

WHITLOCK TELLS BELGIAN HORRORS

German Soldiers Weep and Officers Ashamed When Deeds of Cruelty Perpetrated.

BISSING POLICY 'TOO MILD'

Washington, April 22.—A bitter indictment of German brutality in the deportation of conquered Belgians for forced labor written from behind the German lines by Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, was made public tonight by the State department.

The report begins with a story of what happened immediately after the German army overran Belgium, of arrangements by the Belgian government to continue the wages of civilians thrown out of work and of the conquerors' determination to put these men to work for them.

Says Bissing Policy Mild.

"In August, Von Hindenburg was appointed to the supreme command," says the report. "He is said to have criticized Von Bissing's policy as too mild; there was a quarrel; Von Bissing went to Berlin to protest, threatened to resign, but did not. He returned and a German official here said that Belgium would now be subjected to a more terrible regime, would learn what war was. The prophecy has been vindicated.

"The deportation began in October, in the Etape, at Ghent and at Bruges. The rich industrial districts of Hainaut, the mines and steel works about Charleroi were next attacked, now they are seizing men in Brabant, even in Brussels.

The men, shivering from cold and fear, the parting from weeping wives and children, the barbarities of brutal Uhlans—all this made the scene a pitiable and distressing one. I am constantly in receipt of reports from all over Belgium that tend to bear out the stories one constantly hears of brutality and cruelty. A number of men sent back to Mons are said to be in a dying condition, many of them tubercular. At Malines and at Antwerp returned men have died, their friends asserting that they have been victims of neglect and cruelty, and cold, of exposure, of hunger."

Knights of Columbus Take in New Members

Degrees were conferred by the Knights of Columbus on forty-four members Sunday afternoon at Metropolitan hall. The first order of the program for the day was attendance at Holy Family Catholic church at 9:30 a. m. A dinner was served downtown.

Degree Teams of Omaha and Lincoln Presented the Ceremonials at Metropolitan Hall.

The banquet, which was to have been held, was postponed on account of the death of T. J. Mahoney. Honors were conferred upon the following:

- P. H. Williams, F. H. Ryan, J. J. Bohrer, John Parke, C. L. T. Althoff, Robert Parke, A. H. Hoffman, C. J. Burns, J. J. Elmer, J. J. Farrell, F. M. Wagoner, E. J. Howley, A. A. Barrett, J. J. Schaefer, P. J. Gilligan, J. J. Leonard, James O'Leary, Edmund Moran, F. J. Knowles, M. A. Larkin, E. L. Hugh, D. L. Carey, W. W. Schaban, D. T. Murphy, J. J. Fraser, D. J. Ryan, J. V. Williams, R. P. Leonard, G. A. O'Connell, J. J. Leonard, M. E. Dargatzewski, H. P. Graham, Albert Hogue, Edward Walsh, F. J. Donohue, J. C. Bates, E. J. Dolan, J. J. Loney, T. J. Mullan, M. C. Langan, J. J. Keenan, E. J. Kringstrom, Thomas Stryker, W. P. Morris.

Investigate Reports Flag Taken Off School House Wall

Falls City, Neb., April 22.—(Special.)—Sheriff Rakein and County Attorney R. C. James went to School District No. 38, west of Humboldt, where Miss Vera Biggs teaches, to investigate a complaint of Albert Smith that he had seen a picture of the president had been taken down from the wall of the school room where they had been placed by the teacher. It is said the teacher bought pictures of Washington, Lincoln and Wilson and had placed them on the wall and draped them with a flag. The school board, composed of Ed Kinsey, John Glather and Walter Sartorius, ordered the teacher to take Wilson's picture from the wall.

It is said one of the members of the board is a socialist, another a republican and the other a German democrat. Some young men in the neighborhood heard of the incident and went to the school at night and placed a flag over the school building and another in the school and left a notice to the school board that on account of their disloyalty to the American flag they had better reform or resign.

