



ALLIES START BIG DRIVE TO RECOVER SERBIA; GREEK KING'S FALL PAVES WAY

ELSIE PHELPS TO TESTIFY IN MALONEY CASE

Woman Sleuth Takes Stand This Afternoon; Bessie Wilson Says Wolf and Dolan Not Referred to Her.

Mrs. Elsie Phelps will testify this afternoon in the Maloney case before the city council.

The session yesterday afternoon he would call the woman detective today, and probably will have a few minor witnesses on the stand before he calls the woman star of the hearing.

The council will hold a regular meeting this morning for routine business, but on Wednesday morning will resume the all-day sessions on the Maloney charges.

The session yesterday afternoon was not marked by the thrills which accompanied former meetings. The most exciting incident of the afternoon occurred when a woman in the balcony dropped her parasol and narrowly missed a man's head.

Bessie Wilson on Stand. The chief witness of the afternoon was Bessie Wilson of 707 South Sixteenth street.

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Meat Investigation to Begin in Chicago July 2

Chicago, June 18.—The federal trade commission investigation of the cattle and meat problem will begin here July 2, it was said in the federal building today.

RED CROSS WEEK IN-OMAHA FINDS TEAMS AT WORK

Leaders Start Out to Solicit Their Allotment; Wattles Speaks at the South Side Exchange.

Omaha's captains of industry who voluntarily abandoned their business for the entire week to devote their efforts to the success of the Red Cross finance campaign, and incidentally speed up the end of the war started out bright and early yesterday to solicit funds from every section of the city.

Long distance telephone calls from bankers in the state kept the wires sizzling with generous offers of assistance.

W. M. Morrow wired that Scottsbluff county guaranteed to exceed its allotment of \$17,500.

Norris Brown is in Plattsmouth to speak at the organization rally of the Red Cross there.

Word has also come that Seward is organized to co-operate in the campaign.

Talks at South Omaha. G. W. Wattles, chairman of the finance committee, spoke at noon at the South Omaha Livestock exchange in the interests of the campaign.

"If a mere handful of men could contribute over half of Omaha's allotment, which is \$250,000, Greater Omaha will undoubtedly swell the fund to more than the required goal," said one of the captains, "the Omaha wage earner is getting behind the campaign, even making sacrifices to do so."

Early Sunday morning after the Ad club's stirring appeal in the papers appeared, the telephone rang at the Red Cross headquarters.

"This is Mr. —," said the voice at the other end of the wire. "You would not know me if you saw me on the street. I have not much money, but I want to help win this war. I have bought a Liberty bond and am paying for it at the rate of \$5 a month. Now my wife and I want to help the Red Cross."

"We are poor and to pledge another \$50 to the Red Cross would mean actual hardship. I thought if I could turn over my Liberty bond to the Red Cross fund, it would help. If you will take it you are welcome to it, and God knows I would gladly add another \$50 for the boys at the front if I could."

Gives Liberty Bond. He was told to bring his bond to the headquarters.

"It isn't much in money, but think what it means in sentiment," said Chairman Wattles. "There are hundreds of thousands of men who will come forward once they understand the meaning of the campaign. Doubtless, this contribution represents more actual patriotism than many a subscription of \$5,000 or even \$10,000. With men with spirit like this back of the flag and Red Cross, how could the campaign fail?" he added.

Captain Fred Davis' team which is just announced, is as follows: O. T. Eastman, C. H. Pickens, R. A. Stewart, J. W. Parish, Fred Castle, M. W. Dimery, Harry A. Wolf, J. W. Holmquist and H. A. Tukey.

Boston Labor Rejects The Seattle Resolution

Boston, June 18.—A resolution sent here by the Central Labor council of Seattle, Wash., calling on all organized wage earners to demand the repeal of the army draft act and asking that there be no relaxation of the present restrictions on oriental immigration was unanimously voted down by the Boston Central Labor union last night.

American Ambulance Chief Killed In an Air Accident in Champagne

Paris, June 18.—Benny Woodworth of San Francisco, chief of the first section of the American ambulance field service, has been killed, and Lincoln Chatkoff, of New York City, pilot in the Lafayette squadron, dangerously wounded in an airplane accident, according to the Paris Herald.

WILSON PUSHES FOOD BILLS TO FRONT IN HOUSE

Members Are Warned They Must Take Responsibility for Prices if They Defeat Measures.

Washington, June 18.—The food bills were pushed to the front in both houses of congress today and with the personal influence of President Wilson pressing for their immediate passage it was more than likely that nothing else would be done until they were disposed of.

