



SPRIT OF TEUTONS BROKEN

WAR WITH TURKEY IS IMMINENT

Attack by Ottoman Troops on U. S. Consulate and Looting of American Hospital Last Straw.

Washington, June 19.—An attack by Turkish troops on the American consulate at Tabriz, Persia, and the looting of an American missionary hospital in that city, reported to the State department today, were believed in some quarters here to presage the long anticipated declaration of the existence of a state of war between the United States and the Ottoman empire.

Diplomatic relations between the two governments have been suspended since April 20, 1917, when Turkey withdrew Abdul Hak Hussein Bey, who had been acting as charge of the Turkish embassy here since the compulsory retirement of the regular ambassador, which followed his open criticism of the United States government.

No Actual Collision. Recently there have been vigorous demands in congress for a declaration of a state of war between the United States and Turkey and Bulgaria, but President Wilson and the State department have not regarded this step as necessary or desirable since there has been no actual collision between American and Turkish and Bulgarian troops.

On the face of the reports from American Minister Caldwell, at Teheran, officials were inclined to believe that the sacking of the American hospital, a Presbyterian institution, over the protest of the Spanish consul in charge as representative of American interests, furnished the necessary provocation for open hostilities between America and Turkey.

Nurses Believed Safe. American doctors and nurses who have been stationed in the hospital were believed to have left Tabriz before the Turkish troops arrived. Gordon Paddock, the American consul in that city, reported to the department last May 29 that he and all of the Americans and the British were prepared to leave the city before the advancing Turkish army, consequently it was not believed that Americans actually were molested.

The department is trying to get further information regarding the outrages and probably no action will be taken until these efforts are exhausted.

Wilson Third Term Boom Launched by Hoosier Democrats

Indianapolis, June 19.—Declaring in their platform that "the immediate purpose of the democratic party, the purpose which takes precedence of every other, is to win the war," the democrats of Indiana in state convention here today nominated a state ticket, adopted a platform and listened to addresses by Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, former Governor Samuel M. Ralston and Representative Scott Farris of Oklahoma, chairman of the congressional democratic campaign committee.

Former Governor Ralston stirred them to great enthusiasm by declaring that the needs of the times demanded the renomination and election of Woodrow Wilson in 1920, regardless of precedent.

Wheaton and Comstock Running Neck-and-Neck

St. Paul, Minn., June 19.—A handful of votes tonight separated the democratic candidates for the gubernatorial nomination. Returns compiled from 2,124 of 3,119 precincts, and including 40 of 86 counties complete, gave Fred E. Wheaton of Minneapolis 13,928 votes and Judge W. L. Comstock of Mankato 13,703.

LIEUT. HAROLD KELLEY, OMAHAN, KILLED IN FALL

Young Foot Ball Star at University of Nebraska and Creighton Meets Death on Aviation Field.

Lieut. Harold C. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Kelley, 2417 Emmet street, was killed in an airplane accident near Fort Worth, Tex. He was instructor in aviation at Caruthers field.

The plane in which Lieutenant Kelley was riding went into a tail spin at a height of 200 feet and crashed to the ground. Flying with Lieutenant Kelley was Oscar S. Rogers of Alexander, S. C., who was severely bruised.

Lieutenant Kelley was trying to make a forced landing at Worth field, two miles from Caruthers field headquarters when the machine fell. He was born and educated in Omaha, having attended Lothrop grade school and being graduated from Central high school.

Young Kelley, who was 23 years old, and familiarly known as "Put" Kelley, was prominent in high school athletics, playing quarterback on the high school football eleven. After graduating from high school he entered the University of Nebraska where he continued his studies until a year ago last spring. At the university he played football, but never made the first team owing to his diminutive size.

Last fall he entered Creighton university and played quarterback on the Creighton eleven. In November he left his studies to enter the officers' training school at Fort Snelling. He remained there three months and then decided to enter training for the aviation service at Kelley Field, Tex. He received his commission as second lieutenant about six weeks ago. His last visit to Omaha was about



LT. HAROLD C. KELLEY. In Football Uniform.

a month ago, when he was here on a short furlough. The young lieutenant's father formerly was with Burgess-Nash, but now is in Sioux City.