The board had the picture of Wilson replaced. The board members satisfied the officers that they intended no disrespect either to the flag or to the president. A patriotic meeting in the school house the next night was held to prove the loyalty of the citizens.

Russian Soldiers Swear to Expel German Invaders

Petrograd, April 22 (Via London).—The congress of delegates from the armies opened at Minsk today and is being attended by more than 1,200 representatives of the soldiers and officers and workers engaged in national defense work. M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma, and Minister of War Guchkov were present.

A private soldier named Sorokoletoff was elected vice president. The latter on mounting the tribune in his field uniform and armed with a rifle was received with a storm of cheers: Deputy Roditcheff, governor general of Finland, urged all the armies to unite into one force to conquer the enemy of Russia. Roditcheff concluded by crying: "We believe you are going to drive the enemy out of Russia."

The assembly responded by shouting: "We swear it."

FOUR OF THE COMMANDERS OF UNCLE SAM'S BATTLESHIPS—Captain H. B. Wilson is in command of the superdreadnought Pennsylvania, Admiral Mayo's flagship.



CAPITAL WELCOMES HIGH COMMISSION

British Statesmen Arrive in United States After Running U-Boat Gauntlet.

ARE NOW IN WASHINGTON

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versation on the various phases of American participation.

On all sides it was reiterated that the British had come in a spirit of service and appreciation and that it was their hope that the lessons they had learned in the war at such cost might be of use to this country, in avoiding similar mistakes.

Similarly, as one official explained, the commission was moved by exactly the same feelings which raised the Stars and Stripes to the flag tower of the Parliament building in London for the first time a foreign flag ever has flown there in history.

Secretary Balfour, a tall, slim, white-haired man of 69 years, who has held the highest posts in the empire since he first entered Parliament forty-three years ago, saw today the completion of one of his life hopes, expressed under vastly different circumstances on January 15, 1896, when he was largely instrumental in averting war between England and America over the Venezuela dispute.

"It cannot but be," he said, "that those whose national roots go down into the same past as ours, who share our language, our literature, our laws, our religion, everything that makes a nation great, it cannot but be that a time will come when they will feel that they and we have a common duty to perform, a common office to fulfill among the nations of the world."

Not Here to Make Speeches. While unable to grant an extended interview before presenting himself to President Wilson, Mr. Balfour willingly consented to say a few words as to his general hopes for the conference and the fundamental purposes behind it. A verbatim copy follows:

"All will agree that my first duty as head of a diplomatic mission is to pay my respects to the head of the state to which I have been sent, and no public expression of opinion on points of policy would, I think, be useful or even tolerable until I have had the honor of conferring with your president and learning his views.

"I have not come here to make speeches or indulge in interviews, but to do what I can to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving with all their power to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it, namely, a successful war.

Expression of Gratification. "Without, however, violating the rule I have just laid down, there are two things which I may permit myself to say: One, on my own behalf, the other on behalf of my countrymen in general.

"On my own behalf, let me express the deep gratification I feel at being connected in any capacity whatever with events which associate our countries in a common effort for a great ideal.

FIGHT OVER DRAFT IS ON IN EARNEST

Big Battle Will Begin Monday in Both Houses Over Matter of Raising Troops.

WAY HAS BEEN CLEARED

Washington, April 22.—President Wilson's fight to organize a wartime army in accordance with the advice of the War department and the army general staff will begin in earnest Monday in both houses of congress.

In senate yesterday the administration bill, supported by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, and a majority of the committee, was started on its way to a vote. There was some debate, parliamentary tangles were disposed of, and the way cleared for uninterrupted consideration of the measure.

The majority and minority reports were presented from the house military committee and the bill will come up Monday, with Representative Kahn, ranking republican, leading the committee minority's fight for the administration plan unamended, while Chairman Dent, heading the majority, directs the opposition, urging trial of a volunteer system before resorting to the selective draft.

Baker Against Compromise.

