

### BRITISH LOSSES IN MAY 112,233 MEN

Nearly Six Thousand Officers Killed and Wounded Along Arras Front During the Month.

London, May 31.—British casualties, as published in May, show a total of 5,902 officers and 106,331 men.

The British offensive on the Arras front, involving some of the severest fighting of the war, naturally has resulted in a large increase in casualties over the inactive winter season. Casualties for the last few months have not been received, but in February the total reported was only 1,245 officers and 17,185 men.

The assertion of the British that their losses are 50 per cent smaller than in the battle of the Somme, notwithstanding the fact that larger forces are engaged, is not borne out by the May figures, although in the absence of the casualties report for April, early in which month the offensive was launched, the showing is not conclusive.

The casualties recorded in the first three months of the Somme drive were 307,169 officers and men. In August of last year, the second month of the Somme battle, the casualties were 127,945, as compared with 112,233 for May, the second month of the Arras battle.

### FEDERAL AGENTS DISCOVER PLOT AMONG COLLEGES

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all the labor unions in Seattle are affiliated, is on record today as inaugurating resolutions previously adopted by the Carpenters' union opposing the selective draft law.

The vote was taken last night after delegates had listened to Hulet M. Wells, former president of the labor council, who is under bonds to appear before a federal grand jury, charged with seditious conduct.

Wells is alleged to be the head of the Seattle branch of the "No Conscription League."

Dr. Eva Harding Arrested.

Topoka, Kan., May 31.—Dr. Eva Harding, former candidate for congress, and Ike Gilbert, both of Topoka, Kan., were arrested here this afternoon by federal officers for alleged connection with anti-draft meetings. Both were present at the anti-conscription meeting here last Sunday.

Says War Not Defensive.

Kiefer said it was not a question of a citizen's duty to defend the country, as such a situation "does not confront us."

He declared the United States was at war because "certain persons with authority wish to have us at war regardless of necessity or of popular wishes; otherwise there would have been a referendum on war and conscription."

"We have been told that this is a war for democracy," he continued. "Well, any people that are determined to have democracy can have it without war. When Russia definitely decided to send the czar packing it did not need to wait for a victory over Germany to do so. It simply sent him away. We can have democracy in the United States, too, whenever we get as ready for it as Russia is."

Democracy, he said, cannot come in Germany until the German people want it, and when the German people want it, they will get it.

Meeting Endorses Speech.

The speaker declared that "the first thing that democracy must win is the fight against conscription and against war without consent of the people," and, after quoting the president's proclamation as saying that it is to be "in no sense a conscription of the unwilling," he added: "I fear before long that Mr. Wilson will be explaining in more senses than one it is the conscriptions of unwilling ones."

The speaker's speech was adopted with cheers as the sense of the meeting.

To Consider Jewish

Republic in Palestine

New York, May 30.—To consider the establishment of an independent Jewish republic in Palestine, a convention of Jews, to meet in Baltimore on June 24, has been called, according to a statement issued from the headquarters of the Zionist organizations of America here. The statement in part follows:

"The organizations that will be represented will be the Provisional Zionist committee, of which Justice Louis D. Brandeis of the United States supreme court is the honorarary chairman; and Rabbi S. Wise, acting chairman; the Federation of American Zionists, with 400 delegates; Hadassah, the women's branch of the Zionist movement, 350 delegates; Young Judaea, the junior branch of the movement, 150 delegates; the Histadruth-Ivrit, the Hebrew speaking branch, 100 delegates; the Achuzas, and the Intercollegiate Zionist association, representing societies of all leading colleges and universities of America.

Among the prominent Jews who will attend will be Nathan Straus, Justice Julian W. Mack, United States district court of Chicago; Mrs. Joseph Heller; Professor Felix Frankfurter, of Cambridge, Mass.; Rev. Dr. Max Heller of New Orleans, and Dr. Martin Meyer of San Francisco.

"The international organization will be represented by Dr. Shmura Levin, member of the first Russian Duma; Dr. Leo Motzkin of the Zionist action committee, and Dr. Ben Zion Mossinson, rector of the Jewish High school in Jaffa, Palestine."

