

WILSON ORDERS U.S. ARMY TO FRANCE BRITISH CRUISER TORPEDED AND FOURTEEN MINE SHIPS

PERSHING WILL LEAD DIVISION OVER THE SEA

President Orders Force of Regular Troops Be Sent to Aid of Allies as Soon as Practicable.

BULLETIN. Washington, May 18.—President Wilson tonight directed that an expeditionary force of approximately a division of regular troops under command of Major General John J. Pershing proceed to France at as early a date as practicable.

General Pershing and staff will precede the troops.

Reserve Officers Have Five-Mile Practice March

Minneapolis, May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain G. W. Rathjen, St. Paul, members of the officers' reserve corps, has been appointed assistant to the camp adjutant, Captain Mason, at Fort Snelling.

Twelve new students were enrolled this morning. One applied for discharge and his case is pending.

Major R. C. Moore, in charge of the engineering company, is trying to locate Otto H. Johnson of St. Paul, a student of the engineering company, who had enrolled, passed the physical test and had been recommended for commission as second lieutenant. Johnson disappeared from camp last night.

Fifty students reported on sick call again today. Permission probably will be granted Sunday for Twin Cities students to visit their homes and outside students likely will be given leave to go to the cities.

There will be no drill tomorrow, except for those who have work to make up. Weather today was ideal for the third practice march of about five miles. Many companies returned to camp whistling marching songs. Some companies carried rifles today on the hike.

The schedule of training for next week is expected to be announced tomorrow. It will include a continuation of the work undertaken this week, with some new subjects.

Canada Plans to Raise New Army By Conscription

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 18.—Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, declared in an address here today that a measure of conscription would be introduced shortly in the Canadian Parliament.

The premier expressed the belief that the time had arrived when the authorities should be invoked to supply reinforcements for the men at the front.

Sir Robert declared he had promised to provide such reinforcements, and declared that early proposals would be made for enlistment upon a compulsory selective basis, of a force of not less than 50,000 men and not more than 100,000.

The Weather

Table with columns for Hour, Temp., Wind, etc. for various locations like Omaha, Des Moines, etc.

Comparative Local Record

Table with columns for High, Low, Mean, etc. for various years like 1917, 1916, 1915, etc.

NEBRASKA GENERAL TO COMMAND IN FRANCE.



MAJ. GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING.

REGISTER JUNE 3 UNDER DRAFT BILL JUST MADE LAW

Machinery for Conscribing Million Men in Year Placed in Operation as President Affixes Signature.

Washington, May 18.—The war army bill as passed by congress and finally reviewed at the War department went back to the White House tonight and was signed by President Wilson.

The president's signature set in motion immediately machinery designed to produce within a year's time a national army of more than 1,000,000 trained and equipped men, backed by adequate reserves of men and supplies and by an additional 500,000 soldiers under training.

The war bill was carefully gone over during the day by Brigadier General Crowder, judge advocate general and provost marshal general. It remained but to prepare the proclamation for the president's signature summoning approximately 10,000,000 men from 21 to 30 years of age to register for military service and setting the date for registration.

Register Early in June.

Indications are that registration will begin about June 3, to be completed within five days and to be followed by the process of selection which will determine the first 500,000 men to be called to the colors about September 1.

Meanwhile the War department is pushing vigorously its preparations to mobilize the National Guard, which, with the regulars, forms the first line army. It was announced today that all existing regiments of the guard will be called into service by August 5, and officials estimate that with from a month to six weeks' intensive training these troops will be ready to go forward for final preparation behind the fighting lines in Europe for the fighting that is before them.

Regulars Return From Border.

Regular army regiments already are in motion northward from the border, preparatory to the expansion of the regular service to full war strength. Of the 183,898 men necessary to bring the regulars up to the 293,000 mark 74,933 already have been recruited and the remainder are expected to come in before June 15.

The National Guardsmen will be drafted into the federal service in three increments on July 15, July 25 and August 5. As a general order is issued by the president drafting specific regiments, the force will cease to be militia and become part of the armies of the United States. They will be relieved by the limitations

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German Soldiers and Societies Are Forced to Subscribe to War Loan

Amsterdam, May 18.—(Via London.)—In the course of the budget debate in the Reichstag on Wednesday Deputy Vogthern, socialist, attacked the government for questionable methods in propagating the war loan. He said the soldiers in the field had been forced to subscribe and that similar pressure had been exerted on co-operative societies.

