# THE FIRST U.S. ARMY Has the Same Effect as Mustard Gas

WASHINGTON IS FORMALLY AD-VISED OF FORMATION

# **OVER QUARTER MILLION MEN**

Now Holds a Portion of the Battle Frent Somewhere "South of the Marne"

Washington.-Secretary Baker has been formally advised by General Pershing that the first American field army had been created. The dispatch added nothing to details of the army the coast guard station to have much organization already made known from Paris.

Formation of the army means that the Americanization of a definite portion of the front is completed. The only statement of the location of this front given is that it is "south of the Marne," Presumably this means a part, at least, of the long line from St. Mihiel to the Swiss border where American troops have been put in at intervals during the last few months. The extent of that front has not been disclosed, nor has the definite strength of the army been given. The advices indicate that it comprises, however. five full corps, which means approximately 250,000 men.

The American sector includes what already has been considered the logical road to Berlin. It was across lines | again. now held by Americans that the French struck in 1914 before the plunge of the German army through Belgium localized the war in northern France.

While the enemy is still in northern France it may be that no major attack can be attempted through these gateways. The campaign in Picardy and at the Marne, however, are aimed at forcing him back until the opportunity comes to drive back at him and it is regarded by officers here that it will be over the American lines that the real thrust at Germany will be driven

### Again Urged to Intervene

San Francisco.-A committee representing international labor unions has called at the White House and left a memorial asking President Wilson to intervene again in behalf of Thomas J. Mooney, under sentence of death in California for connection with the Preparedness day parade bomb explosion in San Francisco in July. 1916. In the event of a refusal by the governor of California, the president is urged to compel Mooney's release as a war measure, under authority of his power as commarder in chief. Mooney's execution, the memorial declares, would be a serious obstacle to fulfillment of the president's plans for aiding the Russian people.

# Man-Power Bill Reported

Washington.-With a broad "work or fight" amendment designed to prevent strikes and a provision for education of youths under twenty-one serving in the military or naval service at government expense after the war, the administration man-power bill, including all men between eighteen and forty-five, has been ordered favorably reported by the senate military committee. One amendment provides that any person placed in deferred or exempted class shall not be entitled to remain there unless he shall continue to work and follow such occupation.

# No Desire to Stop Knitting

New York .- The action of war industries board in halting the production of yarn for knitting in order to conserve wool for army uniforms may result in the Red Cross getting less wool than it needs, but does not mean a complete stoppage of knitting in American Red Cross work rooms, according to officials of the Atlantic division. They interpreted the board's order to mean that after an inventory of the country's wool supply had been made production would be resumed and the Red Cross would receive its allotment.

# Prisoner Exchange Agreement

Washington .- Formal acceptance by Germany of the American proposal for a conference on treatment and exchange of prisoners at Berne, Switzerland, "the middle of September." has been transmitted to the state department through the Spanish foreign office. The United States has appointed delegates headed by Minister Garrett at the Hague to attend the conference. Questions relating to interned civilians also will be discussed.

# Westminster Abbey Bombed

London.-Westminster Abbey was struck squarely by a bomb dropped during a Zeppelin raid over London August 1, but the bomb failed to explode. Five Zeppelins participated in the raid, two of which were brought down in flames.

Gompers Will Head Mission New York.-America's missien to the British trade unions congress which meets in London, September 17, 18 and 19, will be headed by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and will tour England, France and Italy to confer with labor leaders. Mr. Gompers conferred recently with President Wilson concerning the mission. Socialism, he declared, would occupy no part in deliberations of the American delegates. representation.

U-PIRATES USE GAT

Now Being Used on the Western Front

Washington.-Gas from oil discharged on the water by the German submarine operating off the middle Atlantic coast overcame six men in the coast guard station and lighthouse on Smith's Island, North Carolina, the navy department was advised by the commandant of the sixth naval district. If the attack was deliberate, as most officers believed, it constituted a new and ingenious form of "frightfulness" and, so far as has been reported, was the first direct effort of the German raiders to harm persons or property on American shores. The gas was said by the commandant of the same effect as the mustard gas used by the Germans on the western front. The men were laid out for more than half an hour, but apparently suffered no serious after-effects.

