



PRESIDENT GIVES FLAG DAY ADDRESS; SENSATION IN OMAHA POLICE PROBE

U. S. FIGHTS TO KEEP WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY AND IN DEFENSE OF ITS OWN RIGHTS

President in Flag Day Address Says Stars and Stripes Are Going to Foreign Lands for Purpose as Old as American Traditions.

Washington, June 14.—Before a great audience assembled here today for a Flag day celebration, President Wilson declared anew the aims and purposes of the United States in entering the world war.

Standing in the shadow of the great monument erected to the memory of George Washington, the president told thousands gathered on the grassy slopes that the United States has entered the war, not alone to keep the world safe for democracy, but also because the "extraordinary insults and aggressions of the imperial German government left us no choice but to take up arms in defense of our rights as a free people and of our honor as a sovereign government."

The Stars and Stripes are going to a strange land, the president said, for a purpose as old as American traditions. "For us there is but one choice," said the president. "We have made it. Woe be to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution

when every principle we hold dear is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of nations.

"We are ready to plead at the bar of history and our flag shall wear a new luster. Once more we shall make good with our lives and fortunes the great faith to which we were born and a new glory shall shine in the face of our people."

President Wilson warned against permitting Germany to end the war now by an "intrigue of peace" while its aggressions were secure.

All the central empires, the president declared, have been cemented into one great autocracy-rudden empire, "throwing a broad belt of German military power and political control across the very center of Europe and beyond the Mediterranean into the heart of Asia." "This achieved," he said, "it is easy to understand why Germany is fostering a propaganda for an early peace."

Why Kaiser Wants Peace. "Peace, peace, peace has been the talk of its foreign office for now a year and more," said the president. "A little of the talk has been public, but most of it has been private. Through all sorts of channels it has come to me and in all sorts of guises."

"The military masters, under whom Germany is bleeding, see very clearly to what point fate has brought them. If they can secure peace now with the immense advantages still in their hands which they have up to this point apparently gained they will have justified themselves before the German people; they will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it."

The president recited again the German aggressions which drove the United States to war. He declared the purposes for which American soldiers now carry the Stars and Stripes to Europe for the first time in history are not new to American traditions, because realization of Germany's war aims must eventually mean the undoing of the whole world.

Text of Address. He spoke in full as follows: "My fellow citizens: We choose to celebrate Flag day because this flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and our hope as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence"

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Vancouver and Victoria Traction Lines Tied Up

Vancouver, B. C., June 14.—Eight hundred strikers on the British Columbia Traction company's lines in Vancouver were joined today by the 500 men employed by the same company in Victoria and not one car is operating in either city. The company says it unable to grant the demands for higher wages because the company has been losing money on account of the competition of the motor buses. Both men and company demand that the latter conveyances be removed from the streets.

Fifty Are Killed by Explosion in Factory

London, June 14.—Fifty persons were killed and many were injured by an explosion at Ashton-Under-Lyne, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons today. Ashton-Under-Lyne is a manufacturing town near Manchester.

All German Planes Return Safely, Says Berlin

Berlin, June 14.—(Via London.)—"A fleet of four large airplanes," says today's German official statement, "yesterday bombarded the fort of London. All our airplanes returned unharmed. One English airman," the announcement says, "fell down over the Thames."

GERMANS FORCED TO YIELD GROUND ON BELGIAN FRONT

Teutons Abandon Area Two Square Miles in Extent to the Southwest of Warneton.

(Associated Press War Summary.)

The German line in Belgium is crumbling under the British offensive there. Evidence of this appears today in the announcement by London of a German retreat on a front of approximately two miles in the area southwest of Warneton.

After wiping out the Messines-Wyschaete salient in the crushing attack last week General Plumer continued attacking the Germans from time to time east of Messines and gained additional ground there. Further south the British also have exerted pressure upon General Von Arnim's lines.

Having lost the last of the commanding artillery and observation positions in this region when the Messines ridge fell into British hands, the Germans are finding the pressure at some places beyond their ability to meet. One of the first results has been the abandonment of important sections of their first line between the River Lys and St. Yves.

General Haig announces that the British are following the Germans closely and are moving forward east of Ploegsteert wood and in the neighborhood of Gaspard village.

On the French front conditions remain comparatively quiet. Last night the Germans, after bombardments, attacked French posts in the Aisne region and northwest of Verdun. The French easily repulsed these assaults.