The minority report, signed by eight of the committee, rests for authority on a letter from Secretary Baker to Chairman Dent, declaring that any compromise on the department's plan, "would be attended by unfavorable results."

The majority report, signed by Chairman Dent and eleven others, says in part: "The bill authorizes but does not direct the president to issue a call for a volunteer army of 500,000 in the first place and of an additional force of 500,000, if necessary, under the law now in existence.

"The bill further authorizes the president to proceed at once with the registration of all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 40 years as provided in the plan of the War department for a draft. So that all of the machinery authorizing the draft of 500,000 for the first force and of the additional 500,000 will be put in operation at once.

President Has Choice.

"It will require at least three months and probably longer to complete this registration. In the meantime if the president sees fit he is authorized to call for volunteers, and upon the completion of the registration he has the absolute power to decide whether he will take an army of volunteers or organize one by draft.

"Both the volunteer and the draft features of the bill authorize the president to refuse to accept either by enlistment or draft the services of persons needed in the industrial pursuits of the country."

Of the eight members signing the minority report condemning the volunteer system, five have seen military service.

Wall Paper Manufacturer Praises Omaha's Progress

Among Omaha's important visitors yesterday were George Tait, president and general manager of the Imperial Wall paper company, Glen Falls, and the William Campbell Wall Paper company, Hackensack, as well as numerous auxiliary companies manufacturing products that are used in connection with wall paper.

He was accompanied by his son-in-law, Carter Hall, treasurer of all of these companies, and Harry Webster, manager of the Chicago branch.

Tait and associates are financially backing the Metzger-Moore Wall Paper company of this city, distributors of their products in western territory, under direct charge of W. L. Yetter, as president and general manager.

Although he has visited Omaha annually for a number of years, Mr. Tait was much surprised to note the improvements of every character here and declared that Omaha appeared the most prosperous of any city of its size he had visited on his trip. He was also much impressed with the patriotism evidenced on all sides.

In Mr. Tait's opinion the war will end before the first of January and the American manufacturers will have heavy demands from the foreign countries for years to come for rebuilding the devastated districts.

Will Call Officers for Duty at Training Camps

Washington, April 22.—Line officers of the army reserve corps will be called for duty at the fourteen training camps, which will be opened on May 8, for instruction, and will be put on the same status as regular army officers with respect to pay and allowances. Every applicant who has been recommended for appointment will be commissioned in due time unless some vital defect prevents and will receive pay and allowances according to his grade.

Hoover Says Americans Must Not Be Wasteful

London, April 22.—The first and most important duty of the American people to their allies is to economize on foodstuffs. This is the appeal of Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium, and recently appointed head of the American food board.

MUCH SUGAR HELD WHILE PRICE SOARS

Assessor Fitzgerald Discovers 15,000,000 Pounds of Public Necessity Stored in Omaha.

ANOTHER BOOST PREDICTED

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having sacks of sugar at this time whereas ordinarily they would have only a few pounds. We sold 15 per cent more sugar during the first four months of this year than we did last year. If the consumers would sit steadily there would be no trouble. They are making unusual demands on the retailers, who, in turn, are making abnormal demands on the wholesalers.

"The refiners are trying to equalize their distribution. One might call it a run on sugar. You should bear in mind that Omaha is a great distributing point for states north and northwest. We had no quotations today from the Omaha jobbers, but I saw one of \$9.25 from Kansas City. The price to the Omaha retailer today was \$9.60."

Cuban Crop is Short.

Charles Pickens, general manager of the Paxton-Gallagher Wholesale Groceries company, reviewed the labor troubles in the refineries of the east and said in the Cuban revolution mills were burned and growing crops destroyed.

"November 1," he said, "Guma, the Cuban sugar statistician, estimated the growing crop at 3,600,000 tons, which was 600,000 tons more than the crop of 1916. His estimate last week was reduced to 2,700,000, a decrease of 900,000 tons. And now it is reported the rainy season has started earlier than usual and is interfering with the harvest.