The dispatch relating the gas attack was one of a series concerning German submarine warfare off the Atlantic coast received during the day by the navy department. One told of an attack on a submarine one hundred miles east of the Virginia coast by an American destroyer, which discharged seventeen depth charges where the raider was seen to submerge. The result of the attack was not determined, but after oil had appeared on the surface of the water, two bombs were dropped on the spot and the submarine was not seen

### U-Boats Sink Fishermen

Boston.—Two submarines raided the fishing fleet on Georges banks and the crews of the fishing schooners Oldtime and Cruiser probably were lost when their boats were sunk by gunfire without warning. The Sennett was also sunk by gunfire and shells were fired at the boats when they were putting away, the fisherman said. The Sennett, Oldtime and Cruiser were fishing in the same neighborhood when the Sennett's lookout noticed two submarines several miles away. As the underwater boats apparently were paying no attention to the fishermen at the time, the Sennett's crew continued fishing after putting water and provisions in the boats as a precautionary measure. The first intimation the fishermen had that the submarines were hostile was when a shell suddenly crashed into the side of the Oldtime. She turned over and sank so quickly that the Sennet's crew were certain the men could not have escaped.

### Remains Mystery of the Sea

New York .- Loss of the American naval collier Cyclops remains the mystery of the war. Secretary Daniels told newspaper correspondents when asked regarding reports that a message saying the Cyclops had been captured by a German submarine that he navy department had no informaregarding such a message. Nothing in this war is impossible, the secretary said when asked if the Cyclops could have been taken to Germany as a prize, but he added that it did not seem within the realm of probability that such a craft could have passed between the cordon of British and American naval vessels.

# Prisoner List Very Large

London.-The contrast between the number of prisoners taken and the allied casualties is regarded as remarkable. For instance, the casualties of the entire allied forces were considerably less than the total prisoners taken. When it is understood that this battle has not been waged for the purpose of taking prisoners, the casualties inflicted on the Germans must have reached a large figure.

# Check Put on Hand Knitting

Washington.-Hand knitting for the soldiers and sailors is to be checked until the war industries board can survey stocks and ascertain whether there is enough woolen and worsted in the country for winter uniforms and overcoats. The board directed spinners to discontinue manufacturing woolen and worsted yarns for hand knitting and the shipment of yarns or wool until further notice.

Sixty-Six Killed by Villa Bandits El Paso.—Twenty-six passengers and forty soldiers of the train guard of fifty men were killed and seventy soldiers and civilians wounded when the northbound train on the Mexican Central railroad was held up at Conseulo. Chihuahua. The bandits were Villa followers under command of Martin Lopez. The passengers left alive and the bodies of the dead were stripped of their clothing and valuables.

# No More Liquor on Trains

Washington.-Sale of liquor in railroad stations or on railroad trains is forbidden by Director General Mc-Adoo in an order effective immediately and applying to all lines under government control.

# Suffrage Parade Broken Up

Washington.-Another woman's party demonstration in protest against the senate's delay in acting on the federal suffrage amendment was broken up by the police. Thirty-eight women participating, banner-carriers and speakers, were arrested as they assembled before the Lafayette statue in the square opposit the white house. When the women had been released at the police headquarters on their promise to appear for trial, thirty-six of He added there would be no socialist them marched back to the Lafayette statue and were rearrested.

# PLAN RATE TEST CASE

Suit to Determine Power of Federal Railroad Chief May Be Tried in Court at Lincoln.

The first test case in the federal courts to determine whether Director General McAdoo posesses constitutional power to fix intrustate railroad rates and to override state laws or railroad commission orders, may be furnished by Nebraska, Steps are now being taken by the national association of rallway commissioners to intervene in the Rock Island and Missouri Pacific 2-cent fare cases, now pending in the federal court at Lincoln, and probably in other suits which all the railroads of Nebraska are litigating. A circular letter has been sent out by C. E. Elmquist. Washington representatives of the national association, to the state commissions of twelve states, proposing that they prepare to participate in the Nebraska cases, for the purpose of maintaining the right of a state to fix rates within its own borders.