Wilson Nominates Rowe As McAdoo's Assistant

Washington, May 31.—Prof. L. S. Rowe of Philadelphia was nominated by President Wilson today to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

Obituary Notes

E. A. SMITH died Wednesday evening of heart disease at York, Neb. He enlisted in the United States army when 17. He has been a resident of York for thirty-four years.

### DRAFT EFFECTIVE ON EARLIER DATE

Instructions to Southern Department Indicate Men Selected May Go Into Service on June Thirtieth.

San Antonio, Tex., May 30.—Instructions received by the Southern department today are that recruiting to full war strength of National Guard and regular army units must be completed by June 30. It was further stated that units not up to required strength by June 30 will be built up from men drafted for the first increment of the new army.

Since former statements had indicated that actual drafting of the new army would begin until September 1, the new instructions are taken by Southern department officers to indicate an immediate use of men chosen under the selective draft.

### CONSPIRACY TRIAL DRAWS BIG CROWD AT CHADRON

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proved a motion that witnesses be excluded until they are called to testify. Sutton was the first witness called by the prosecution.

Witness testified he was engaged three months investigating and watching the Omaha Detective association.

Work of Mrs. Phelps.

Sutton said he told Elsie Phelps to "go through with it" when she told him of her work for the Omaha Detective association. She kept him posted on the alleged blackmail plot.

Witness testified he had no communication with Johnny Lynch. Sutton related details of May 14, when he arrested Winkler.

"I saw Crites at his office the evening of May 14. Wright, Donahue and Canfield were there. We left Crites and remained near the office until 10 o'clock, when a commotion at Crites' office aroused us. It was dark, but I observed Winkler had a large gun and Mote, and Day had pistols and another man was unarmed. I stumbled downstairs."

Arrest of Winkler.

Judge Baker admonished Sutton not to volunteer so much evidence.

Sutton continued: "I ran to the corner and met Donahue, who was facing Mote's gun. Mote admonished Donahue not to come near him. I told Mote to drop the gun. I went to Fisher's office, where I met Crites, Canfield, Winkler, Day, Mote and Fisher. I arrested Winkler on order of the sheriff and mayor."

Sutton said he came to Chadron at the instance of Kugel and himself. Elsie Phelps and Crites sent him of the meeting to be held by Crites, Mrs. Hood and Elsie Phelps. He said he was informed that in the next room would be the sheriff, mayor and a United States marshal. He had been informed, Crites told me, they would make him sign papers and would attempt to blackmail him and Mr. and Mrs. Hood, and wanted me to witness. Crites said he was going to his office expecting the blackmail plot.

Just before the hearing was called today all appeared confident of the outcome. Detective Pipkin arrived in advance. Detective Sutton, Elsie Phelps and "Jimmie" Ford met Pipkin and Dolan on the street and exchanged sullen glances. Sutton and Ford were in constant attendance upon Mrs. Phelps, who has denied herself to callers. Ford was a waiter at the Lakeside hotel in Omaha and came here to help Sutton. Robert Hood, the wealthy lumberman, who has become one of the central figures in the case, left town Monday evening. Friends will not reveal his whereabouts. Mrs. Hood is attending to her husband's business as usual.

"My husband has gone away on business," said Mrs. Hood. Efforts of the Omaha Detective association to gather evidence for Hood against his wife and Elsie Phelps' counter efforts with Sutton precipitated a situation which eventuated in the greatest thrill Dawes county seat ever experienced.

Many Lawyers in Case.

County Attorney Crites and Fisher, complainant and one of the defendants, respectively, have been residents here many years. Both have a host of friends and the whole county is agog to know just how true are the charges and counter charges.

H. C. Bromie of Omaha is assisting County Attorney Crites in the prosecution. E. C. McDowell of Crawford is counsel for Mote and Day. Ben S. Baker represents the Omahaans. M. F. Harrington is attorney for Fisher. L. J. Flager, "Billy the Bear," is clerk of the court.

Daughter of Engineer.

Mrs. Hood is the daughter of Eugene Gordon, one of the oldest engineers in the service of the central western railroad, who now resides at East Springs, S. D. The family formerly lived here. She taught school at Plainview, Valentine, Crete and later was playground director at Lincoln.

Mr. Hood, who is highly respected, has lived here many years. The statement that he is a banker is a mistake. He operated a large flouring mill for twenty years and earlier en-

gaged in the lumber business. He is quite wealthy. Several years ago Mr. Hood went to a hospital at Hot Spring for treatment, and while there he met Miss Gordon. They were married about two years ago.

