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ENEMY HELD ALONG PIAVE

ARMYMAN NABBED AS GRAFTER

Lt. James C. Staley, Reserve Officer Trained in Iowa, Arrested on Charge of Accepting Illegal Fee.

Washington, June 18.—The trail of the government's pursuit of illegal profiteers on war contracts today led to the arrest in New York of Lt. James C. Staley, a reserve army officer, on a charge of accepting money from the Truefit Raincoat company of New York, for a contract which he promised to procure.

The arrest was made by Department of Justice agents, who had followed the officer during his inspection of the plant of the raincoat company, whose proprietors acted in cooperation with the government to detect the fraud.

The secret agents arrested Staley after he was said to have received a sum of money from Joshua Rosenthal and Louis Wener, proprietors of the plant. It was charged that he sold them he would expect more money as soon as the got the contracts which they sought for 50,000 raincoats costing nearly \$250,000.

Other Arrests. Forecast. This was the first arrest of an army officer since the Department of Justice started its investigation into the system by which contingent fee agents have made millions by obtaining contracts for manufacturers who were charged a commission. Other arrests may follow soon, as it is known that a number of contractors in New York and elsewhere are assisting the government in running down agents by whom they have been approached.

Shadow of Complicity. The shadow of complicity in the extensive scheme by which commission agents made millions out of government war orders acting as middlemen in obtaining contracts for manufacturers, today extended to scores of business men and attorneys in Washington, New York, Boston and other cities, and even to a few secretaries of members of congress.

A large proportion of these cases, disclosed by correspondence and other documents seized in the simultaneous raids yesterday on officers of several hundred manufacturing plants and forwarded today to the Department of Justice, were not prompted by sinister motives, officials believe, and prosecutions will not follow. Many others, however, appear the result of carefully planned plots to squeeze millions from contractors, who in turn were to add the contingent fees to prices which the government was required to pay.

Wilson Pardons Two Soldiers Who Slept on Post; Warns Others

Washington, June 18.—In granting unconditional pardon to two young soldiers sentenced to death for having slept on post at the front, President Wilson expected his action to act "as a challenge to devoted service for the future."

House Votes Big Increase in Navy Enlisted Personnel

Washington, June 18.—Permanent increase of the enlisted personnel of the navy from 87,180 to 131,485, as provided in the naval appropriation bill as it passed the senate, was approved today by the house.

REGENTS ASK RESIGNATIONS FROM THREE UNI. PROFESSORS

GERMANS ADMIT AMERICAN TROOPS WILL TURN WAR TIDE

(By Associated Press) Geneva, June 18.—The enthusiasm created by the first German offensive has passed and a feeling of profound dejection reigns among the German people, according to an interview with a neutral diplomat, who has just arrived in Geneva from Berlin, in La Suisse. The people at home expected a quick victory from the early reports in official bulletins, and above all, a quick peace. The principal question asked in Berlin last week was: "Have we entered Paris?"

The economic situation in the interior of Germany, the diplomat declared, is becoming more and more serious. Germans, both military and civilians, realize and virtually admit that the constant arrivals of fresh American troops will turn the tide of the war.

The diplomat concluded his interview with a statement that during a recent sitting of the reichstag the question of autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine was discussed officially for the first time since the beginning of the war.

Board Denies Traction Fare Lift in Lincoln

Order by State Railway Commission Decrees Entire Common Stock Issue at Consolidation Be Cancelled.

Aviation Corps Member Will Be Tried Today

Funeral services for Private Lucien Murat, a member of the aviation corps who died Sunday at the Clark hospital, will be held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. John's church.

Grace Lusk Declared Sane; Prison Sentence Imposed

Waukesha, Wis., June 18.—Grace Lusk, who was found guilty of murder in the second degree for slaying Mrs. Mary Roberts, wife of David Roberts, former state veterinarian, this afternoon was declared by a board of alienists to be sane and was sentenced by Judge Martin Lueck to 19 years imprisonment.

Mother of Nurse Executed By Germans Passes to Rest

London, June 18.—Mrs. Ida Cavell, mother of the heroic nurse, Edith Cavell, executed by the Germans in Belgium, has died at her home, Henley-on-Thames, at the age of 81. She had been in failing health since the death of her daughter.

DEGREE OF BOARD PERSINGER, HOPT, LUCKEY MUST GO

(By Associated Press) Lincoln, Neb., June 18.—The resignation of Professors E. B. Hopt, C. E. Persinger and G. W. A. Luckey was demanded tonight by the board of regents of the University of Nebraska, following charges made by the State Council of Defense that faculty members lacked aggressive Americanism in their attitude on the war.

Six of the nine University instructors cleared of suspicion of lacking whole-hearted support to the government in the prosecution of the war were Prof. Paul H. Grummann, L. B. Tuckerman, Henry Blumberg, L. E. Aylsworth, H. W. Caldwell, and H. K. Wolfe.