Governor Neville has appointed to committee of nine prominent Nebrakans to ald the National and State Council of Defense in dealing with the problem of Americanizing people of this state of foreign birth and their children. "The most important and perplexing problem demanding solution in Nebraska at this time," said the governor in making the appointment, "is that of Americanizing a considerable number of our people of foreign birth. It is of even greater importance, if possible, that we insure the thorough Americanizing of the children of such parentage."

Preliminary estimates of Nebraskas principal crops on August 1 made by the state board of agriculture and the federal bureau of crop estimates are winter wheat, 5,253,000 bushels; corn, 209.785,000 bushels: oats, 58,376.000 bushels; rye, 3,352,000 bushels; barley, 4.243,000 bushels, and hay 7,151,-000 tons.

After admitting he had secured sugar with a false effidavit. Frank Pulls, Madison county farmer, subscribed \$100 to the Red Cross and \$50 to the Y. M. C. A. and agreed to pay the expense of having a big food conservation sign painted in a conspicuous place in Norfolk.

Governor Neville has appointed P. J. Cleland, Norfolk: Edward Meyers. Orleans: Geo, Brandels, Dan Gellus and H. F. Metz, Omaha, to represent Nebraska at the annual convention of the International Association of 19sh and Game Commissioners in New York, September 12 and 15.

Rentals of state school land have increased \$95.804 in the last eighteen months, which is \$17.591 more than to Land according Shumway. Income from sales and rentals go into the permanent state school fund.

Food Administrator Peterson of Lancaster county denied Lincoln people an extra allowance of sugar to accommodate state fair visitors. People over the state who intend to visit Lincoln folk during the fair must bring their own sugar, he announced.

The Madison county draft board will take about 74 farmers out of the fields to fill the August draft call. The board plans to draw the 1918 class 1 men after the farmers go and then fill the subsequent calls with the class 2 and 3 men of the 1917 list.

A rumor is current that an aeroplane factory is to be established at Omaha to cost in the neighborhood of a half million dollars. It is understood that liberty motors will be furnished for the planes, which will be built exclusively for the government.

William A. Fagan, member of the Hall County Council of Defense, pleaded guilty to painting the front of the office of the Grand Island Independent. He was given a nominal fine and resigned as a member of the council.

Placards bearing the admonition, "Cut Out the Kalser's Tongue, If You Can't Speak English, Learn It Keep Still or Move Out," have been placed in the store and office windows by the home guards at Fremont.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new \$60,000 consolidated school building at Lewiston, Pawnee county.

A moonshine still discovered by state officials near Broken Bow has been ordered destroyed. The man charged with operating the still pleaded guilty and was fined \$100. Whisky great that it will well pay farmers to was being made out of corn at the still.

The second annual convention of the Nebraska Potato Growers' association will be held at Scottsbluff November 13 to 16. At that time full carload lots on flour from 28,000 plans will be made to handle the big pounds to 40,000 pounds between spud crop raised in the western part of the state.

A campaign is now on in Nebraska to secure 700 girls to enroll in the United States student nurse reserve. Recruiting stations are in every town in the state, and Miss Mary Cogil, chairman of the nurses' training de- The word comes from Washington, not partment of the Nebraska woman's as a demand, but merely as a suggestcommittee urged all who can to offer tion.

their services. for registration \$18,000 of bonds is- cent below that of 1917, present indisued by the Bushnell school district cations are that the crop will equal in Kimball county for the reason that that of last year. Prospects are bright the bonds exceed the legal limit al- for an enormous yield in the western

#### The voluntary resignation of the pastor of the Danish Lutheran church at Staplehurst because he could not speak the English language well enough to conduct services in it, is taken by the state council of defense as an evidence of the patriotic desire of the Danish people at that place to

conducted in English. The Bohemian bazaar to be given for the benefit of the Czrcho-Slovak army at Omaha, September 1 to 8, is expected to be the largest affair of the kind ever held in Nebmska, Governor Neville will open the bazaar. Donations amounting to \$25,000 already have been made. A firm at Morse Bluffs donnted an automobile

semblages throughout the state be

which will be raffled off. The state food administration has sounded a warning to Nebraskans to go slow with ice. Ten suggestions are offered for saving ice, among them being fee should not be used in serving food, don't detain the iceman and don't put more lee than is necessary in tea and other drinks. Conserve or go leeksa, says the warning.

