



OMAHA'S QUOTA OF NEW ARMY FACES DOCTORS AND THE EXEMPTION BOARDS

FRENCH TROOPERS SMASH TEUTONS' LINE IN BIG DRIVE

Activities on All Fronts Show Lines Are Not Materially Changed Except in the Champagne Region.

(Associated Press War Summary.) French troops last night broke into the lines of the German crown prince on the Champagne front at three places, inflicting losses on the Germans and bringing back prisoners, it was officially announced today by the French war department.

Russians Retreat. In the direction of Kimpoling in Bukovina, Austro-German forces, after a battle with the Russians, occupied the heights of Molit, says the official announcement issued today by the Russian department.

In the region of the river Estratza, two Russian regiments voluntarily left their positions causing the Russian troops to retire a few miles.

South of Grimalov the Russians drove back the Teuton advanced posts.

In the region west of the river Zbrocz on the Russian-Galician frontier, Austro-German troops, the statement adds, are hastily gathering the harvest.

In the direction of Fokshani on the Romanian front, the forces of the central powers and their allies began an offensive and pressed back the Russo-Romanian troops across the river Tyrladesus.

Germans Thrown Back. Austro-German troops between the Dniester and the Pruth have been thrown back on the front ten miles from Chotin, according to news from the battle area reaching here.

A conference of the representatives of the entente allies, a continuation of the Paris conference, was commenced in London this morning.

Among those present at the conference were Premier Ribot and Minister of War Painleve of France; Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister; J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, and Arthur Henderson and the other members of the British war cabinet.

Oklahoma Slacker Riots Nearing End; Death for Leaders

Oklahoma City, Okl., Aug. 7.—The man hunt for draft resisters in three counties of southeastern Oklahoma is nearing a close. Officers today believed they had placed more than half of the Working Class union membership—estimated at between 500 and 600—in the state penitentiary and county jails.

Preliminary trials of prisoners taken to McAlester will begin tomorrow before United States Commissioner Robert N. McMillan. The United States attorney has announced that draft resisters will be tried for conspiracy and treason charges and the death penalty will be asked by the government.

Villa Bandits Are Again Active Near Border

Presidio, Tex., Aug. 7.—A band of Villa followers was reported to have been seen within a short distance of Ojinaga, near here, early today. The government garrison in Ojinaga started preparations to defend the town against an attack. The band is believed to be near the border to obtain ammunition for Villa from the American side.

Colorado and Kansas Students Will Go to Fort Sheridan

Fort Sheridan, Ill., Aug. 7.—The training school for officers which opens here August 27, will include students from Colorado and Kansas, it was announced today.

Man Who Wants to Fight For Kaiser Is Arrested

Grand Junction, Colo., Aug. 7.—Because he is said to have made the statement he would not fight against his father and brother who are in the German army and would rather fight for Germany than the United States, Henry Francke, a young farm hand employed near here, is in jail here, held for federal investigation.

WAR PROFITS ON U. S. PURCHASES TO BE KEPT DOWN

Government Will Commandeer Material If Disposition Is Shown to Be Unreasonable.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 7.—President Wilson turned his attention today to the subject of war prices and paid a personal visit to the federal trade commission to urge expedition of investigations to ascertain the costs of producing materials required by the government.

At the president's direction the commission has undertaken inquiries to determine production costs on most of the basic supplies needed for war uses, including coal, coke, steel, iron, petroleum, tin, aluminum, wire, zinc, copper, lead, cement, lumber and their derivatives.

Announcement of a definite policy respecting war purchases and prices probably will be made soon. War profits will be kept to a minimum and if producers and manufacturers evince any great unwillingness to supply the country's war needs at reasonable prices, the government's power to commandeer materials will be invoked.

The biggest problem now occupying officials studying the subject of war prices is the protection for the general public. Although the proposal is meeting determined opposition the administration intends that the allies shall share with this government in reduced costs for supplies.

Interests of Individuals. It is realized, however, that heavy government purchases will tend to raise prices to private consumers and this presents an obstacle that is causing considerable concern.

General Purchasing Board. The war board will meet again tomorrow and probably will make known a buying policy so far as questions of procedure are concerned. The present plan is to consolidate American and allied government war purchases through the central purchasing committee, which is a part of the war board.

Lumber and Steel Data. The trade commission sometime ago began inquiries into the lumber industry and data on production costs of materials will be ready soon.

Although charged only with investigation of costs it is entirely likely the commission will make suggestions as to what it considers fair prices for materials and that the war board will follow closely its recommendations.

Central League Gives Up Fight and Closes Season

Waterloo, Ia., Aug. 7.—The Central association closed its season today. Bad weather, coupled with conditions arising from the war, which affected attendance are given as the cause.

Medical Students Are Not Exempt Under the Latest Official Ruling

The status of medical students in connection with the selective draft has not been definitely determined, although communications from Washington to President Francis X. McMenamy of Creighton university and Dean Irving S. Cutter of the University of Nebraska college of medicine indicate that the medical are not within the exemption.

Recent information received by President McMenamy from United States Commissioner of Education Philander B. Clayton advised medical students to continue their studies, in the belief that they would not be subject to the selective draft.

