

CREEL PENITENT FOR HOT SPEECH SCORING SOLONS

Chairman of Committee of Public Information Declares He Meant No Reflection on Congress.

Washington, May 17.—George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, has written Chairman Pou of the house rules committee hed no intention of reflecting on congress in his much discussed recent speech in New York, in which he was quoted as saying that inasmuch as he did not enjoy slumming he would not explore the hearts of congressmen.

The remarks attributed to Creel created a furore in congress, with demands for investigation of his committee and declarations that if correctly quoted he was unfit to hold his office.

It was indicated yesterday by house leaders that the matter probably would be permitted to drop and Creel's letter to Pou probably assures such a disposition of the incident.

"I do not believe anyone could be more severe on Mr. Creel than Mr. Creel was on himself when he talked to me," Pou told the committee. "He told me he never intended to reflect on congress and was willing to repair any blunder he may have made."

Congressmen Score Creel.

"I would be willing to accept his apology if he would tender his resignation," said Representative Rogers of Illinois, republican. "I am surprised that the president has not removed him from office."

"I think that if he thought his usefulness as chairman of the committee on public information was at an end he would resign," replied Mr. Pou.

"If he does not know that his usefulness in that position is at an end, he is the only one who does not know it," interjected Representative Campbell of Kansas, republican.

Mr. Pou further declared Mr. Creel had told him in their conversation that he would be willing to be used anywhere the government or the president desired to place him if by making a change he could serve the country to better advantage.

LAND FLEET IN UNIQUE DRIVE TO RECRUIT MEN

Great Lakes, Ill., May 17.—Three daughters of naval officers are to act as sponsors at the christening exercises today of the Great Lakes land-going recruiting fleet. They are the Misses Moffett, Wilson and Childs, respectively, daughters of the commandant, inspector of recruiting and a recruiting officer.

The fleet on wheels is ready to be launched. It consists of a torpedo boat destroyer, a submarine and a submarine chaser, and they bear the names "Great Lakes," "M4 No. 98" and "Eagle," respectively. Each vessel has mounted guns and the submarine carries torpedoes. Two standard coaches, one for examining physicians and the other for mess purposes, will be carried with the fleet. A detachment of the Great Lakes band will accompany the fleet.

Plans for the movement of the fleet include a trip over every traction line in the middle west. The playing of the band and the roaring of cannon will announce the arrival of the fleet at each "port" it visits.

War Makes U. S. World's Silk Manufacturing Center

Washington May 17.—The United States has become the silk manufacturing center of the world as a result of the war, which has simulated the manufacture of silk here and in the far east at the expense of Europe.

A study of the silk industry, the first official inquiry of the kind, has just been completed by the tariff commission.

Japan continues to lead the world in the production of silk, while the United States, first among the nations in its manufacture, does not produce a single pound of the material. France continues the chief European manufacturer of silk and the principal source of American imports, Japan ranking second.

The annual requirements of the American silk industry are 20,000 tons of silk and silk waste, 10,000 tons of cotton and other yarns, and 1,000 tons of metallic tin for weighting. Most striking of all the developments due to the war has been the expansion of the spun-silk industry. The government is requiring vast amounts of coarse silk cloth, made from silk noil, for making powder bags for the big guns.

Huns Advance Like Locusts In Frightful Mass Attacks

Liverpool, May 17.—A Liverpool officer, in a letter from the front, writes of the German mass attack recently:

"I have watched several of these attacks through my field glasses, and have been filled with horror each time. They ploughed forward in serried ranks. The majority did not even trouble to fix bayonets. Many had their rifles slung over their shoulders and they advanced apparently with profound indifference over the bodies of their comrades.

"My first thought was that they must be drugged, they advanced with such callousness and utter unconcern. The simile of the locust has often been applied to the German hosts, and it would seem to be well justified, for in all the recent attacks there is the suggestion of the insensate soldier being absolutely indifferent to what happens to himself or his comrades, and obeying only one over-mastering force and impulse."

Age Limit

"This idea of an age limit is all right," said Plodding Peter, "but it tops too quick."

"What do you mean?"

"There's nothin' to look forward to. A man soon gets too old to fight, but he's never too old to work."

New Giant Diving Bell Now In Use for River Dredging



GIANT DIVING BELL. This tremendous diving bell, newly constructed, is to be used by the government for extending and increasing the availability of our docks and ports. It is of the most improved type, and is fitted with safety appliances and large capacity air tanks.

Hope Is Aurora Borealis That Makes Women Smile Through Gloom in France

A people in mourning—a whole nation shrouded in war's gloom, yet patiently hopeful of the peace America will surely bring—this is the France of today as seen by Mrs. Leroy King, formerly of University Place, Neb., now of Bordeaux, who is visiting in Omaha today.