The state food administration at Omaha has been advised by Washington officials that mall order houses, shipping sugar into Nebraska to be used for canning and preserving purposes, must comply with the certificate rule, which provides that sales can be made only on certificates issued to the purchaser by the county food administrator.

Government exhibits at the State fair at Lincoln September 1 to 6 will occupy the entire Arts and Textile building. The exhibit will include thousands of objects of patriotic interest such as captured trophies, Browning and Lewis machine guns, gas masks, trench periscopes, hand grenades and depth bombs.

Lancaster county has adopted a sugar card system. The cards are arranged so that it will be impossible for househelders to get more than two pounds per person per month. This ruling has been evaded and so much trouble has been experienced with it that the sugar cards had to be adopted as a last resort.

The war department's call for 130,-207 men for military service issued August 8 will take 1,500 white Nebraska registrants and 170 colored. The men will entrain before the last of the month, white registrants going to Camp Funston and the colored men to Camp Pike.

Deuel county has had six inches of rain during the past month and predictions are being made that the county will have the largest crop in its history this year. Threshing of wheat has commenced and the yield per acre in some fields is as high as forty bushels.

All four of the sons of Ashley Londrosh of Winnebago are in the service, according to a letter received they grew in the previous ten years. by Governor Keith Neville in connection with the record which he is com piling of Nebraska boys in the service.

> Justice F. G. Hamer of the Nebraska supreme court died at Kearney at the age of 75. Justice Hamer was serving his seventh year on the supreme bench of the state. He took office January 1, 1912.

> Six or seven airplanes will participate in a sham battle and maneuver over the city of Omaha August 30 or 31. The flyers will show what a real combat in the air looks like. The western corn root worm is

damaging corn in some fields in the Platte and Elkhorn valleys, according to Agricultural Agent Christie of Dodge county. The first two volunteers in Butler

county to write up their applications for army nursing were Misses Nellie and Henrietta Lanspa of David City. Thursday, September 5, has been set aside as Omaha day at the state fair. Thousands of folks from the big

city are planning to attend. Nearly a million head more of cattle, hogs and sheep reached the South Omaha market during the past month than during July of last year.

From January 1, 1918, to August 1. 1918, 705 automobiles have been stolen at Omaha, compared with 427 during

the same period last year. Thousands of buffalo, catfish, carp and bullheads were killed in lakes in the vicinity of Fremont during the re-

cent hot spell. Farmers in Holt county expect the largest corn crop this year in the history of the county.

The war has created a great demand for straw. Thousands of tons are being shipped from this state to army cantonments. The demand is so bale their straw and load it on cars for shipment.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered the railroads of Nebraska to increase the minimum on points in Nebraska to meet the inter-

The national food administration has asked the state office at Omaha to suggest to the farmers of Nebraska the importance of marketing their wheat at the earliest possible date.

Despite the fact that the Nebraska State Auditor Smith has rejected potato acreage this year is 15 per part of the state.

# NEW RUSSIAN FRONT

CHAIN FROM ARCTIC TO CAUCA SUS TO OPPOSE HUN

#### conform to the recommendation that all church services and public as-OFFICIALS HAVE SOME HOPE

Millions of Russians See the Danger to Their Newly-Acquired

Freedom

Washington.-That the establish ment of an eastern front that will be a serious menace to Germany is seriously considered by officials here, became known when the full text of the proclamation of the supreme government of the northern territory was made pub-The signers of the proclamation are with two exceptions, members of the constituent assembly representing the provinces of Novgorod, Archangel, Volgoda Viatka, Kazan and Samaraa chain of provinces extending from the Arctic to the region of the Don Cossacks in the south.

This chain is in the form of a crescent making a complete front of peoples strongly pro-ally in sentiment and representing the best elements of the Russian population. The signers of the proclamation announce that "the people's representatives, elected by universal suffrage," are now forced to take into their hands the government of the northern region because as yet there is no legal all-Russian government. They pronounce themselves unqualifiedly opposed to Germany and declare that the new government is "convinced that Russia's and the allies' interest in the struggle against the foreign enemy are one and the same.'

Officials of the state department admit that there is reasonable ground for hope that the eastern front will be re-established by this new government extending as it does from the Arctic to the Caucasus and embracing millions of Russians who see the imminent danger of their newly-acquired freedom, sought for generations, in the domination of their country by the German government.

