

NEVADA HAS LEAD IN RECRUITING

Western and Mid-West States Furnish Most Men for Regular Army.

NEBRASKA NINTH IN LIST

Washington, April 26.—Nevada has more than filled its quota of recruits for the regular army. Today's official statement shows that with a quota of 162 the western state furnished twenty men yesterday, bringing the total up to 173 and making it the first state to reach or pass its quota mark.

Pennsylvania led yesterday for the second time, in the number of recruits supplied, 181 men having been accepted against 167 in Illinois. The total gain for the day in all states was 1,684, making a total of 33,792 men who have entered the regular army since April 1.

Delaware, Maine, North Dakota and Vermont were the only states in which no recruits were obtained on April 25.

Vermont made the poorest showing, with a percentage of 2.5, while other low states were: Delaware, 2.9; Maryland, 3.8; New Mexico, 4.5; New Hampshire, 5.6, and North Dakota, 5.7.

Illinois gave the largest actual number of recruits, 3,192, and Pennsylvania was second with 2,841. New York contributed 2,677 and Indiana 2,463. Recruits accepted numbered 32,162. The total quota desired April 1, to raise the army to its war strength of about 300,000, was 183,998.

Following is the recruiting by states April 1 to 24:

Table with columns: State, Quota, Apr. 1 to 24, Per cent. Lists states from Nevada to Vermont with their respective recruitment statistics.

These figures do not include men who have joined the National Guard.

Viviani Says Might of U. S. Will Assure Triumph of Justice

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those who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with us on the firing line, the sons of indomitable England, a struggle for the rights of man, for that democratic spirit, which the forces of autocracy were attempting to crush throughout the world. We are ready to carry that struggle on to the end.

"And now as President Wilson has said, the republic of the United States rises in its strength as a champion of right, and allies to the side of France and its allies. Only out of dead cadavers, when time has removed them sufficiently far from present events, will be able to measure the full significance, the grandeur of an historic act which has sent a thrill through the whole world. From today on, all the forces of freedom are let loose.

Will Assure Peace and Liberty.

"And not only victory, of which we were already assured, is certain; the true meaning of victory is made manifest; it cannot be merely a fortunate military conclusion to this struggle, it will be the victory of morality and right, and will forever secure the existence of a world in which all our children shall draw free breath in full peace and undisturbed pursuit of their labors.

"To accomplish this great work, which will be carried to completion, we are about to exchange views with the men in your government best qualified to help. The co-operation of the republic of United States in this world conflict is now assured. We work together as free men, who are resolved to save the ideals of mankind.

Destruction of Zeppelin Reported by Deserters

London, April 26.—The destruction of a Zeppelin of the latest type is reported in an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. It is said German deserters who have reached Maerstricht, Netherlands, told of the loss of the airship, which was overturned in a storm, while on a trial trip and exploded, causing the death of the crew and two officials from the Zeppelin plant.

House May Visit France To Repay Trip Made Here

Washington, April 26.—Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's friend and adviser, had lunch with the president today and discussed the visit of the French and British commissioners and the sending of an American commission to Russia. It has been suggested that Colonel House head a commission to France to repay the visit of M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre.

Department Orders.

Washington, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Jacob Kern, appointed postmaster at North Platte, Nebraska, vice F. H. Scheraga, resigned.

Postoffice department has accepted the proposal of Lodge and Mason to renew the issue of present quarters for the postoffice at Atlin, Ia.

TO HEAD U. S. COMMISSION TO RUSSIA.



ELIHU ROOT

Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, after conferences early today with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, formally accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

Mr. Root spent an hour with the president at the White House discussing the Russian situation. The president outlined fully what he desired to accomplish.

The commission will be composed of three or four principal members and a staff of secretaries and assistants. It is expected to depart for Russia within a few days.

The needs of Russia as outlined to President Wilson are for political, financial, transportation and commercial advice and assistance.

CARRANZA WARNS GERMANS AT BORDER

Mexican Government Gives First Evidence of Country's Neutrality.

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PUTS HEAVIER TAX ON OIL

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Officials of the American government were gratified by this first practical manifestation of Mexico's proclaimed neutrality.

Instructions of the German foreign office to Minister Eckardt in Mexico City to do what he could to secure Mexico as an ally in the event of war with the United States, have caused all developments in Mexico to be watched carefully.

President Carranza's recent decree providing a heavier export tax on oil and its derivative has not been construed by the State department as an intentional blow at Great Britain, but merely what the Mexican government calls it, a measure to raise much needed money.

Jews of America Ask Russians to Stand by Allies

Washington, April 26.—American Jews, headed by Louis Marshall, and including Henry Morgenthau, Jacob Schiff, Oscar Straus, Julius Rosenwald, as representatives of American Jewish committee, today joined in sending to Foreign Minister Mikukoff at Petrograd a cable imploring Russian Jews to oppose any step which might lead to a separate peace. Such a step the appeal says, would lead to the restoration of an autocratic government and degradation of the Jews in Russia below even their former condition.