TEUTON FLEET SENDS DRIFTERS TO THE BOTTOM

Vessels Used for Clearing Seas of Explosives Destroyed by Enemy Aircraft and Warship Shelled.

London, May 18.—The British admiralty announced today that fourteen drifters had been sunk in a raid by Austrian light cruisers in the Adriatic Sea and that the British cruiser Dartmouth was torpedoed in a subsequent engagement with the Austrian warships, but reached port safely.

The admiralty stated that the British warships Dartmouth and Bristol pursued the Austrian vessels to a point near Camaro, when, battleships coming to their assistance, the British vessels were compelled to withdraw.

A drifter is a steam fishing vessel, many of which have been used during the war in mine sweeping.

Text of Statement.

The statement reads: "The admiralty announces that from reports received from the rear admiral commanding the Adriatic squadron, supplemented by the Italian official communication, it appears that early Tuesday morning an Austrian force consisting of light cruisers, subsequently reinforced by destroyers, raided the allied drifters' line and succeeded in sinking fourteen British drifters, from which, according to the Austrian communication, seventy-two prisoners were taken.

"His Majesty's ship Dartmouth, with the Italian rear admiral aboard, and his Majesty's ship Bristol immediately chased the enemy off, assisted by French and Italian destroyers.

"The chase continued, with the enemy under heavy and continuous fire until near Camaro, when some enemy battleships coming out in support of their cruisers, our vessels drew off.

Dartmouth Torpedoed.

"Italian airmen, after a battle in the air, attacked the Austrian warships near Camaro and confidently affirm that one of the enemy's cruisers was on fire and being taken in tow off Camaro in a sinking condition. One other of the enemy's cruisers was reported by the British admiralty as badly damaged.

"During its passage back the Dartmouth was struck by a torpedo from an enemy submarine, but returned to port with three men killed, one officer and four men missing and believed to be dead, and seven wounded. There were no other casualties to our ships."

Commercial Travelers Attending Convention

Norfolk, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Over 500 traveling salesmen and their wives are in Norfolk attending the nineteenth annual convention of the United Commercial Travelers of America.

A big street parade during the day and a banquet and ball in Elks' hall Friday evening were features on the opening program. The big business session during which new officers and next year's convention city will be chosen was scheduled for this morning. A varied entertainment program was in continuous session for the travelers.

United States Will Rush War and Rail Supplies To Russia at Early Date

Washington, May 18.—All available American ships, the seized German liners and all the ships Great Britain can spare from its own needs probably will soon be carrying quantities of railroad supplies to Russia.

As part of the united effort to hold fast the Russian provisional government against German influences and encourage a Russian military offensive, the allied war committees are making preparations to furnish the necessary transportation for supplies to properly equip and maintain the Russian armies.

The railway from Archangel will be equipped with American locomotives and cars.

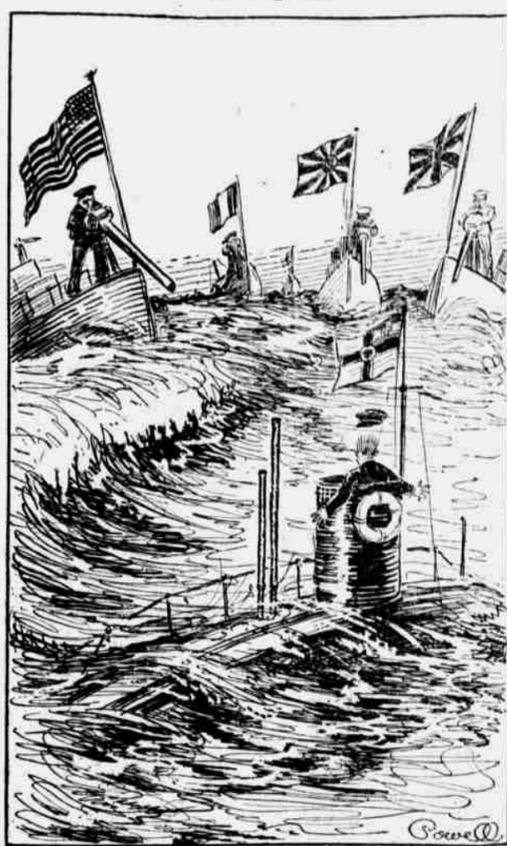
Some Big Work To Do.

