

# RED CROSS CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$100,000,000 WILL OPEN ON MAY 20

### Week Set Aside By Presidential Proclamation for Contributions for War Relief Work; Fund for 1917 Practically Exhausted; American People Urged To Give Generously.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 7.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross week" and calling upon the American people to contribute generously to the second \$100,000,000 war fund of the American Red Cross for the alleviation of suffering among the American troops in France and their dependents at home and among the fighting forces and civilian populations of the allied countries.

The proclamation follows: Inasmuch as the war fund of 1917, so generously contributed by the American people to the American Red Cross for the administration of relief at home and abroad, has been practically exhausted by appropriations for the welfare of the men in our military and naval forces, and for those dependent upon them, and for the yet more urgent necessities of our allies, military and civilian, who have long borne the brunt of war; "And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for war relief;

"And, inasmuch as the year of our own participation in the war has brought unprecedented demands upon the patriotism and liberality of our people, and made evident the necessity of concentrating the work of relief in one main organization which can respond effectively and universally to the needs of humanity under stress of war; "And, inasmuch as the duration of the war and the closer and closer co-operation of the American Red Cross with our own army and navy, with the governments of our allies, and with foreign relief organizations, have resulted in the discovery of new opportunities of helpfulness under conditions which translate opportunity into duty;

"And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross war council and its commissioners in Europe have faithfully and economically administered the people's trust; "Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as president of the United States and president of the Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 20, 1918, as "Red Cross week," during which the people of the United States will be called upon again to give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving distress during the war and assisting in maintaining the morale of our own troops, and the troops and peoples of our allies by this manifestation, effort and sacrifice on the part of those who, though not privileged to bear arms, are of one spirit, purpose and determination with our warriors."

## GENERAL MAURICE STIRS BRITISH BY GRAVE CHARGES

(Continued from Page One.) France was not dealt with by the Versailles war council and he asserts that the statement of the chancellor of the exchequer is incorrect. He declares: "It was at Versailles when the question was decided by the council to which it had been referred." General Maurice then traverses Premier Lloyd George's assertion April 9 that the British army in France was considerably stronger January 1, 1918, than it was January 1, 1917, adding: "That statement implies that Haig's fighting strength on the eve of the battle beginning March 21 had not been diminished. That is not correct."

General Maurice also denies the truth of Premier Lloyd George's assertion that there was only one white division in Mesopotamia and only three white divisions in Egypt and Palestine. Realizes Consequences of Act. The former director of military operations forestalls the possible charge that he is engaged in military conspiracy and says he has not the least desire to see the government in the hands of soldiers. "My reasons for taking the very grave step of writing this letter," he says, "are that the statements referred to are known by a large number of soldiers to be incorrect, and this knowledge is breeding such distrust of the government as can only end in impairing the splendid morale of our troops at a time when everything possible should be done to raise it."

"I have therefore decided, fully realizing the consequences to myself, that my duty as a citizen must override my duty as a soldier, and I ask you to publish this letter in the hope that Parliament will order an investigation of the statements I have made." No attempt is made by the London newspapers to conceal the gravity of the charges made by General Maurice and a searching parliamentary inquiry is demanded. Shortly before his transfer General Maurice, in one of his customary weekly interviews with American newspapermen, made remarks which were considered in some quarters as reflecting on General Foch, the commander-in-chief of the combined allied forces.

Wine for Brave Gunners. Paris, May 7.—The municipal council has decided to send several cases of good wine to the French artillerymen who are counter-attacking the German long-range gun.

## ALLIES WIN HARD ELECTION BATTLE FOR COMMISSION

(Continued from Page One.) tion commissioner and have taken their oaths of office, they will organize and agree as to the departments they will have.

Jardine, who made the race as "the political orphan," came out in last place. Heavy Vote Cast. The election was orderly and representative. It is estimated that 25,000 electors attended the polls. Many workers were out, the administration forces almost depleting the city hall in an 11th-hour effort to rally strength to their cause.