A cablegram on the subject was received here having been sent by Mr. Schiff, who received it from a prominent Jew in Petrograd. It says that some ultra politicians and a very few Jews who are at peace, "are considered as traitors.

"Jewry as a whole is sharing the loyalty of fellow citizens, who are decidedly against separate peace," says the dispatch. "They always have been good patriots and now more than ever will fight for their free country."

Wife Must Choose Whether Husband Dies or Loses Mind

Mrs. Ole Johnson of Shenandoah, Ia. must choose between an operation impairing her husband's mind or his death.

Mr. Johnson, who is in a hospital in Omaha, is gradually growing worse. A cancerous growth on his brain, surgeons say, cannot be removed and his brain left normal. If the operation is not performed, he cannot live.

Mrs. Johnson, who is continually by her husband's side, is left to choose. Mr. Johnson is a leading business man of Shenandoah.

Paroled Man Gets Drunk, Goes to Pen for Year

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 26.—(Special.)—Because he became intoxicated, Albert Anderson of Lincoln county will have to serve a term of one year in the Sioux Falls penitentiary. Recently he was tried on the charge of burglary and was sentenced to a term of one year in the penitentiary.

Judge Jones Suspended the Sentence on Condition that he Conduct Himself Properly in Future.

Yesterday Anderson visited in Sioux Falls and became intoxicated, and now will be compelled to serve his original term in the penitentiary.

BRITONS WIN HAND-TO-HAND SEA FIGHT

Spectacular Battle Fought On Decks of Destroyers Locked Together.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 26.—Two British destroyers, on patrol duty in the English channel, off Dover, on the night of April 20, came upon a flotilla of six German destroyers and then ensued an encounter which will live long in the history of naval engagements.

German destroyers were torpedoes and rammed; every gun aboard the combatants was working, sweeping the decks and tearing gaps in the sides of the opposing craft.

There was the locking together of a British and German destroyer and the men fought furiously in a hand-to-hand conflict.

German seamen of a rammed destroyer climbed aboard one of the British boats, and a midshipman fought them back with an automatic pistol. They were killed or driven again into the sea by British jacksies who came to the midshipman's aid.

British Destroyers Return.

The British destroyers were the Swift and the Broke, and although they received many wounds, they returned to port. The story of the engagement, compiled from the accounts of officers and men, has been made public in an official report.

It is an exciting and graphic story of a boarding encounter with cutlasses and bayonets, recalling the days when wooden warships came together and the men fought on the decks.

The British destroyers were steaming on a westerly course. It was intensely dark, but calm. The Swift sighted the enemy at 600 yards and the Germans instantly opened fire.

There were six German destroyers, according to German prisoners. The Swift replied and tried to ram the leading enemy destroyer. It missed, ramming, but shot through the German line unscathed, and in turning, nearly torpedoed another boat in the enemy line.

Torpedoes Second Boat.

Again the Swift dashed at the leader, which again eluded it and fled, with the Swift in pursuit.

In the meantime the Broke had launched a torpedo at the second boat in the line which hit the mark, and then opened fire with every possible gun. The remaining German boats were stoking furiously for full speed.

The Broke's commander swung round to port and rammed the third boat fair and square abreast the stern. Locked together thus, the two boats fought a desperate hand-to-hand conflict. The Broke rained with every gun from main armament to pom-pom, maxim, rifle and pistol.

Directs Battle Half Blind.

Two other German destroyers attacked and poured a devastating fire on the Broke, whose foremost gun crew were reduced from eighteen to six men. Midshipman Donald Gyles, although wounded in the eye, kept all the foremost guns in action, he himself assisting the depleted crews to load.

While he was thus occupied, a number of frenzied Germans swarmed over the Broke's forecastle out of the rammed destroyer, and finding themselves amid the blinding flashes of forecastle guns, swept aft in a shouting mob.

The midshipman, amid the dead and wounded of his own gun crews, and half blinded by blood, met the onsets single-handed with an automatic pistol. He was grappled by a German who tried to wrest the revolver from him.

Cutlasses and bayonets were among the British equipment in anticipation of such an event. The German was promptly bayoneted by Seaman Ingleson.

Disappears in the Darkness.

Two minutes after ramming, the Broke wrenched itself free from its adversary and turned to ram the last of the three remaining boats. It failed in this object, but in swinging around succeeded in hitting the boat's consort on the stem with a torpedo.

Hotly engaged with these two fleeing destroyers, the Broke attempted to follow the Swift, but a shell struck the Broke's boiler room, disabling its main engines.