A subsequent letter received this week by the president of Creighton university reads: "Some days ago I sent to presidents of colleges and universities and technical schools a letter stating that the War department believed that students in technical schools and colleges who are within the age limits

32 Hospitals a New Army and National Guard Camps Will Cost, \$14,500,000; Will Have 1,000 Beds and Modern Equipment

Washington, Aug. 7.—The war department authorizes the following: Provisions for caring for the health of the soldiers now being made by the medical department of the army include the construction of thirty-two hospitals at National Army and National Guard camps, the enlargement of some thirty hospitals used in connection with officers' training camps, taking over or construction of at least two general hospitals at ports, increasing the size of two other general hospitals behind these, and the building or taking over of a number of general hospitals to be used for special treatment work.

Plans for this phase of the work are not complete. Efforts are being made to secure hospital buildings ready built, but some will probably have to be constructed. A number of sites have been offered already.

A further step to be worked out is the provision of reconstruction hospitals, where artificial limbs will be made, repair surgery done, artificial limbs fitted to patients, and re-education of cripples begun, to enable them to use the artificial limbs provided and again become useful members of society.

The aim of the medical department is to have hospital provisions for 5 per cent of the enlisted force by fall, and then to proceed to extend that to 10 per cent. Abroad facilities for 20 per cent of the American expeditionary forces will be provided.

At cantonment hospital provision will be made for 3 per cent of the troops at each camp. A complete modern hospital will be constructed at each, containing at least 1,000 beds. With the space reserved for extensions, each hospital and its auxiliary buildings will require sixty acres. This allotment will leave generous space between the various buildings of each hospital.

Hospitals at National Army camps will cost approximately \$500,000 each, and at National Guard camps, where heating is not required, construction is lighter and sewer connected plumbing not to be used, about \$400,000. This will bring the total cost of the thirty-two hospitals to about \$14,500,000.

Each hospital will have equipment equal to that of the best institutions in the country, although the construction of the buildings will be of much cheaper quality.

SENATE TO VOTE ON FOOD CONTROL BILL AT 4 TODAY

Conference Report Approved by House Last Week Will Be Adopted Almost Unanimously.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—After another day's debate of the administration food control bill the senate today reached a formal agreement by unanimous consent to vote tomorrow at four o'clock on the conference report which was approved by the house last week.

Both advocates and opponents of the legislation said tonight there was no doubt of the senate's approval of the conference report, probably by an overwhelming majority. Sending of the measure to President Wilson for his signature will be delayed until Friday because the house adjourned today until Friday and the final draft must be signed by presiding officers of both houses.

Many Features Criticized. Discussion today, in criticism of many features of the legislation and mostly by senators who expect to vote for the conference draft, apparently resulted in conviction among the opponents that further discussion would achieve nothing.

The principal speech of the day was made by Senator Wadsworth, who said the good things in the bill outnumbered the bad ones, but protested elimination of the provision for a congressional committee to supervise war expenditures and predicted that the \$2 minimum wheat price fixing provision might not operate as its proponents believe. He urged cooperation between the legislative and administrative branches and a greater degree of publicity of the conduct of the war.

Long Delay Denounced. The New York senator denounced the delay in enactment of the first food bill as a breaking of faith by the government with the people.

"Some power, some person or some influence prevented the enactment of the so-called food survey bill," he said. "We are told that the delay was a piece of legislative strategy." It may

Ten Thousand Sailors Gain 75 Tons in Weight

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Ten thousand bluejackets stationed at the Great Lakes naval training station weigh an aggregate of seventy-five tons more than they did a month ago. A record of physical condition of the men at the station, completed today, shows that each man has gained an average of fifteen pounds in weight.

The general health of the men was pronounced excellent by the naval examining physicians who attributed the general increase to regularity of rest, cleanliness, wholesome food and outdoor exercise.

BUYERS FROM ALL OVER WORLD VIEW TRACTORS AT SHOW

Representatives of English and Russian Governments Show Keen Interest at Big Fremont Demonstration.

Representatives of the English and Russian governments are inspecting tractors at the Fremont Power Farming demonstration, with a view to buying tractors for their respective governments.

GLORIOUS RAIN COVERS ENTIRE STATE: CROP SURE

One of Heaviest Downpours of Season Insures Corn Yield; Helps the Pastures and Potatoes.

There is no question about the rain Monday night having been worth \$1,000,000 to Nebraska. It was worth millions and was one of the heaviest of the season. It came in time to aid in making the best corn crop in the history of the state.

If there was any doubt about a bumper corn crop for Nebraska this season, the doubt has gone glimmering. With an inch or more precipitation Monday night, following nearly as much during the last three or four days, reaching into every corner of the state, there is no question now but that the corn crop is assured, even if there should not be another drop of rain this season.

In Omaha and vicinity rain commenced falling soon after 5 o'clock Monday night, continuing until close to midnight. At times it was a perfect deluge of water, and at others a gentle downpour, soaking into the ground and moistening the roots of the vegetation.