The bride of mystery will write checks on the American State bank after Monday when Jack opens an account for her there.

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### Take A.B. Degrees at Sacred Heart



MARGARET PHELAN AND ALICE McSHANE

For the first time in its history the College of the Sacred Heart, Park Place, will confer the A. B. degree at the graduation exercises June 16. Miss Margaret Phelan, daughter of Mrs. D. F. Phelan, 3661 Davenport, and Miss Alice McShane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McShane, 1906

### HOUSE VOTES TO DROP CENSORSHIP

Congressmen by Vote of 184 to 144, Order Espionage Bill Recommitted.

Washington, May 31.—A motion to recommit the espionage bill with instructions to strike out the press censorship section was carried in the house today by a vote of 184 to 144.

The long drawn-out contest over the question of a newspaper censorship was renewed in the house today. Party lines stood out as the debate began. Republicans generally opposed the censorship section, while Democrats generally supported it.

The modified censorship proposed by conference report on the espionage bill would forbid willful publication of military information, but not news of equipment of armed forces.

McAdoo Will Make

Second Speaking Tour

Washington, May 31.—"While there is every indication that the loan is progressing satisfactorily, assurances must be made doubly sure," Secretary McAdoo said today, in announcing a new speaking tour, which will begin at New York June 4. He will speak in many eastern and southern cities.

"It is of vital importance that the Liberty loan be oversubscribed as evidence that the people of the United States are deeply imbued with the purposes of the war and determined to prosecute it vigorously," he said. "We want to force an early peace and re-establish justice and liberty."

"Negotiations with the allied governments for looking after their financial needs are progressing satisfactorily and if provision is made by congress for raising sufficient money by taxation and the people invest in the required extent in Liberty bonds, I believe that the foundations for carrying on the immense financial operations of the American government during the war will be established on a solid basis."

Lift Out Your Corns

ICE-MINT THE NEW DISCOVERY ENDS ALL Foot Troubles

This new discovery, made from a Japanese product, is certainly a wonder the way it draws out inflammation from a pair of swollen, burning, aching feet. It takes the soreness right out, then the corn or callous shrivels and lifts off.

Has corns, or corns or corns between the toes, just shrivel up and lift off so easy it is wonderful. Just think! Not one bit of pain while applying Ice-mint or afterwards. It doesn't irritate the surrounding skin.

You will never have to cut a corn again and run the risk of blood poisoning. Say good-bye to your old corn salve, plasters and bandaging tape. For that hot corn of yours is sure to be a "goner" if it ever feels the magic touch of Ice-mint.

It imparts such a delightful, soothing feeling to the feet that you will sigh with relief.

Ice-mint is the real Japanese secret for fine, healthy little feet. It prevents foot odors and keeps them sweet and comfortable. It is greatly appreciated by women who wear high heel shoes.

Just ask in any drug store for a little Ice-mint and give your poor, suffering, tired, swollen feet the treat of their lives. It costs little and there is nothing better.—Adv.

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### WHITE FEATHER FOR DRAFT SLACKERS

State and Nation to Co-Operate in Effort to Run Down Those Who Attempt Evasion.

Slackers who deliberately try to evade conscription by not registering will find themselves up against a stiff proposition.

The registration board for Omaha, with the co-operation of the federal government, has perfected an elaborate machine to deal with young men of the "white feather" type, between the ages of 21 and 31, who may intentionally forget that June 5 is registration day.

The law excepts no one within the prescribed age limits. Rich and poor, sick and well, fat and lean, citizens and aliens, patriots and pacifists—all must register their names June 5 for selective army conscription.

"Drastic" is a mild term for the law governing punishment of conscription slackers. And worse than the law is the moral disgrace. Conscription is honorable, evasion is dishonorable in the extreme, registration officials point out, and worse than that—dangerous.

Slackers Despised.

In England men of eligible age who attempted to evade military service are ridiculed and despised. Patriotic young women pin white feathers on them—and then the authorities step in, not to molest the young women, but to take charge of the slackers.

The day after registration—June 5—conscription officials, assisted by the city, county, state and federal authorities, will begin rounding up slackers.

"We hope there will be few slackers," said Election Commissioner Moorhead, "but people may be sure we'll corral what there are and make it tough for them."