German Horses Will Be Put on Rations

Amsterdam, June 14.—(Via London.)—Horses will be put on rations in Germany from June 16, according to an ordinance issued in Berlin, varying from one and a half to the three pounds daily. An agitation has been going on for the abandonment of horse racing in Germany during war time, but the authorities, the papers say, have decided otherwise on the ground that all the Belgians are continuing racing or have resumed the sport.

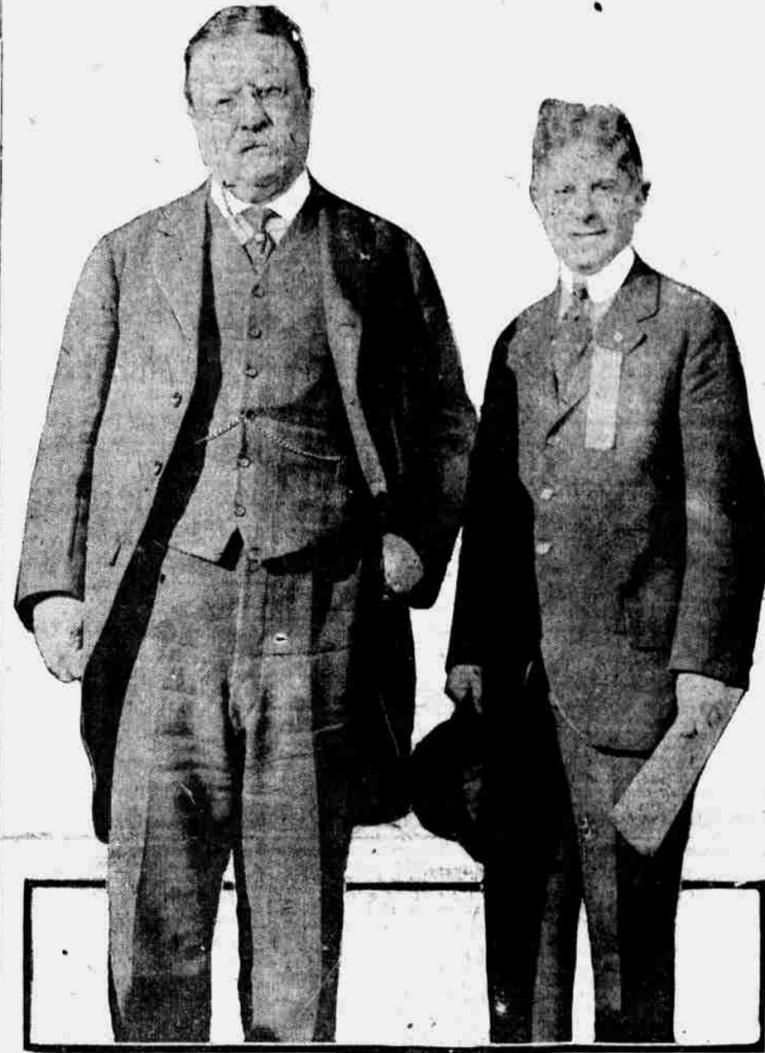
Charge Four With Firing On Virginia Guardsmen

Roanoke, Va., June 14.—Four persons, two men and two women have been arrested by detectives and department of justice operatives at Bull Mountain between Coeburn and Norton, charged with firing at members of the Second Virginia regiment on guard duty in that section, it was announced today. Several narrow escapes from sniping have been reported since the arrest of W. V. McCoy and J. W. Phipps, May 27 on a conspiracy charge.

Reign of Terror Reported In Separate Russ Republic

London, June 14.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Mail says that there seems to be a reign of terror in Tzaristyn, where a separate republic has been declared. Tzaristyn is a great railroad center and an important point for traffic on the Volga river. Separate republics also have been declared at Kherson and Kiranovna, but the situation is said not to be serious at either place.

Colonel Roosevelt in Omaha On His Way to State Capital



Former President Theodore Roosevelt and Victor Rosewater photographed at Burlington passenger station, where the reception committee met the colonel and his party.

T. R. STARTS WAVE OF PATRIOTISM AS TALKS IN LINCOLN

Great Crowd of Nebraskans in Tumult of Fervor for Country and Flag as Former President Gives Address.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, June 14.—(Special.)—How many people were in Lincoln to meet ex-President Theodore Roosevelt today no one was able to say definitely. The streets were jammed. It was the climax of the semi-centennial celebration of Nebraska's admission as a state.

Escorted by the Nebraska National Guard, several bands, veterans of former wars and the Semi-Centennial committee a parade marched through the principal streets. Representatives of foreign nations were also in line, while the University band, Nebraska State band, Green's Omaha band were among those that played.

