The books, valued at many hundred dollars, were destroyed, it is said.

Following a meeting in the Graf school house near Bancroft it was decided to erect a new school house before next fall to cost \$4,000.

Secretary of State Pool reports a continued increase of business in his office during April. The cash receipts totaled \$9,256,111, an increase of \$1,542,133 over the same month in 1917.

Edward Hicky, Sarpy county stock feeder, was on the Chicago market recently with twenty-five cars of cattle and six loads of hogs. The proceeds netted him \$114,000.

The state auditor's report shows that during April his department issued 4,921 warrants, a total of \$497,321.48, making 19,805 so far this year, with a total of \$2,307,900.07.

Much indignation is manifested in Beatrice over the daubing with yellow paint the residence of Sherman Taylor, Jr., who left for Fort Logan with the Gage county draft contingent last Thursday. The act was caused by a rumor that he had asked for exemption. A thorough investigation of the outrage has been started and prosecutions are expected.

The State Council of Defense has advised enemy alien preachers and teachers who are filing applications in Nebraska courts for permission to preach and teach under the provisions of the state's sedition law, to cease the use of the German language for preaching and teaching during the period of the war.

Nebraska has furnished 16,008 volunteers for the army since war was declared, according to a statement issued by Governor NeVille. The state will have more than 25,000 men in the army, exclusive of enlistments in naval service, when the May 25 contingent of 1,573 leaves for Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The plan for the reorganization of the State teachers' association, prepared at a meeting in Lincoln, divides the state into districts, each district paying its own expenses, but the members will all belong to the state association.

The Pierce county council of defense has forbidden the Nonpartisan league to hold meetings in the county and its organizers to solicit for members. The home guards of the county are enforcing the orders of the defense council.

One of the most successful stock auctions ever held in Nebraska was that at Scott's Rest, the old Buffalo Bill ranch at North Platte, when a large number of cattle were sold for approximately \$100,000. Over 400 buyers attended.

County Food Administrator Hickman of Hamilton county has advised State Food Administrator Wattles that 102,000 pounds of flour in his county has been turned over by citizens for redistribution or export.

County Food Administrator Aller of Saline county has just notified Administrator Wattles that 100,000 lbs. of wheat flour has been returned to him from consumers in Saline county and could now be exported to Europe.

John Gerdes, wealthy retired German farmer, charged with sedition, was bound over to the district court by Judge Ellis at Beatrice. His bond was fixed at ten thousand dollars, which he furnished.

Soldier-speakers from Pershing's army are to tour Nebraska and will speak in 133 cities and towns under the auspices of the bureau of speakers and publicity of the State Council of Defense.

The Nebraska farmers loyalty conference held at Lincoln adopted a resolution favoring immediate national prohibition and another opposing any peace discussion, until autocracy is crushed.

One Dean, an organizer of the Nonpartisan league, was bound over to the district court at Pierce by County Judge G. T. Kelly on charge of violation of the state sedition act.

Nebraska is expected to furnish 200 physicians and surgeons for army duty by July 1. The government has called for 5,000 medical men, and it is believed over 7,000 will respond.

The Nebraska Society of Friends of German Democracy, whose members, of German birth, are pledged to work for the crushing of German autocracy, was organized at Lincoln.

It is announced that Nebraskans who propose to attend the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Portland, Ore., next August will have the benefit of a one cent a mile rate.

Every effort is being made by State Veterinarian Anderson to stamp out anthrax which has appeared in Furnas county. Several head of stock have already died from the disease.

Howard county's \$50,000 ball player, Grover C. Alexander, is now a \$30-a-month rookie at Camp Funston. He was drafted with the Nebraska contingent April 26.

Omaha is the logical place to operate a co-operative grain elevator, members of the Farmers' State Co-operative Elevator association decided at its session in Lincoln.

Wheat and other small grain in the vicinity of Nehawka, Cass county, looks to be in fine condition.

It is estimated that 40,000 people in Omaha invested in Liberty bonds in the third issue.

Spring wheat has been sowed in six northern Nebraska counties to the extent that the total acreage of fall and spring wheat will be more than double that of last year.

Drafted men, numbering 1,573, will go from Nebraska to Camp Dodge, Iowa, May 25, as a part of the 233,000 called to the colors by the War department.

The resolution to investigate the activities of the Nonpartisan league was voted down by the Farmers' congress at its session in Lincoln.

The Knox county council of defense adopted a resolution that all individuals should abstain from the use of the German language in all public places, at home and church, and it should not be taught in the school except where it is necessary to finish the year's credits.