A letter from President Wilson to Representative Borland was made public this morning, in which the president warned opponents of the bills that should they defeat them they must be prepared to take the responsibility for food conditions and prices which were predicted to follow.

President Wilson's Letter. "A certain disservice has been done the measure by speaking of it as the food control bill. The object of the measure is not to control the food of the country, but to release it from the control of speculators and other persons who will seek to make inordinate profits out of it and to protect the people against the extortions which would result."

"It seems to me that those who oppose the measure ought very seriously to consider whether they are not playing into the hands of such persons and whether they are not making themselves responsible, should they succeed, for the extraordinary and oppressive price of food in the United States. Foodstuffs will, of course, inevitably be high, but it is possible, by perfectly legitimate means to keep them from being unreasonably and oppressively high."

The bill was explained to the house by Representative Lever as a measure which would harm no honest business man, but would drag "crooks" and speculators into the sunlight.

Opposition is Ready. The great majority of the house greeted the opening of debate with bursts of applause and approval, but the opposition was silently making ready for its attack.

In the senate the opposition also was ready. Led by Senator Reed of Missouri, Senator Smith of Georgia and Senator Gore of Arkansas, all democrats, it was contended that the first food bill, already passed and now awaiting conference with the house, contained provisions to check speculation and price fixing, which made the second bill unwise.

Revision of the house war tax bill by the senate finance committee promises to proceed with less speed than the food control legislation has precedence in the senate. Members said today they did not expect to complete the bill inside of two weeks, and that its consideration will be delayed until the food bill is disposed of.

Because of the absence of several senators the committee postponed action upon Senator Penrose's motion to consider the 5 per cent profits tax proposed for publishers.

Option Tax Stands. The committee decided to reject amendments by Senator Sherman of Illinois, advocated by grain dealers, to modify taxes upon options, failures and "scratch" sales. Senator Sherman proposed that the tax be levied upon the actual amount of cash involved in such trades and not upon the gross turnover involved.

The committee decided to retain the tax as now written in the bill.

Britons Plan Reprisals For Air Raids on Towns. London, June 18.—Replying to a series of questions in the House of Commons this afternoon as to whether the British government had decided upon reprisals for the German air raid upon England, Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council, said the government intended to take steps not only for damaging the enemy, but for preventing raids on England.

Food Crop Will Be Enormous, Says Blanchard. Chicago, June 18.—"The prospects for a record breaking food yield are such that I can see no justification for abnormal prices," said S. J. Blanchard, chief statistician of the federal reclamation service, who has just completed a survey of crops on reclamation projects in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Idaho, Nebraska and South Dakota. He estimated that while gross returns from these projects were \$38 an acre last year, they would be \$40 this year if properly harvested.

British Transport Sunk By Submarine; 63 Lost. London, June 18.—The British transport Camerounian, with a small number of troops on board, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the eastern Mediterranean on June 2, it was officially announced tonight. Sixty-three persons, including the captain of the transport, are presumed to have been drowned.

The Sunday Score Advertising in The Bee (Warfield Agency Measurement) Leads All in Display

Table with 2 columns: Display Type and Amount. Includes Local Display, Foreign Display, Automobiles, Classified, and Total for current and last year.

Crowding Us a Bit



CAMPS DELAYED; TROOP TRAINING WILL BE HELD UP

Construction of Cantonments Will Not Be Complete by September 1, as Had Been Planned.

Washington, June 18.—Unless there are unforeseen developments to hurry construction of the sixteen cantonments for training the new national army, the first increment of 650,000 troops will not be in training by September 1, as generally has been supposed, and in fact may not get into training for six weeks thereafter.

The first body of officers for the new army, now being trained in camps throughout the country, is to be turned out in August to make room for the rest of the army.

Similarly, steel for the entire navy building program is being bought at a rate fixed when Secretary Daniels rejected the proposals of the steel makers as too high.

Secretary Daniels said today that the coal operators proposed to furnish navy coal at a rate of \$295 a ton at the mine. The navy has been paying \$288 a ton delivered. The secretary directed the companies to ship immediately, the orders being prorated among the producers, agreeing to pay a tentative price of \$23.33 at the mines, pending a report from the Federal Trade commission.

Handsome Profit for Producers. Oil quotations submitted, Mr. Daniels, said, ranged from \$1.58 to \$1.86 a barrel, delivered at Port Arthur, although the present rate is 89 cents a barrel at that point. The department directed the producers to fill its orders for 50,000,000 barrels, leaving the question of price to be determined by the trade commission.