Inquiry as to opportunities for rental of farms or vacant lands in the county.

Encouragement for investment by all who have spare funds in the popular subscription to the government loan.

Faithful observation and care for the dependents of enlisted men to the end that they shall not lack for any of the comforts of life.

Closing In



COMPLETE PLANS FOR STATE FOOD MEET IN OMAHA

Conference to Be Convened in Auditorium for Four Days to Aid Nation in War Crisis.

Plans are complete for the state conference for growing and conserving foodstuffs in Nebraska.

The conference will be in session from Tuesday to Friday of next week in the Auditorium and will be the first of its kind ever held here.

Experts will be present from Washington. Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo will be one of the speakers. The conference is expected to give definite advice and instruction looking toward maximum food production and minimum waste and to call attention to the great need for united effort.

Governor Neville, Mayor Dahlman and others will speak Tuesday night. Wednesday problems of production will receive attention. Thursday will be occupied with problems of transportation and conservation in distribution, and Friday conservation in the home. Demonstrations will be given by the state university domestic science department.

Organize County Councils.

The big meeting here will be followed by others throughout the state. County councils are being organized and these will be expected to push the work in every district in the state. They also will act as clearing houses for farm labor and for getting labor from the towns to help during rush seasons on the farms.

Some of the objects and activities of the county councils are set forth in a letter of instructions, as follows: A good motto to write upon the heart of every individual in your county is this: "Extravagance or inefficiency or idleness in war time is unpatriotic."

Complete preparation in order to place the people of Nebraska, and all the resources of Nebraska, behind the federal government.

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Owner of Cafe Where Guards Were Poisoned Is Arrested

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 18.—Carl Miller, proprietor of the restaurant at Port Perry, Pa., from which was served the food which was eaten by soldiers of the Third Pennsylvania infantry just before the death of Lieutenant Cocoran and the illness of many of his men on Wednesday, was arrested this afternoon. The charge was not made public.

SHIPPERS WANT CARS MOST OF ALL: RATES NOT VITAL

Nebraska Dealers Call Railroad Commission's Attention to Reciprocal Demurrage Law Now in Courts.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—To help the nation win the war Nebraska railroads should expedite freight movements and loading and unloading of cargoes, in the opinion of shippers who testified before the State Railway commission today on the carriers' application for increased demurrage charges.

Shippers do not find so much fault with the proposed increase as with the slowness of the roads in providing rolling stock sufficient to handle the business.

Demurrage on Both Sides.

Hay shippers represented at the hearing, and speaking through Mr. Kindel of Hastings, declared roads should recognize the law, now held up in the courts. This would penalize the roads for not furnishing cars on demand of the shippers. If the shippers must pay demurrage when they fail to unload cars quickly, they argue that the roads should pay for loss when they do not supply cars. The railroads, however, refused to yield in this regard.

Long Waits Numerous.

The hay shippers prevented the commission approving the application of the railroads for new demurrage rates of \$2 a day for the first five days following free time and \$5 a day thereafter. Producers averred that they have had to wait three or four weeks after getting hay baled and ordering cars before receiving them.

The roads denied this, insisting that 99 per cent of all demurrage is collected on cars held for unloading, and that they are liberal with shippers to whom they furnish cars for loading.

Uniformity Plea Made.

A plea for uniformity in demurrage rates was made by Manager Rocheford of the western demurrage and traffic bureau at Chicago. He asked for the scale approved by the Interstate Commerce commission and the state commissions of a dozen states. Higher rates have been allowed in Colorado and New Mexico, he said.

Higher rates being more prompt unloading, he said, and enabled the roads to better handle their traffic.

The roads want to be patriotic by sending part of their equipment to Europe, Mr. Rocheford said.

The State Farmers' union will not object to the higher rates, President C. H. Gustafson declared.

JAP NAVAL FORCE AT MARSEILLES TO TAKE PART IN HUNT FOR SUBSEAS

Entrance of Oriental Nation Into Actual Fighting in European War Zone Raises New Question of Supreme Military and Political Interest to Entire World.