AMERICANS SEND GAS AGAINST HUN LINES IN WOEVRE

Station East of Verdun Bombed by U. S. Planes; Patrols Cross Marne and Bring Back Prisoners.

With the American Army in France, June 19.—The Americans in the Woevre sent their first gas fire against the German lines from projectors this morning.

A German raid at Remieres wood was repulsed. Some of the enemy were killed and one prisoner was taken. Five bombing planes dropped 38 bombs on the station and tracks at Conflans (east of Verdun). Several enemy machines were encountered on the way, but all the American planes returned.

Two American patrols crossed the Marne east of Chateau Thierry early this morning, established contact with the hostile forces, killed a considerable number of the enemy and brought back prisoners. These were from landwehr units, which is taken as an indication that no hostile attacks are intended at this point in the immediate future.

Late this afternoon American machine gunners discovered a hostile party in considerable numbers apparently making ready to attempt to cross the river. But a few minutes, the enemy abandoned whatever plans he had. The American artillery east and west of Chateau Thierry for several hours late last night and this morning deluged the enemy with shells. The projectiles burst along the road and billets.

The enemy retailed today with numerous long range batteries, but all were ineffective. Selects Enter Ranks. Camp Cody, N. M., June 19.—(Special Telegram.)—With only about a month's training, the 6,000 selective draft men sent here from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado will be distributed to the infantry and artillery regiments forming the 34th division.

Civilization is at Stake in War, Says Viscount Grey

London, June 19.—The widest interest will be evinced in a pamphlet on "The League of Nations," written by Viscount Grey of Fallodon, who was secretary of foreign affairs in the cabinet of Herbert H. Asquith at the beginning of the European war. "There is more at stake in the war than the existence of individual states or empires or the fate of a continent," says Viscount Grey. "The whole of modern civilization is at stake and whether it will perish and be submerged, as has happened to previous civilizations of older types, or whether it will live and progress, depends upon whether the nations engaged in this

DECREE AND CASH TO YOUNG WOMAN SUING STOECKER

Fifteen Thousand Dollars Alimony Given Common Law Wife of Capitalist by Judge Troup.

Theresa Stoecker, common-law wife of William F. Stoecker, wealthy Omahan and former politician, was awarded a divorce and \$15,000 alimony by Judge Troup in district court Wednesday afternoon.

The trial of the suit, in which Theresa Stoecker, little Bohemian woman, sought to establish her rights as wife of William Stoecker by having the court award her a divorce and \$100,000 alimony, was started before Judge Troup a week ago Monday. The hearing was finished last Friday and the case was then taken under advisement by the judge.

Question of Contract. In handing down his decision, Judge Troup said that the principal point of contention to be decided was whether or not the parties involved had entered into a marriage contract, verbal or otherwise, by which each accepted the other as husband and wife, respectively.

"I hold that the parties did enter into such a marriage ceremony," the judge said, "and that the plaintiff having entered into it in good faith, relying upon the honor of the defendant, submitted herself and future welfare to the defendant."

Girl Was Virtuous. "I do not believe that the testimony in this case warrants the slightest suspicion in this respect against this girl," the judge said, "and I do not believe that there is the least suspicion that Theresa was other than a virtuous girl when she entered the employ of the defendant."

Pledge Support for War. Chicago, Ill., June 19.—A resolution adopted tonight by the 1,500 delegates of the National Association of Credit Men and sent to President Wilson pledges the support of the 24,000 business men represented for the winning of the war and praises the American Red Cross.

BILL FILCHED FROM NAVY OFFICE FILES

Government Employees Indicted in Connection With Alleged Plot to Defraud Treasury of \$187,000.

Washington, June 19.—Employees of the War and Navy departments today were drawn into the net set by the Department Justice for war contract brokers, through indictments returned by a federal grand jury here charging four men with trying to collect on a duplicate bill for \$187,000 submitted by a dry dock company for repairs to a government vessel.