Out of Raw Material.

"The western sugar refineries which obtain their raws from Hawaii are out of raws and cannot get vessels, owing to the submarine scare, together with the fact that the ship owners are able to obtain higher rates for higher class tonnage. I do not know a single refinery today accepting orders for anything like prompt shipment."

"I am of the opinion, however, that many retailers and consumers in the last sixty days have bought sugar in excess of their requirements. The probabilities are as soon as the eastern refineries can take care of the domestic trade they will accept business for export, which they have been declining since early in the year.

"Three months ago we would sell a retailer carload lots. Two weeks ago we cut down the maximum to fifty bags. Last week and this we are limiting them to a maximum of ten bags.

"We cannot get the sugar here from the refineries. We dare not sell more to any one retailer for fear of running out and not being able to supply the trade."

Louis Simon of Simon Brothers, wholesale groceries, said: "When the embargo went on I had 17,000 bags. Now I am practically out, and the refineries' representatives say they will probably let me have a little Monday. A few days ago I tried to get them to sell some and they wouldn't give me a single bag. They said I had some yet. They keep a check on my business some way, and know just about how many bags I have on hand as well as I do.

Retailers are Scared. "It is true that the retailers and the consumers have both been getting scared and have bought more than they needed. The retailer who would in ordinary times buy one bag, began a week or ten days ago to buy twenty-five bags at a time. The retailer, who would ordinarily buy twenty-five bags, began buying 125 to 150 bags at a time. The refineries have some sugar stored in Omaha, but they will not put it on the market, because they say if they did, they would be cleaned out in twenty-four hours."

The president of another big wholesale grocery house here, who refused to permit his name to be used, said: "We cannot get the supply. There is no speculation so far as the factories are concerned. They went off the market a week ago. They decline to sell us. I think the speculation so far as the majority of the people are concerned, is over. The demand is beginning to ease up a bit. At least that is what salesmen say. The consumer is not speculating on it as much as he did. So far as we are concerned, however, we can only get a carload at a time from the refineries, and it is difficult to get that."

Can't Count the Sacks. The foreman of the Omaha Warehouse company, in the absence of officers of the company, said the books were in the safe, but he knew there was much sugar in storage.

"Oh, you just couldn't count the sacks, there are so many. They are in three parts of the house. The sugar is owned by the Great Western Sugar Refining company. It is being shipped in and out all the time."

H. J. Holmes, president of the Holmes-Wildhaber-Hobart company, said there is practically no sugar market in Omaha now.

Standard Oil Company Buys Down Town Site

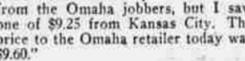
The Standard Oil company has purchased the lot at the southwest corner of Eighteenth and Howard streets. Mr. Gesing of the W. Farnam Smith company represented the Standard Oil company, and A. P. Tukey & Son represented the Sterling Realty company in the deal. The property brought \$25,000. It is 38x80 feet.

Arrested When They Won't Stand as U. S. Anthem Sung

Chicago, April 22.—Three men who refused to stand when "The Star Spangled Banner" was played at a concert of the Chicago Symphony orchestra tonight were arrested.

TEN BREAKFASTS IN A BOX FOR MOST FOLKS, BUT ONLY FIVE FOR ME

SAYS Bobby GIVE ME SOME MORE POST TOASTIES



POST TOASTIES

BIG U. S. WAR LOAN IS OVERSUBSCRIBED

First Amount of American Securities Put Out Do Not Last Long.

FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE

Washington, April 22.—The first offering of American securities in any form, \$200,000,000 in treasury certificates, has been heavily oversubscribed.

How great the over-subscription officials were unable to say tonight, as many of the banks before which the offer had been placed informally through the Federal Reserve board, had not been heard from.

The certificates were offered only to financial institutions. The response, officials say, presages a patriotic outpouring of funds to an extent unparalleled in the history of any nation when the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue is placed before the general public.