#### Automobiles Only for War

Washington.-Yielding to numerous telegrams from officers and men of the national automobile dealers' association, the war industries board has set Friday, August 16, for a hearing of the board's recent suggestion that they convert their plants to 100 per cent war work by January 1, next. "The war industries board," says the statement, "wishes the automobile dealers and everyone to know that the letter to automobile manufacturers was prompted only by labor and material conditions that make it imperative, if the government's war program is not to be interfered with.'

# Merchants Must Pay License

Washington.—Proprietors of all busnesses and professional men with only a few exceptions will pay an annual federal license of \$10, and heads of wholesale concerns doing a yearly business of \$200,000 or more will be required to pay an annual fee of \$25, according to a schedule inserted in the draft of the revenue bill by the house ways and means committee. Farmers, mechanics, ministers and teachers will be exempted from the \$10 occupational tax as will concerns doing an annual business of less than

# Raise for Western Union Workers

New York.-Announcement of a general increase of 10 per cent in wages to all employes of the Western Union Telegraph company belonging to the association recently organized by the company, have been made. The increase, retroactive from July 1, applies to about 45,000 workers. The advance is subject to approval by Postmaster General Burleson now in charge of telegraph and telephone lines under proclamation of the president.

# Stars and Stripes in Italy

Rome.—The American flag waves on the highest peak rising in the middle of the Mediterranean, on the Gennargentu mountains, 2,000 feet high, in the center of the island of Sardinia. The American flag, together with the Italian, waved around the gigantic statue of the Redeemer, erected on that mountain, during the inauguration of the summer colony for sickly children, founded in other regions of Italy as in Sardinia.

### Urges Miners to Maximum Effort Washington.—Coal miners and op-

erators are called upon in a proclamation by President Wilson to give their maximum effort to the production of coal to the end that the threatened shortage next winter may be averted. The president asked the miners particularly to work full time and urged those who are essential to the industry to accept deferred classification in the

# Bolsheviki Chiefs Flee

Lendon.-Premier Lenine and his chief assistant, Leon Trotzky, have fled to Kronstadt, the naval base near Petrograd, according to a dispatch sent by the semi-official Wolff bureau of Berlin and printed in Zurich newspapers.

# 4,000 Canadians to Siberia

Ottawa -- Canada will be represented by a military unit of approximately 4,000 men in the expeditionary force which the allied governments will send to Siberia, is announced by the dominton government.

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# ONLY ONE CAUSE FOR WORRY

Decoction Put Up by Obliging Chemist Removed All Other Troubles From His Customer.

Rashuns was feeling uncomfortable as he trudged home in the rain. Suddenly he heard a laugh behind him and, curious to know who could feel hilarious in such weather, he turned around and recognized Simpson, who was keeping dry with the aid of an

"Suppose you're laughing because Eve forgotten my umbrella?" growled

Rashuns. "No, no! Come under and I'll tell you," said Simpson. "I have just heard about Mason. He went to a chemist and said to the me something that will banish from my mind the thought of sorrow and bitter recollections.' That chemist must have been an obliging chap, for he made up a dose of quinine, epsom salts, wormwood and a little castor oil for Mason to take, and the poor old chap can't think of anything now except new schemes for getting the taste

# WATER COLORED BY PLANTS

out of his mouth."

Interesting Discovery the Result of Tests Made by Scientists of Harvard University.

That many marine plants cause sea water to become alkaline when exposed to sunlight is definitely proved through interesting experiments devised by W. J. V. Osterhout and A. R. C. Haas of the laboratory of plant

physiology, Harvard university, These gentlemen have found a way to measure accurately the increased alkalinity. Without going into details, it may be said that this consists in immersing a green senweed in a glass tube of salt water to which a few drops of phenopthalein have been added. After exposure to sunlight, the water turns pink, and the degree of pinkness, measured by matching against the colors of a series of tubes containing the same concentration of indicator in a series of "buffer solutions" of known alkalinity, gives the quantity of alkali produced by the action of the sunlight.

The Candidate.

"I am a candidate for your hand." "Very good. How much allowance do you propose to allot me, who is to do the cooking and what is to be your attitude toward my family? In short, what's your platform?"

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