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Weed Out More Poor Material In Fort Snelling Officers' Camp. Minneapolis, Minn., June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—There was an ominous rattle of tinware around the officers' training camp at Fort Snelling when officials selected twenty men who had been reported as making unsatisfactory progress and attached tickets to the gate to them. This, it is intimated, is just the beginning of a two or three-day campaign to get rid of every misplaced enthusiast or slacker in the camp. It came incidental to the starting of work of the second period following the reorganization of yesterday.

The officials in charge now have through company commander reports a good line on every man in the camp and the disturbers, inattentive or otherwise, objectionable from the military standpoint are to be cleaned out without waste of time in attempting to make officers of them. This a record-breaking dismissal list, but it is intimated others will follow.

Another demonstration of military efficiency was given at the training camp today, when without a halt or pause of any sort the new training regime was adopted without confusion or delay. Bright and early the men were out at work—the infantry in pistol handling and field work, the latter work in instruction in advance and rear guard details.

The batteries of the artillery division were feigning new problems pending the arrival of guns, and the cavalry troop and Ninth company of the infantry cadets were out on the rifle range, tasting for the first time in the camp the toughness of their shoulders to the recoil of the Springfield rifles loaded with heavy cartridges.

DANIELS MAKES BIG REQUISITION FOR COAL AND OIL

Fuel Worth Many Millions of Dollars Will Be Paid For at Prices Fixed by Federal Commission.

Washington, June 18.—Secretary Daniels has ordered coal and oil producers to supply the enormous quantities needed by the navy at prices to be fixed later by the president, when the Federal Trade commission has determined a fair rate. The navy will use 1,750,000 tons of coal and 50,000,000 barrels of oil purchased under this application of the authority granted by congress.

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Mills Will Sell Steel to U. S. for \$56.20 a Ton

Washington, June 18.—A basic price of \$56.20 a ton was fixed for steel plates in contracts for ten steel ships signed today by Chairman Dennan of the shipping board. Future contracts will be let at that price instead of \$95 paid for steel in some earlier contracts.

ALL NOT SERENE WITH THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Other Members Reduce Assessments Over the Protests of County Assessor Fitzgerald.

It is plain from current developments that all is not harmony in the county board of equalization.

County Assessor Fitzgerald, who sent out notices to more than 5,000 taxpayers, including corporations, big business houses, factories and individuals, advising them of wholesale boosts which, total millions, seemed to be "peevish" this morning when the board overrode his action and voted to accept several schedules as returned, instead of falling in line with him.

The county assessor alone voted to raise several assessments which the other six members of the board refused to do.

A representative of the Omaha Casket company, raised from \$47,575 to \$75,000, appeared to protest. After hearing him a motion was made and seconded to accept the casket company's schedule as returned.

Are Against Fitzgerald. The vote was six to one, the county assessor responding "no" to roll call. Considerable time was taken up in hearing various protests involving sums of from \$50 to \$300.

The county assessor insisted that taxpayers make sworn statements before the equalization board.

"Can't we take a man's word for anything?" asked Commissioner McDonald.

"It's the law," persisted the county assessor.

At another stage of the morning session County Clerk Dewey inquired: "What's this board trying to do, anyway? Assess people, 80, 85 or 100 cents on the dollar?"

"We're trying to get the full amount," chimed in Deputy County Attorney Bednar, who sits at the county assessor's right hand most of the time and acts as his official promoter, while Deputy County Assessor Mahoney sits at Fitzgerald's left as another of his "official advisers."

In five and a half days the equalization board has heard only about 300 protests, the majority of them compromised upon, and the county assessor's boasts sustained in only a few instances.

Business houses and corporations, whose raises involve hundreds of thousands, and in some cases millions of dollars, are known to be preparing to fight the boosts to the finish. They are expected to come before the equalization board in the week or so.

Hundreds of communications from indignant taxpayers are being received daily by the equalization board.

One of them, addressed to the county assessor, was from T. E. Beebe, who was raised from \$50 to \$300 on household goods. He offers to sell the whole batch for \$100.

"You need an, my boy," he said to the county assessor in his letter.

George E. Rowe, 6010 North Twenty-fifth avenue, who was boosted on his household goods wrote to the county assessor:

"Why don't you get some of the old maids and bachelors living in hotels and boarding houses? There are hundreds of them with considerable property and they're not paying one cent of taxes."