Believe He'll Buy

An English officer, fully uniformed, is showing great interest in the tractors. He is saying little as to his plans, but the tractor men all felt that he is a prospective customer, and there is an undercurrent of feeling that he may at any time flash a check book and put over a big order for tractors for the English government.

An Austrian officer, who was at the tractor show last year and who then sought to slip some tractors abroad, is again at the show, but this year he realizes that shipping tractors from America to the central powers is impossible. As a consequence he is simply looking on, watching the Englishman and the Russians as they seek

Railroads Are Experiencing Record of Prosperity Now

Washington, Aug. 7.—Record prosperity for the railroads is shown in Interstate Commerce commission reports for June.

The 153 roads covered by the figures, operating three-fourths of the country's mileage, reported that their net revenue increased nearly \$8,000,000 over June, 1916, the previous record month, and reached a total of \$88,283,329. Operating revenues increased more than \$38,000,000, totaling \$273,867,527, while expenses were approximately \$39,000,000 higher than a year ago.

U-Boat Enters Dutch Harbor to Avoid Weather

Amsterdam, Aug. 7.—The German submarine U-30, accompanied by two Dutch torpedo boats, today entered the waterway of the Netherlands fishing town of Maasvluis, ten miles west of Rotterdam, according to a dispatch to the Handelsblad. It is understood that the U-boat merely is awaiting better weather.

Submarine Beaten Off by Spanish Fishing Smack

London, Aug. 7.—The admiralty learns that a German submarine yesterday attacked a Spanish fishing boat in the neighborhood of Bilbao, Spain, within Spanish territorial waters. Two of the crew were severely wounded.

Barker Nominated Register Land Office at Great Falls

Washington, Aug. 7.—Joseph A. Barker of Great Falls, Mont., was nominated today by President Wilson to be register of the land office at that place.

Millionaire Railroad Man's Son Claims Exemption

New York, Aug. 7.—Kingdon Gould of Lake Wood, N. J., railroad official and eldest son of George Jay Gould, capitalist, has filed at Toms River, N. J., a claim of exemption from forced military duty on the plea of dependents for support. He had been passed as physically fit for army duty by the surgeon of the exemption board. Gould was married July 2.

Japs Send Five Delegates To Study Conditions in U. S.

Tokio, Aug. 7.—Members of the house of representatives met and decided to send five of their members to the United States to study conditions. They will start about September 1 and return in December. The delegation will represent all parties.

DRAFTED MAN HAS HIS TEETH KNOCKED OUT TO EVADE ARMY; MUST FACE SLACKER CHARGES

Exemption Boards Hear All Sorts of Excuses From Men Who Prefer to Stay at Home Rather Than Fight for the U. S. in Trenches of Europe.

When the exemption boards closed their sessions Tuesday night about all of the Omaha quota of the draft army had been examined, and a good share had turned in their claims for exemption.

The boards worked at top speed all day Tuesday and by noon 2,000 men had been examined. Probably 3,000 men will have to be passed before enough are found that are not exempt to fill the quota.

Table with columns: MEN EXAMINED TO TUESDAY NOON, District, Examined, Passed, Rejected. Totals: 1642, 1140, 277.

FINISH TESTING BOYS OF 'DANDY SIXTH' REGIMENT

Work of Examining Guardsmen Preparatory to Formal Drafting Into Federal Service Concluded at Midnight.

Army officers last night at midnight finished the work of examining men of the Sixth Nebraska preparatory to the formal drafting of the regiment into federal service. The examinations were conducted at the Auditorium.

Most of the examining is now over, but there is much recording and such work to be done before the army officers in charge of the work can leave.

A force of secretaries and all the officers of the companies are working nearly twenty-four hours a day this week to get all done before the order to proceed to Deming comes. The next thing after the drafting in will be inoculation for typhoid and vaccination.

The men face the prospect of much discomfort if they are sent south a week or so after this, especially as no sleeping cars are provided for the private soldiers.

Sleep in Auditorium. Forty members of Company A of the "Dandy Sixth," who have been sleeping at the Hotel Castle, have at last found a place to "lay their heads." The cots requisitioned for the company by Sergeant McHugh arrived yesterday and members of the company who wished had a cot and two blankets, likewise cot-room, in the Auditorium.

Probably a finer or more worthwhile bunch of men than the "Dandy Sixth" boasts has never been gotten together in the guards. Here are a few taken at random from just one company, A:

Captain Clinton Brome is an Omaha lawyer. His father, H. C. Brome, is a former president of the Barristers' club. Captain Brome saw service in the old Second Nebraska. Lieutenant McHugh of Company A attended Culver Military academy for two years and there he got his first liking for military affairs. He saw service last year on the border and became interested, with other Omaha men this year, in the organizing of an Omaha battalion for the new Sixth regiment. He is the son of Judge McHugh of Omaha.

Sergeant O. Farrand, of A, is a veteran army man, having served nine years in the regular army. He was in the Philippines some years before returning to civil life. He resigned a position as motorcycle policeman in South Omaha to get back into the harness again.

Martin Brown, the quartermaster sergeant of company A, was for years chief clerk of the Burlington freight depot. He had 150 men under his direction and for years he bought all the supplies of the Burlington.

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