Shouts of Welcome. Never has such a wave of patriotism been seen in the Capital City. The presence of the typical American citizen seemed to inspire everybody with a degree of enthusiasm which found vent in shouts of welcome which appeared to fill the colonel with a great deal of satisfaction.

Veterans of the civil war and others were given seats in front of the platform immediately below the speakers' platform on the capitol grounds. The parade reached the capitol at 2:45, a half hour ahead of the schedule and Colonel Roosevelt walked from the Fifteenth street entrance to the stand through an aisle packed each side with a mass of shouting humanity and "midst the bombs bursting in air" from which flags were sent floating hundreds of feet above the crowds.

Greets Pershing's Son.

The first individual with whom Colonel Roosevelt shook hands was Warren Pershing, the 6-year-old son of General Pershing, commanding the American forces in France. "I am glad to greet you, my boy," said the colonel, as he grasped the boy's hand in both of his, "and my

EXPECT LIBERTY LOAN TO GO FAR BEYOND ITS GOAL

Big Bond Drive Enters Into Home Stretch With Indications That It Will Go Over \$2,000,000,000 Mark.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Luther Drake, president of the Omaha Clearing house association, said after a meeting of the association, if interest in buying Liberty bonds keeps up in Omaha as it has during the last two days of the big drive, Omaha citizens by Saturday will have subscribed for \$8,000,000 in bonds. Totals were not available last night either for Omaha or Nebraska.

Washington, June 14.—The Liberty loan campaign entered the home stretch today with every indication that the tremendous thirty-day drive throughout the nation would result in going well beyond the \$2,000,000,000 goal.

From coast to coast the story that poured into the treasury all day was the same, a story of a whirlwind finish. Telegrams told of tolling bells and shrieking whistles across the continent, marking the last day of the campaign, of redoubled efforts by the many agencies at work for the loan's success, of enthusiasm at its highest pitch, of long waiting lines of subscribers in thousands of banks in every state of the union.

Liberty Bell is Rung.

The Liberty bell was rung again, the first time in years, at Philadelphia, its reverberations being carried from coast to coast by the aid of the telegraph. Where Patrick Henry stood when he uttered his immortal

One Killed in Million-Dollar Fire in New York

New York, June 14.—One man dead, one missing, thirteen badly injured and a property loss of \$1,000,000 resulted from the fire and explosion last night at the American Sugar Refining company's plant in Brooklyn, it was announced today. Several investigations have been begun to determine the cause of the explosion. The company has large orders for the entente allies.

OMAHA FAILS TO GET ANY SUPPORT AT WASHINGTON

Business Men Amused at the Efforts of the World-Herald to Shift the Responsibility.

Omaha business men are amused at a story in the World-Herald that gives W. J. Leahy, passenger agent of the Iowa district for the Rock Island, credit for landing one of the army cantonments in Des Moines.

While they are amused at the story they are indignant over the fact that Senator Hitchcock, owner and publisher of the World-Herald, failed to raise his voice to protest the location or raise a hand to secure the cantonment in the vicinity of Omaha, although the senator is a member of the military committee.

Mr. Leahy is not only a agent of the Rock Island, but he is a member of the federal board that inspected cantonment sites that were offered by different cities and subsequently recommended their acceptance.

Omaha Pre-sets Case.

Omaha was in the race for one of the cantonments, and that its claims might be creditably presented a meeting of civic organizations was held. At that meeting Charles C. George, Randall K. Brown and H. F. Myers were appointed a committee to prepare and present what was known as the "Omaha brief." These men secured the data, showing the land available in the vicinity of Fort Crook, its adaptability for army training purposes, the railroad facilities of Omaha, the street railway lines between Fort Crook and the city and the many other advantages that might accrue to the government by the location of a cantonment here.

Hitchock and Lobeck Next.

After the local committee had presented the "Omaha brief" and done everything in its power to secure

CAPTAIN MALONEY CALLS KUGEL "THAT DIRTY RAT" IN HEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

Mrs. Maloney, from Her Seat in Gallery, Calls Sutton Liar When Detective's Testimony is Being Heard; Investigation Furnishes Thrills for Large Crowd Present.

Captain Steve Maloney, under charges before the city council, injected a dramatic situation during the morning session by pointing to Superintendent Kugel and referring to him as "that dirty rat!"

Maloney reiterated the words and added embellishments not allowable in public print.

From her seat in the council chamber gallery Mrs. Maloney added another thrill by calling the lie on Detective Paul Sutton, who was testifying at the time.