Before the returns began to indicate the defeat of Mayor Dahlman, he was confident every member of his ticket would go through. The soldier vote will be canvassed today by Election Commissioner Moorhead, with J. B. Watkins and J. P. Moriarity as special assistants appointed by the governor. The law provides that no soldier ballots received later than 8 p. m. today shall be counted. The canvassing board estimates that not more than 1,000 ballots will be returned by the soldiers and it is not believed that the addition of these ballots will materially affect any candidate. In Mayor Dahlman's precinct, the Sixth of the Eighth ward, he received 75 votes, as against 128 for Ed. P. Smith. Hummel Takes Fall. One of the surprising features of the election was the showing made by Hummel who holds ninth place. He was first in the line at the election three years ago. Anonymous posters were circulated throughout the city, associating Hummel's name with the Kaiser. An attempt which was made at many voting precincts, to reject Butler for Jardine, did not carry far, according to the returns. The defeat of Reynolds and Wulf, labor candidates of the field, was generally forecasted, on account of their opposing alignment. Webster Off the List. One of Election Commissioner

Moorhead's zealous inspectors crossed the name of John L. Webster off the registration list, making him "challenged, unable to find him," at 518 South Twenty-fifth avenue, being the house in which Mr. Webster has lived for over 30 years. When Mr. Webster offered to vote the election officer announced "Challenge overruled," and gave him a ballot. Later in the day Dr. F. N. Conner, Webster's next door neighbor, came to him in company with Attorney F. H. Gaines, for an affidavit to help him swear in his vote, he being likewise challenged off the voters list. Gathered in Record Time. All records were broken last night in the tabulation of an Omaha city election. Chief Dempsey and Captain Patullo of the police department, men at the fire houses, General Manager Howell of the water department, city hall clerks and the city hall newspaper reporters co-operated in a system which was worked out successfully. Twelve motorcycles were used to cover most of the city and other volunteers brought the unofficial vote of the 14 candidates for city commissioners to the city hall in double-quick time. Use Adding Machines. The city clerk's office was used as headquarters and the tabulations were made by operators on Burroughs adding machines loaned for the occasion. By the use of these machines it was possible to strike 14 totals at any time during the tabulation. The totals of 10 precincts were tabulated on the adding machines before 9 o'clock and at 9:45 totals of 14 precincts were announced to a crowd. Shortly after 11 o'clock 130 precincts had been tabulated on the adding machines and the successful candidates were announced. This was the first time that a city election has been counted in the city hall. The value of the adding machines elicited comments from those who observed the work.

## BRITISH BEATEN EAST OF JORDAN, TURKS ANNOUNCE

Constantinople, May 7.—British troops which made an attack in Palestine on the eastern side of the Jordan river, have been repulsed by the Turks, who brought up reserves and caused them to retreat toward the river, the war office announces. The British are said to have suffered heavy losses. The Turks are reported to be pursuing the British.

## JAPAN'S SUPPORT IN WAR PLEDGED BY BARON GOTO

Washington, May 7.—Baron Shimpei Goto, new Japanese minister for foreign affairs, has conveyed to Secretary Lansing a message of reassurance of Japan's determination to promote the relations existing between the United States and Japan, and expressing that Germany will be defeated. In reply Secretary Lansing expressed his gratification at the words of the Japanese minister.

## Body Found Believed That Of Missing York Sheriff

Lewiston, Mont., May 7.—A body found near Roy tonight is believed to be that of former Sheriff J. H. Afferbach of York, Neb., who disappeared in 1916, after starting for York with a prisoner, Harry Randolph.

## U. S. STEAMSHIP SUNK BY SUB OFF COAST OF FRANCE

### Eleven Members of Crew Killed or Drowned When Steamer Tyler Goes to Bottom.

New York, May 7.—The American steamship Tyler, formerly an Old Dominion freighter, has been torpedoed and sunk off the French coast, according to information received in marine circles here today. Eleven members of the crew were killed or drowned. The Tyler was a vessel of 3,928 tons gross, and was built in 1913. It was sunk May 3. Of the 11 who perished, six were members of the merchant crew and five were navy gunners. The members of the merchant crew killed were E. W. Mears, third assistant engineer, Wash Creek, Va.; Clarence E. Knowlton oiler, Norfolk, Va.; F. Kaumato, messman, no address; Jose Roderiguez, fireman; Gregario Carro, coal passer; Fernando Lasse fireman; three last from Corunna, Spain.

## UKRAINE REBELS AGAINST GERMAN MILITARY RULE

London, May 7.—The Ukrainian government has sent a note to Berlin intimating that it will resign if several German officials are not recalled by Germany, says a Reuter dispatch from Moscow, dated Saturday. The note specifically mentions General von Eichhorn, the military commander, and Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, the German ambassador. Whether the note referred to above was sent by the old Ukrainian government or the new peasant government is not clear. Probably it was sent by the old government and led up to the arrest of members of that government by the German military authorities when they protested against the measures being carried out by the Germans.