Four Million to Be Armed by January 1

May Become Necessary Soon to Draw Men From Class 2; Congress May Change Draft Age Limits.

Washington, June 18.—Should congress decide that it is necessary at this time to extend the draft age limit either below 21 or above 30, or both, no opposition will be offered by the War department.

In authorizing this statement today, Secretary Baker said the department could see no immediate need for such action, although the date already is in sight when it will become necessary to replenish the class 1 reservoir.

A bill by Senator France of Michigan to extend the draft to men from 18 to 45 is now before the senate military committee and at a hearing on it last Saturday, Postmaster General C. Rowley gave it as his opinion that extension of the draft ages would be necessary. He told the committee that 3,000,000 would be under arms by next August 1 and that class 1 would be exhausted by the first of next year.

The present tentative schedule of the War department is said to contemplate the arming of 4,000,000 men by next January 1. That would mean the calling of 1,000,000 men between July and January and the absorbing not only of the men remaining in class 1 from the first registration, but those placed in that class under the recent registration as well as 200,000 expected to be put in that class as the result of the reclassification recently ordered.

Governor Burnquist's Majority Increases as Returns Pile Up

St. Paul, Minn., June 18.—At midnight tonight Gov. J. A. Burnquist had increased his primary election majority for renomination to more than 50,000 over his republican opponent, Charles A. Lindbergh. Returns from 2,279 out of 3,119 precincts in the state gave Burnquist 167,923 and Lindbergh 117,755. The returns included 27 counties of 86 complete.

Labor Federation Protests Western Union Attitude

St. Paul, Minn., June 18.—In accordance with instructions from the American Federation of Labor convention, President Samuel Gompers today sent a telegram to President Wilson protesting against the attitude of Newton Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, in issuing a call for a convention of employees for the purpose of forming a "company controlled association."

Anti-Saloon League Finds Americans Are Sober and Efficient

New York, June 18.—American soldiers and sailors serving in Europe were termed "clean, sober and efficient" in a formal report issued here tonight by a commission sent abroad by the Anti-Saloon League of America to investigate moral conditions in the expeditionary forces.

AUSTRIANS FAIL TO CLOSE PINNER JAWS UPON ITALY

All Attacks in Alps Repulsed by Allied Troops Who, in Counter Blows, Regain Lost Territory; Emperor Charles' Troops Unable to Advance After Throwing 14 Bridges Across River

(By Associated Press.) The Austrian pincers are not closing upon Italy with the precision of last October, when they forced back the Italian armies of General Cadorna from the Julian Alps to the Piave river and from the northern mountain regions almost to the plains of Venetia. In fact, they do not seem to be closing at all.

The upper jaw in the Venetian Alps is stalled under the resistance of the British, French and Italian forces and the nether one seems to lack the force necessary to bring it across the Piave river and push back the Italian troops which are clogging its path.

AUSTRIANS USING LARGE FORCES IN VIOLENT ATTACK

(By Associated Press.) Rome, June 18.—Additional light on the Austrian offensive has been furnished by some of the 5,000 prisoners captured up to today. According to their testimony, the Austrian divisions operating on the Asiago plateau had as their objective for the first day the plain between Marostica and Bassano; the Monte Grappa divisions were ordered to take the plain between Castellano and Asolo, and the Piave troops were told to invest Treviso.

Expected to Take Booty. The enemy has concentrated at Fonzo, behind the lines on the northern front, long lines of German camions, with which they expected to carry off the booty they hoped to find.

Venezuela Friendly to U. S., Minister Domicini Affirms

Washington, June 18.—Venezuela's friendship to the United States and freedom from German influence were affirmed today by Dr. Santos A. Domicini, Venezuelan minister here, in a statement commenting upon a published statement by Dr. Carlos Lopez Bustamante, Venezuelan editor, who recently came to America with a story of German intrigue and control in the Latin-American country.

Hindenburg Reported Physical and Mental Wreck in Sanitarium

Geneva, June 18.—The Tribune says it learns from a reliable source that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is suffering from an acute nervous disease, that his mental capacity is much affected and that he is confined in a private sanitarium. The newspaper adds that Hindenburg took no responsible part in the recent offensive on the western front, the work being chiefly done by General Ludendorff.

Wife of Dead Car Inspector Faints As Attorney Describes Accident

Mrs. Elizabeth Koch, Sixtieth and Grover streets, widow of a young car inspector, who was killed in the railroad yards near the Union Pacific depot on November 24, 1916, fainted in court during the trial of her suit for \$20,000 against the railroad and she remained unconscious for more than an hour. She fainted during the closing argument in the trial which was made by Attorney J. C. Kinsler.

Slightly Cooler Weather in Sight for Today

The extreme heat wave under which Omaha and Nebraska have sweetered is now broken according to the weather bureau. Their predictions are borne out by a drop of 10 degrees on the thermometer yesterday. The maximum Tuesday was 90 compared with 100 on Monday and 105 Sunday. They promise another drop today.

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