Both situations brought a solemn hush over the crowd, which was expecting something more.

"Sutton and that dirty rat," pointing his finger directly at Kugel, "framed this up," exclaimed Maloney. Kugel's face reddened.

Sutton's testimony which aroused the outbreak related to the case of a man whose name was given as Mayfield. The witness stated that Pipkin arrested Mayfield here and the prisoner

TAXPAYERS ARE UP IN ARMS OVER BOOST IN VALUES

Douglas County to Pay Twelve Per Cent of All Taxes in the State if Boost Stands.

Douglas county, which means Greater Omaha, will pay 12 per cent of all taxes in the state this year, if the wholesale and enormous boosts in assessments made by County Assessor Fitzgerald go through, according to County Clerk Dewey, a member of the County Board of Equalization, now sitting.

Indignant taxpayers are swarming into the equalization board's chambers and standing in line to await their turn to protest against the raises, as first related exclusively in The Bee.

More than 5,000 notices were sent out to business houses, manufacturers, private individuals, in fact, every class of taxpayers, notifying them their assessments were boosted, some several thousand per cent.

Only a Few Passed. The boosts total millions. In two days the equalization board has passed on only eighty-two protests, representing for the most part, smaller amounts.

The majority of these eighty-two protests were compromised on, the county assessor's raises holding in only a few cases.

Members of the equalization board, composed of the county commissioners, the county clerk and the county assessor, believe it will be possible to hear only a small per cent of the protests in the twenty days provided by law for the board to sit.

Under New Law. This is the first year that the burden of hearing protests on raises has been placed upon the Equalization board in former years assessors, when they thought returned schedules were too low, called in taxpayers and endeavored to reach a fair compromise before the Equalization board met.

County Assessor Fitzgerald had the notices of boosts prepared in advance, but waited until the eve of the meeting of the Equalization board before sending them out. Taxpayers had no alternative but to appear before the board.

A representative of a big implement house, raised from \$40,000 to \$100,000, appeared before the board and said he was willing his schedule should be raised to \$80,000, providing others in the same line of business were equalized on the same basis.

Percent County Pays.

The following table, prepared by County Clerk Dewey, shows the assessed valuation of the state and Douglas county and the percent the county bears to the balance of the state, from 1906 to 1916, inclusive:

Table with columns: Valuation of State, Valuation of Douglas County, P. C. State, Douglas County, P. C. Douglas County. Rows for years 1906-1916.

AN AUTOMOBILE MYSTERY.

He left the impression that the automobile said to have been stolen by Mayfield was turned over to Maloney and that an effort to determine whether Maloney had purchased a machine of that make from the local dealer had been futile.

"We could get information regarding any other person from the local agency of this kind of automobile, but were told it was none of our business when we inquired about Maloney," said Sutton.

Mayfield was connected with the London hotel, which Sutton, previously in his testimony, referred to as a place where automobile thieves were said to have stayed.

"THAT'S A LIE," SHOUTS WIFE.

"That is a lie," shouted Mrs. Maloney from the balcony. "It is an awful lie. I have the receipt for that automobile. It cost \$1,400. It was a Christmas gift to me. I cannot sit here and listen to such lies told without saying something. You can ask Mr. Foley of the Cadillac agency about this automobile. I even spoke to Mr. Kugel before we bought the car."

Whereupon it was decided to summon Thomas Foley regarding the sale of the automobile to Maloney.

The hearing was attended by a crowd of anxious listeners who craned their necks when the cross-fire of questions and answers grew acrimonious. Mayor Dahlgren announced that all-day sessions will begin Friday morning at 9 o'clock. If all witnesses whose names have been furnished to the city clerk for summons are called the hearing will run well into next week.

Big Sum in Gold Will Be Released by New Law

Washington, June 14.—More than \$350,000,000 in gold will be made available for war use by reductions in gold reserve requirements of the Federal reserve banking system by amendments to the Banking laws as accepted today by the house.

The senate is expected to act favorably. The federal reserve board will have power to regulate exchange charges by non member banks. The chairman of the banking committee told the house that a lobby of twenty-five bankers with headquarters here had been "winning and dining representatives in an effort to obtain their support for a flat exchange provision."

San Salvador Shaken by More Earthquake Shocks

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, June 14.—Several earthquake shocks of varying intensity were felt here yesterday and today, but no damage has been reported. The various relief committees are distributing provisions to the destitute and shelters are being built to house the thousands of homeless who at present are encamped in the streets. The wounded are being attended by the Red Cross. Several bodies have been recovered at Armenia and Quezaltepec.