## PERSHING'S VETS VISIT HOMES IN TWO IOWA TOWNS

Sergeant Owen Hawkins, a member of Pershing's forces in France, who was decorated with the French war medal and who is now in America in interest of the third Liberty loan, reached Red Oak, Ia., Tuesday morning, and will pass his short furlough there visiting his mother. Private A. Montgomery of Stuart, Ia., and Corporal Muriel Skinner, also members of the Liberty loan party and heroes of the famous Iowa division, are at their homes for a short visit. The three veterans will speak in Des Moines, Ia., Friday, according to R. H. Faxon, commissioner of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, who is in Omaha today. An effort will be made to have one of the soldiers speak in Omaha.

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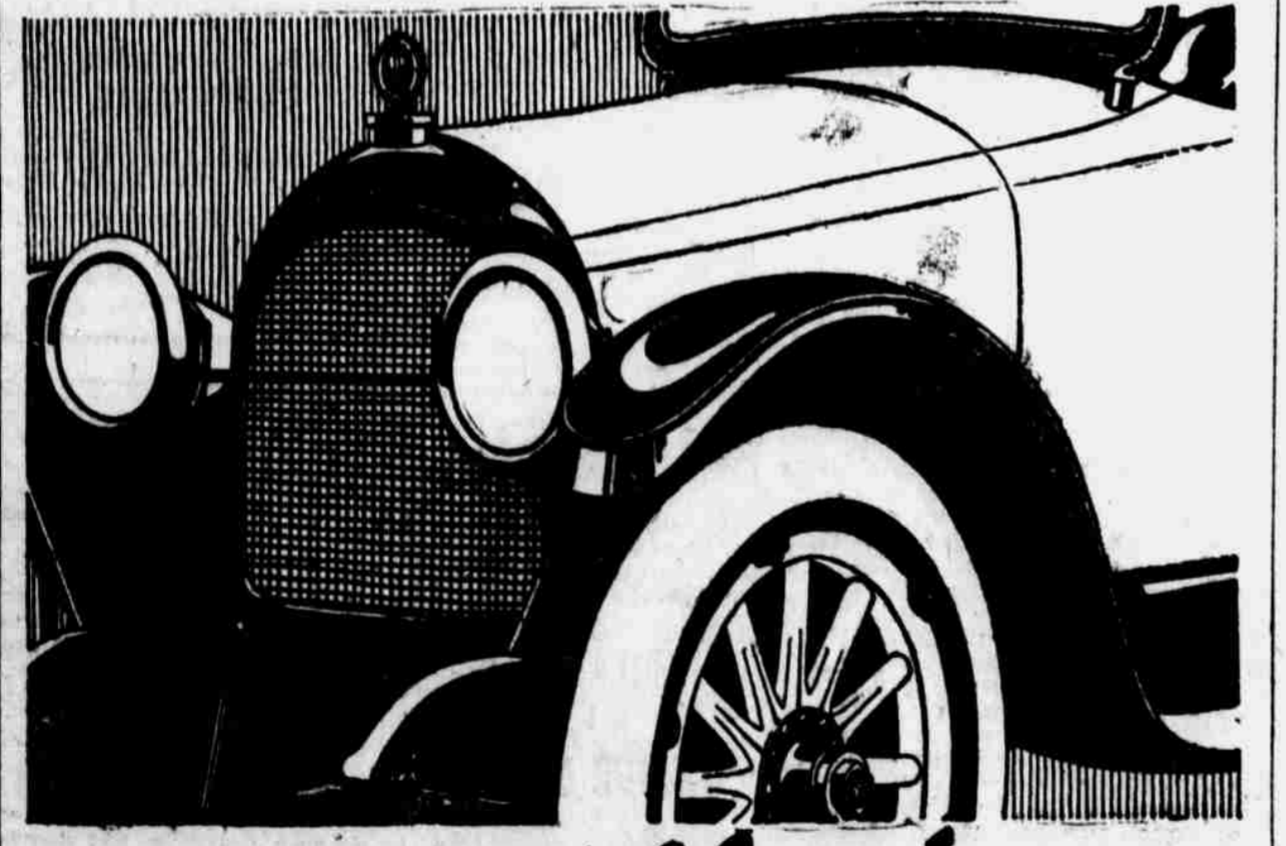
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