The enemy then disappeared in the darkness. The Broke, altering its course, headed toward a destroyer, which a few minutes later was seen to be heavily afloat and whose crew, on sighting the British destroyer, sent up shouts for mercy.

The Broke steered slowly toward the Germans, regardless of the danger from a possible explosion of the magazines, and the German seamen redoubled their shouts of "Save," "Save," and then unexpectedly opened fire.

The Broke, being out of control, was unable to maneuver to extricate itself, but silenced the treachery with four rounds. Then to insure its own safety, torpedoed the German amidship.

Meanwhile the Swift continued its pursuit, but slight injuries which it received earlier in the action prevented it from maintaining full speed, so it abandoned the chase and sought fresh quarry. Sighting the outline of a stationary destroyer, from which shouts were heard, the Swift approached warily with its guns trained, to find that it was the destroyer which already had been rammed by the Broke.

The Germans were bellowing "We surrender."

Fearing treachery the Swift waited and presently the destroyer keeled over and sank stern first, the crew jumping into the water.

As no other enemy was visible, and the action, which had lasted approximately five minutes, appeared to be over, the Swift switched on its search lights and lowered boats to rescue the swimmers.

Those who remained of the crews of the Swift and the Broke, after exchanging details of the action, cheered each other until they were hoarse.

The British casualties are set down as comparatively slight, and the spirit of the wounded is illustrated by the conduct of the Broke's helmsman.

FIVE-MINUTE TALKS BY NATIONAL LEADERS.



MRS. A. F. BACON.

In only a small number of states have tenants a legal right to sunlight and air. Those are the states that have housing laws. They are the only states, too, that have any protection against slums, and every state, every city, every town has slums or slum spots.

So it can be seen that those states which have housing laws are not especially those which need them most. They are only the ones that are the most enlightened.

Most housing laws provide not only for the erection of slums, but that houses heretofore erected shall be properly constructed, at least so as to be sanitary. So it is evident that good housing comes both by grace and by law. Bad housing can be controlled only by law, and housing laws deal only with the most vital essentials necessary to decency and safety.

There is no housing law in the country that requires more than the minimum standards necessary for safety, as conceded by sanitarians, architects, legislators and property owners. They all gaze the danger line, and everything below is a menace to the community.

At this time, when the life of every individual in doubly precious to our country, it is unpardonable that lives should be sacrificed by preventable disease bred in the slums of our cities.

The homes of the nation should all be protected against disease by the laws of their states.

Seaman William Rowles, who, though hit four times by shell fragments, remained at the wheel throughout the action and finally betrayed the fact that he was wounded by reporting to his captain, "I'm going off now, sir," and fainted.

A number of the wounded only presented themselves in the sick bay the following day, one stoker giving the surgeon the ingenious excuse, "I was too busy, sir, clearing up the rubbish on the stokers' mess deck."

The destroyer Broke was under command in the naval battle of Commander Edward R. G. Evans, who was second in command of Scott's Antarctic expedition.

Nine Enlist in Navy And Army at Tilden

Tilden, Neb., April 25.—(Special.)—Four more Tilden young men left here today to enlist in the navy. They are to join a party from Neligh and Atkinson at the latter place. They are: Arthur Hawkins, Edward Dereig, William McDonald and Howard Powell. Frank Marshall enlisted in the army yesterday. Other enlistments were: Floyd Carlisle and Lloyd Ashcraft in the navy, and Eugene Crosby, Bun Thatch and Fred Warner, in the navy.

Hawaii Favors Service.

Washington, April 26.—Resolutions of the Hawaiian legislature pledging support to the president and endorsing universal military service were presented to the house today by Delegate Kalaniana'olaha.

PHOTOPLAYS.

Strand 16th & Douglas. Dorothy Dalton in "The Dark Road" and "Her Circus Knight" (Keystone). Week of 29th "Womanhood, Glory of the Nation".

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Price of Hard Coal Goes Up With Miners' Wages

New York, April 26.—Coal men estimate that the 20 per cent wage increase granted to 175,000 miners in the anthracite fields will raise the price of hard coal an average of 60 cents a ton. The agreement signed last night by representatives of the operators and the United Mine Workers of America adds approximately \$30,000,000 a year to the miners wages

and is the largest increase in the history of the anthracite industry.

Bernhardt's Condition Is Much Improved

New York, April 26.—Physicians attending Sarah Bernhardt, apparently recovering from an operation performed last week because of an infected kidney, said today her improvement was so marked that they would reduce the number of consultations each day from three to two.

Prosecution for Trial Judge In Mendel Beilis Case

New York, April 26.—The new government of Russia has decided to try former Minister of Justice Chtcheglovitoff on a charge of having falsely prosecuted Mendel Beilis, the shoe maker of Kiev, for participation in a ritual murder, according to a dispatch to the "Jewish Daily Forward," from Petrograd. He will be tried in the same court where the shoemaker's trial took place.

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