"Everywhere you go it is the same," said Mrs. King. "Not a hamlet, not a home but is bowed by the reign of frightfulness. Every woman is in mourning. Matron and maid alike wear the crepe on the dress and the dull, black veil."

Smiles Dispel Tears.

Never for one moment have the French, in the depths of their sorrow, suggested the possibility of defeat. But now the French women smile through their tears.

America, they say, is coming to save their beloved country. Meanwhile, madame and mademoiselle are busy with their letters of cheer to the brave poilus in the trenches and their supplies of chocolate and coffee and cigars and the monthly "bien" or gift of money, for the French private receives only five sous a day from his government.

Mrs. King has "mon filleul"—several of him—and the requests she receives from her proteges are funny and often pathetic.

Those American Razors.

"You must know, ma marraine (my godmother), that ever since I have been in the war I have had no razor with which to shave myself," reads one quaint letter, which Mrs. King prizes. "I have always to borrow from a comrade, and he gets very tired of it. The Americans have such pretty razors. Can you get me one like theirs?"

"Five dollars for a safety!" laughed Mrs. King, "but it was worth while if the poor boy enjoyed it."

For months this young American woman has supplied coffee to a Canadian boy, who craved this delicacy more than anything else.

"Send us chocolate, cigars, books, magazines and papers," say the soldiers' letters, "but, 'toujours le tabac' (always the tobacco), adds the naive poilu.

Poilus Last Request.

One "filleul" asked for a pocket flashlight. His work, he said, was to carry munitions at night, and he often stumbled over the rough ground in the dark. Mrs. King sent the coveted article, but before it reached its destination the poor poilu was hit by a Hun shell and killed.

The eternal war grind wears on the temperamental Frenchman.

"Je vous assure, chere marraine, ca n'est pas bien gai" (I assure you, dear godmother, it is not very gay), sighed one boy, writing to his American sponsor. "Mais, c'est la guerre" (But, it is the war), he adds philosophically, as all Frenchmen remark, with the characteristic shrug of the shoulders.

Our Negro in France.

One of the funny sights of the war is the blank astonishment of the American negro in the service when he meets a Frenchman of his own race and finds they are unable to converse.

Recently a negro from the states met a black poilu just back from the trenches. The latter wore the usual shrapnel-proof steel helmet.

"Say, nigger, what d'ja git dat iron hat?" inquired Rastus from across the ocean.

"Je ne comprends pas, monsieur," said the Frenchman, and turned away, to the inexpressible surprise and disgust of the black gentleman from Alabama.

War Falls Heavy on Poor.

War is particularly cruel to the poorer classes—the peasants and lower bourgeoisie. Some foods are prohibitive in price and many supplies have been exhausted altogether.

Sugar is doled out at the rate of three pounds per month to a person. Butter cost \$1.10 a pound at the time Mrs. King left Bordeaux, in January, and now it is not served at all. The shortage of feed for cattle has brought about an alarming milk situation and many babies die daily for the lack of necessary nourishment.

All the peace-time diversions that

ENRAGED DUTCH FARMERS PLOW UP SOWN FIELDS

Hollanders Exasperated by Government's Extreme Steps to Ascertain Hidden Food; Shortage Acute.

Amsterdam, May 17.—Extreme steps taken by the Dutch authorities in sending troops to search farms for the purpose of seizing wrongfully withheld stocks of grain has aroused such indignation among the farmers affected that they threaten to plow up sown fields. In some cases they are alleged to have taken this unpatriotic course.

To justify military action, the authorities have issued statistics showing that in the Haarlem lake district it is estimated that 39 per cent of the wheat crop, 43 per cent of the barley, 60 per cent of the beans and 83 per cent of the green peas have been withheld.

The food shortage in Holland is becoming serious. Not only is wheat scarce, but other foodstuffs as well. It has been decided that on June 13 butter and other fats will be added to the ration list. Tea stocks have long been exhausted and the available supply of coffee is dwindling rapidly.

Anti-Semitic Campaign Launched in Germany

Stockholm, May 17.—A new anti-Semitic campaign has begun in Germany, announces the German Association of Combatting of Anti-Semitism, which has issued an appeal for support in opposing this new propaganda against Jews.

"All indications point to the fact that this anti-Semitic movement will be carried on in more intensive form after the end of the war," asserted the German association. "Extensive preparations have been made and pecuniary resources have been assembled."

The appeal defends the Jews against charges of usury and profiteering during the war, and declares that the anti-Semites "desire to use hatred for Jews as a means of upholding the strongly threatened and unjustified privileges of a small caste against the inevitable new orientation of Germany's internal conditions."

fish girls, who are working day and night to relieve pain.