Round Up the Holdouts.

Registration officials have received orders to prepare voters' lists in triplicate within three days after June 5. It is predicted that by a week after registration day the authorities will have a line on all young men in Douglas county between the ages of 21 and 31 who have failed to register.

The election commissioner has received additional instruction from Washington which should be of particular interest to men who will be out of the city on registration day. These instructions advise Mr. Moorhead that traveling men, telephone men and others who may be elsewhere on June 5 can fill in cards and leave them at the court house.

More than 350 absentees and sick persons have registered so far. The election commissioner's office was open Memorial day for the benefit of these classes. About fifty registered. The office will also be open Saturday afternoon.

Volunteers Help Moorhead.

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istrations from absentees and sick persons.

Mr. Moorhead wishes to correct a mistaken impression that registrars who serve June 5 will also be called upon to do duty on the exemption board. Registrars will have nothing whatsoever to do with exemptions.

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### FORT SNELLING MEN TO GET \$100 A MONTH

Salary Guaranteed from Time They Began to Take Officers' Training at Big Military Camp.

St. Paul, May 31.—Members of the officers' reserve training camp at Fort Snelling who have been wondering since they began training there two weeks ago, whether they were donating their time and services to Uncle Sam or were to receive a salary while fitting themselves to wear shoulder straps, today received gladdening news in the form of an announcement from Secretary of War Baker that the army appropriation bill's provision for a \$100 a month salary guarantees them that salary from the time they began training.

The announcement was made in a bulletin issued by Adjutant General W. T. Johnson, U. S. A.

Official announcement to Colonel Sage, commanding the camp, had not been received up to last night, but military officers announced that passage of the measure as a part of the appropriation bill provided the salaries without further congressional action. The men at Fort Snelling have been awaiting announcement of action on this measure by the army committee of congress.

Additional evidence purporting to show that the murder was committed by a fourth person was introduced yesterday morning.

Mrs. Rapp is suing on behalf of herself and her four young daughters, alleging that liquor purchased in Moscrey's place on the night of the murder, July 14, 1914, caused the three men to "loiter and delay on their way home and to become boisterous, noisy, careless, reckless and quarrelsome."

Shot Down in Street.

The Schroeder brothers—Fred and Peter—and William Rapp, were shot down in the street near Twenty-fourth and Pacific streets between 10 and 11 o'clock at night.

Mrs. J. B. McBride, whose home is about 150 feet from the scene of the murder, testified that she heard five shots fired. She said that afterward she went to the Glen Hanna home nearby, where Rapp was taken, mortally wounded.

She told the court that she heard Rapp say "a couple of daggers done it."

The court room was crowded when the case was resumed Thursday morning.

Arguments Wax Bitter.

Cross-examinations of witnesses were marked by bitter arguments and wrangling between attorneys.

Judge Sears "called down" A. S. Ritchie, chief counsel for the saloon-keeper and his bondsmen, and W. A. Slabaugh, one of the attorneys representing Mrs. Rapp.

"You gentlemen will have to quit trying this case across the lawyers' table," he warned. "The case will be tried before the court and the court alone."

Three Arrests in New York.

New York, May 31.—Owen Cattel and Charles F. Phillips, described as Columbia university students, and Eleanor Wilson Parker, a telephone operator, were arrested today by agents of the Department of Justice charged with being engaged in a conspiracy to spread anti-conscription sentiment.

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### FINAL ARGUMENTS IN MURDER MYSTERY

Lawyers in Triple Killing Suit Describe Fourth Man Who Shot Victims From Ambush.

Lawyers made their final arguments yesterday in the \$25,000 damage suit arising out of the sensational Rapp-Schroeder murder that shocked Omaha three years ago.

A. S. Ritchie, chief counsel for the defendants, Peter Moscrey, former saloon keeper at 1202 South Twenty-ninth street, and his bondsmen, insisted that the triple killing was the work of a professional gunman who fired upon his victims from ambush.

"Dastardly assassin, never brought to justice," "Apache-like gunman, with the blood of three men on his hands," and "devilish fiend uncaught," were a few of the phrases applied to the word-sketches of the saloon keeper's counsel.

Mrs. Marguerite Rapp, widow of one of the slain men, is plaintiff in the case.

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