(Associated Press War Summary.) The most important news from Europe is the announcement that Japan is going to take an active part in the great struggle.

A Japanese naval force has arrived at Marseilles to join the campaign against the German submarines, especially, according to the dispatches, with the purpose of protecting French shipping.

This unheralded action by the Oriental partner raised both political and military questions of supreme interest, upon which, however, there is no light at present.

Bullecourt in Hands of British. Bullecourt is at last in British hands and the Drocourt-Queant line appears doomed. The tremendous sacrifices made by the Germans have proved in vain and the flames of burning towns behind their lines give color to reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is contemplating another strategic retreat.

NEBRASKA GUARD IS PART OF FIRST FEDERAL ARMY

Nebraskans Are in the First Group, Which is Called to Assemble July Fifteenth.

Washington, May 18.—All National Guard organizations will be called into federal service between July 15 and August 1.

Governors have been authorized to recruit all organizations to war strength. The dates of assembly in the western states follow:

July 15—Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

July 25—Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

August 5—Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and California.

Basis for Statement. Arrangements for formally incorporating the guard into the armies of the United States, terminating for the war period their status as militia or state troops, are understood to be based upon the necessity of supplying full war equipment for the troops. It is understood also that the sixteen divisional cantonment camps for the guard will all be in the southeastern, southern and western departments. Dates upon which various state units are to be moved to the big camps from the state mobilization points will depend upon completion of the quarters and supply system at the cantonment camps.

Coast Artillery Included.

The formal announcement of the War department fixing the date for exercise of the draft, states that all National Guard coast artillery companies will be drafted July 15.

"After being drafted," the statement continued, "organizations will be held at company rendezvous for about two weeks and will then be sent to concentration camps in the southern, southeastern and western departments.

"All National Guard organizations, both in and out of federal service, will be recruited at once to full war strength. The necessary arms, equipments and clothing for recruits is at present on hand, but it is hoped all supplies will be available by the time the troops are sent to their concentration camps."

The order informs the adjutant general that all enlisted men of the National Guard reserve as well as of the active forces will be drafted on the dates given.

The divisions of the National Guard and selective army, which will be summoned about September 1, will be located by military departments as follows:

Northeastern Department—First division selective army.

Eastern Department—Second, Third and Fourth divisions selective army.

Southeastern Department—Sixth, Seventh and Twelfth divisions selective army and Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth divisions National Guard.

Central Department—Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth divisions National Guard.

Southern Department—Fifteenth division selective army and Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth divisions National Guard.

Western Department—Sixteenth division selective army and Nineteenth and Twentieth divisions National Guard.

The following sites have been approved for five of the thirty-two divisional cantonment camps to be established: Ayre, Mass.; El Paso, Tex.; American Lake, Wash.; Atlanta and Augusta, Ga.

Fourth in Federal Service. The Fourth Nebraska, under Colonel Baehr, now at Fort Crook and (Continued on Page Two, Column One)

Additional reports from the Italian front emphasize the importance of the victory won by General Cadorna, but they also bring word that the Austrians have reacted and apparently the usual period of counter attacks will follow the first successful assault on the Isonzo heights. The enormous difficulties of the terrain over which General Cadorna is operating render improbable any sensational advance and the prospects are for a repetition of the hammer and tongs fighting that is proceeding in France.

Russian Situation Improves.

For the first time in weeks the news from Russia is of a reassuring character. Premier Lvoff expresses high hopes that that coalition ministry will weather the storms which have convulsed the country, demoralized the fighting forces and raised the sinister specters of anarchy and reaction.

Generals Alexieff, Brusiloff and Gurko have resumed their commands and for the time being, at least, the clamor of the radicals and visionaries has died away.

Italians Take Six Thousand.

Berlin, May 18.—(Via London.)—The official statement issued today by the German army headquarters against the Austro-Hungarians against the new Italian positions on the Vodic and south of Grazigna were repulsed.

Britons and Italians.

London, May 18.—British heavy artillery batteries are co-operating with the Italian army in the Italian offensive against the Austrians on the Julian front, according to an official statement issued this afternoon by the British war office.

"Two hostile raiding parties were beaten off with loss last night northeast of Armentieres," today's official statement says.

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