The clink of heaped-up gold has given way to the rattle of operating instruments, as men are helped across the slender borderland that separates life from death.

Mrs. King, formerly Laura Beecher, attended the Nebraska Wesleyan university at University Place, and later taught kindergarten in St. Edward, Neb. She has been living in France for the last four years.

Her husband is manager of the Bordeaux branch of the International Harvester company. She expects to return to her adopted home in July.



MRS. LEROY KING.

delighted the joyous French heart she suspended for the duration of the war. "The beautiful casino at Pau, near Bordeaux, is transferred into a hospital.

Like Being Hit By Rattle Snake

Says that every time you cut or pick at a corn you invite lockjaw

You reckless men and women who are pestered with corns and who have at least once a week invited an awful death from lockjaw or blood poison are now told by a Cincinnati authority to use a drug called freezone, which the moment a few drops are applied to any corn, the soreness is relieved and soon the entire corn, root and all, lifts right out with the fingers without one particle of pain.

This freezone is a sticky substance which dries the moment it is applied and just loosens the corn without inflaming or even irritating the surrounding tissue or skin. He says a quarter of an ounce will cost very little at any of the drug stores, but this is sufficient to rub on or callus of every hard or soft corn or callus.

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Lost, Strayed or Stolen? A Three-Story Building

Chicago, May 17.—Chicago policemen who think nothing of searching for lost children, dogs, cats, pigeons, and almost every kind of human animal, or article, were mystified tonight when they received a request to search for a "lost" three-story brick building.

According to the owner, Joseph Johan, of Spring Lake, Mich., the building "mysteriously vanished" after February 15, 1917, when he purchased it from his mother-in-law. A broken leg, Johan declared, kept him from coming to inspect his property until today, and when he arrived he found the building had disappeared.

Failure of Johan to have the transfer of the sale recorded, the police believe, resulted in the building being wrecked when the appraisers could not locate the owner.

2 IOWANS KILLED BY HUN FIRE ON WEST WAR FRONT

William R. Lyon, Indianola, Ia., and John M. Jennings, Belle Plaine, Ia., on Pershing's Casualty List.

Washington, May 17.—The casualty list today contained 106 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action, 15; died of wounds, 6; died of disease, 4; died of gas poisoning, 1; wounded severely, 12; wounded slightly, 60; missing in action, 8.

Officers named include: Lieutenant Averill Baxton Pfeifer, Cleveland, O., slightly wounded. Lieutenant Charles W. Maxson, Baltimore, Md., missing in action.

Lieutenants Harold A. Goodrich, New Haven, Mo., and M. S. Redmond, Pittsburgh, Pa., previously reported missing, now reported prisoners.

The list follows: Killed in Action—Corporal Walter G. Moore, Pittsford, Vt.; Private Vernon Balled, Aiden, Minn.; Vincent J. Blahovec, St. Louis, Mo.; Thomas W. Cleary, Portage, Mich.; Henry L. Danforth, Danville, Va.; John W. Low, Dallas, Tex.; William R. Lyon, Indianola, Ia.; George F. Martin, Fort Kent, Me.; Weyll L. Mathis, Johnston, O.; Clarence J. Perkins, Manchester, N. H.; Joseph T. Poulin, Augusta, Me.; Gino Roberti, Luca, Tuscana, Italy; Emmet D. Sullivan, Pine, N. Y.; Charles R. Thompson, Kingman, Me.

Six Dead of Wounds.

Died of Wounds—Corporals Daniel B.

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Died of Disease—Sergeant Cecil G. Torrey, Thorp, Wis.; Cook John J. Corcoran, Branford, Conn.; Privates Joseph L. Becker, Rochester, N. Y.; Fred L. Harshaw, Murphy, N. C.

Died of Gas Poisoning—Private Clement W. Gravelle, Nashua, N. H. Severely Wounded—Sergeant William A. Melster, Elgin, Ill.; Corporals Elmer T. Helman, Evanston, Ill.; Otto Yothers, St. Joseph, Mo.; Privates Howard A. Bowman, Clyde, N. Y.; Amos P. Briggs, South Charleston, O.; Joseph Cully, Cleveland, O.; Clarence L. Graham, Lynn, Mass.; Ernest F. Hickey, Hartford, Conn.; William Kreutzer, Newport, Ky.; Edwin O. Moats, Mount Gilead, O.; Bert L. Stewart, Idaville, Ind.; Ferdinand Wantelet, Osceola, Mo., Pa.

Slightly Wounded—Emil G. Henkel, Dubuque, Ia.; David V. Hamlett, McGregor, Ia.; Daniel J. Ray, Moulton, Ia. Missing in Action—Lieutenant Charles W.

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