War Robs Yale Class Day of Its Features. New Haven, Conn., June 18.—The picturesqueness of class day at Yale university departed today with the carrying out of a war time program for commencement. There were few banners or class flags flying and the only emblem of the historic class day arrangements was the planting of ivy by the academic seniors.

BALKANS ARE AGAIN CENTER OF INTEREST

Developments Indicate Advance of Large Expedition Up the Vardar Valley from Macedonia.

(Associated Press War Summary.) Important developments are foreshadowed on the Macedonian front, following the abdication of King Constantine, by reports today of a withdrawal by the British without pressure of their advanced positions east of the Struma river on the extreme easterly end of the front and pronounced reconnoitering activity by the allies' forces along the Vardar.

It has been frequently pointed out by military observers that virtually the only practicable route for a successful advance to cut the lines of the central powers in the Balkans and reclaim Serbia is up the Vardar valley, along the railway line there. The present activities seem to point to the probability that an offensive by General Sarrail in the only likely sector—that embracing the Vardar area—is imminent.

Strengthen Right Flank. Had this been decided upon it would be a natural move for the British to relinquish the advanced ground they held along the Struma and withdraw as they have done to the bridgehead near the river, thereby strengthening the allies right flank for defensive purposes, while the offensive stroke was delivered by the center.

An aggressive move, it would seem, has now been made possible by the removal of the menace to the allies from the rear, which existed as long as Constantine and his pro-German political advisers in control of the Greek military situation.

Both the Russian army and the Russian navy are giving more evidence of aggressive intent. Recent German and Austrian statements have intimated increasing activities by the Russian military forces in various sectors, notably Volhynia and Galicia, where the great Brusiloff offensive was in full swing at this time a year ago.

Russians Get Busy. The Russian naval arm also has been so largely in evidence in Baltic waters that Berlin announces it has been found necessary to carry out extensive air raiding operations on Russian bases in this area.

In the Arras battle area the British were subjected to a heavy counter attack on the new position they won last Thursday east of Monchy Le Preux. They held fast to the main point, the important Infantry hill, but had to fall back from some positions they had established farther in advance.

Bulgarian Official Report. Sofia, June 18.—(Via London.)—A general retirement of British forces along the Struma front is reported as follows by the war office today:

"Macedonian front: In the sector between Lakes Butkovo and Tahinos the British abandoned the advanced position they had hitherto occupied and returned to the bridgehead position on the left bank of the river. Our troops occupy Ormanli, Barakli, Juma Kumli, Keupri, Prosenik, Beglikmah, Salmah and Kakarasha."

Britons Falling Back. London, June 8.—The British have fallen back from some of their advanced posts in northern France, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The main new positions are still held.

Paris, June 18.—"Intermittent cannonading occurred at various points on the front last night," says today's official statement. "Our reconnoitering parties penetrated the enemy lines near Leintrey and southwest of Senones, bringing back prisoners."

German Destroy Russ Base. Berlin, June 18.—(Via London.)—German airplanes on Friday effected a landing on an island in the Bay of Riga and destroyed a Russian base there, it is announced officially. The statement follows:

"Greater activity by Russian naval forces in submarine and mine warfare made necessary defensive measures on the German side, which had the following results:

"On June 13 our airplanes dropped explosive and incendiary bombs in large quantities on Russian bases, obtaining good results. On June 14 the military station on the Island of Ruone, in the Bay of Riga, was bombed with visible success. On June 15 our airplanes landed on the island and destroyed the remaining portions of the base. All of our airplanes returned."

Commerce Commissioner J. C. Clements Is Dead. Washington, June 18.—Commerce Commissioner Judson C. Clements of the Interstate Commerce commission died here today.

Commissioner Clements had served on the rate-making body since 1892 and once had been chairman. He was 60 years old, a native of Georgia and before going on the commission had served five terms in congress, representing the district of which his home, Rome, Ga., was the center.

British Union Jack Taken Up Bunker Hill

Boston, June 18.—The British union jack was taken up Bunker Hill for the first time today in a military and civic parade commemorating the historic battle between the American minute men and the English red coats, 142 years ago. It fluttered at the head of the baggage band of the New Brunswick Militia battalion, 25th Canadian Overseas Regiment, on its farewell appearance before returning home after a two weeks' recruiting campaign here.

Denies Chadron Evidence.

Judge Baker elicited from the witness denial of the evidence offered at Chadron, that Maloney had sent (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Nothing from Maloney.

Attorney Baker: "Did you tell Sutton that Wolf and Dolan went to you and presented Steve Maloney's personal card, stating they were all right? Had any written communication from Maloney whatever?"