Offerings of the certificates was made informally, because the \$5,000,000,000 finance measure is not yet a law.

Creighton Mobilizing Strength for Nation

Creighton university is gathering data from its professors, students and alumni relative to the most efficient service each individual will be able to offer the government. A detailed questionnaire has been issued to gather the necessary information and from the responses to the inquiries the physical and intellectual strength of the university can be tabulated for the benefit of the government. It is understood that by filling in the inquiries of this questionnaire one does not thereby volunteer his services, but simply tells what he will be able to do if his country's cause demands his service.

The questionnaire calls attention to the fact that the success of our cause will not depend upon our fighting force alone, since only a slender proportion of our men are fit for the firing line, but practically all can render service, trained or untrained, professional, commercial or mechanical.

Great Britain Offers Safe Conduct to Tarnowski

Washington, April 22.—The British government has formally notified Ambassador Page in London that it is prepared to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski, Austrian ambassador-designate, from the United States to Austria. Arrangements for his departure will be made at once.

Ambassador Page added that the British government had taken similar action with reference to German officials stationed in China who are to return to Germany, passing through the United States.

Omaha in Fourth Place as Western Recruiting Center

Chicago, April 22.—Kansas City holds first place as a recruiting center in the central department, according to the figures for the period, Minneapolis being in second place and Chicago third. Omaha is in fourth.

In twenty days Kansas City secured 835; Minneapolis, 558; Chicago, 549, and Omaha, 342.

Persistent Advertising Is the Road to Success.

BARRISTERS' CLUB HAS BIG JOY-FEST

Prominent Citizens Toasted and Roasted When Members of Bar Gather.

PATRIOTISM IS RIFE

Merrymaking shared honors with patriotism at the first annual gridiron dinner and jollification of the Omaha Barristers' club at the Hotel Fontenelle Saturday. Toasts were drunk to the "president of the United States" at the beginning and close of the dinner.

One hundred and fifty of the younger members of the Omaha bar attended the affair. Lincoln and Council Bluffs lawyers were guests.

Several well known Omahans were gridironed. There were speeches by "John Lee Webster," impersonated by United States Commissioner McLaughlin, "Victor Rosewater" (R. M. Crossman), "R. Beecher Howell" (Clint Brome), "Judge Estelle" (Walter Hove) and others.

A "bill" was introduced to "annex" Lincoln and Council Bluffs to Omaha. It "carried." "Telegrams" were read from celebrities in all parts of the world.

The committee in charge of the dinner was composed of William J. Hotz, chairman; R. A. VanOrsdel, Herbert J. Connell and Arthur Rosenblum.

R. M. Switzer was toastmaster. The main ballroom, where the affair was held, was decorated with American flags and patriotic favors were at each place.

The guests stood and sang the national anthem several times during the evening.

Pancho Villa Reported Shot Through Both Legs This Morn

El Paso, Tex., April 22.—The assertion that Villa was wounded in the recent battle between his own band and government forces under General Murguia at San Miguel De Babicora is made in today's issue of El Heraldo Del Norte of Chihuahua City, copies of which arrived at the border today. Private reports have been received through both legs and was only saved from capture "by a miracle," as a flanking column of Yaqui Indians under General Fabela had almost formed a circle about Villa's personal escort.

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Advertisement for Pennsylvania Lines featuring a man in a suit and hat, and text: "It's Fine to Step from The Train of Today Broadway Limited feeling rested and comfortable—with heart light, mind refreshed and physical well-being undisturbed after a pleasant ride of 20 Hours over the Shortest Route between Chicago and NEW YORK". Includes a train schedule table.

Advertisement for Ridgways Tea featuring a child's face and text: "SAFE-TEA FIRST The tremendous increase in the sap of Ridgways Tea proves exclusively that quality and economy always win. Have your grocer send you a tin. Awarded Gold Medal, San Francisco, 1915. Grand Prize, San Diego, 1916."