The four indicted are Clyde C. Waltman, a yeoman in the navy department's bureau of supplies and accounts; Charles L. Waltman, his brother, a business man of Victoria, Va.; Benjamin W. Peake, a soldier stationed at Fort Meigs, Washington, formerly of Berea, N. C., and D. Malvin Mowrey, a stenographer employed in the signal corps office, formerly of Lancaster, Pa.

With free access to Navy department files, Clyde C. Waltman and Mowrey were said to have obtained a bill for \$187,000 rendered by the Morse Dry Dock and Repair company of New York, for repairs to the government vessel Canandaigua. The company was told it was lost and was asked to submit a duplicate, which was paid.

The scheme failed, it is said because an unnamed soldier who heard of the plot informed the government. Definite proof of specific payments to contingent fee agents was gathered today by Assistant Attorney General Huston Thompson from records seized by secret agents in the raids Monday on these agencies' headquarters in Washington.

One Washington firm of contingent agents negotiated \$10,000,000 worth of contracts for its clients, it was disclosed today by examination of the firm's papers seized by secret service agents. Another firm, also maintaining business headquarters in Washington, had received \$100,000 in commissions.

Inspectors Reject 492,074 Pounds of Hams Sold to Navy

New York, June 19.—Men of the American navy and the naval reserve would have been served with great quantities of decayed meat, but for the vigilance of inspection officers who rejected it as unfit for human consumption, according to evidence given here today before the federal trade commission. The testimony was brought out during the inquiry which the commission is conducting into charges that Wilson & Co., packers, sold "bad" hams to the government.

Naval officers also testified that the packers had asked "exorbitant" prices in bids to furnish hams to the navy, with the result that a commandeering order was issued at prices fixed by the government.

After Capt. Charles Williams, navy pay director, had described his refusal to accept 492,074 pounds of hams, which he said was "musty, mouldy, marrow-soured or just plain sour," Thomas E. Wilson, president of the company, denied that his firm had ever knowingly delivered tainted meat to the army or navy.

Value of Fairbanks Estate Is Estimated at \$2,150,000

Indianapolis, June 19.—A trust fund of \$50,000 to be held for 500 years, the income from which is to be divided each 50 years and expended for social welfare work, is set aside from the estate of the late Charles W. Fairbanks as a memory to his wife, by his will filed for probate here today. The value of the entire estate is estimated at \$2,150,000.

A number of charitable bequests are made. An income of \$15,000 a year is provided for Mr. Fairbanks' daughter, Mrs. John W. Timmons.

After payment of the various bequests the will provided the remainder of the estate is to go to the three sons, Richard, Warren and Fred Fairbanks.

Germans Seize More Territory in Russia

London, June 19.—German troops in southern Russia began an offensive eastward on the Voronezh front on June 15, says a Russian government wireless message. The Bolshevik War department has ordered the mobilization of all workers and peasants born from 1893 to 1897 in a large number of provinces, for six months active service.

AUSTRO-GERMAN ATTACKS HALTED FAR SHORT OF GOAL

Offensive on Italian Battle Line on Verge of Collapse; German Stroke Against Rheims Fails to Gain Yard of Territory

(By Associated Press.) The Teutonic allies apparently have lost their spirit of do-or-die. Their attacks everywhere lately have lacked the tenaciousness of days gone by. Instead of plowing through allied lines with stubborn indifference to casualties so long as an objective was gained, they now waver and then halt in the face of the artillery and rifle fire of the men barring their way, with the points they were trying to gain still far beyond their reach.

Ambitious attempts by the troops of the central powers in the last few weeks have proven this. The opening of a gateway to Paris through the western front, running from Montdidier to the Marne, failed completely; the offensive on the Italian battle line launched by the Austrians seemingly has failed miserably in the mountain regions, and apparently has almost been stopped along the Piave, while a stroke started by the Germans against Rheims after heavy bombardment broke down in its inception without the enemy taking a yard of territory.

GERMANS MEET DISMAL DEFEAT BEFORE RHEIMS

Forty Thousand Troops Under Orders to Carry City Repulsed in Attack, With Heavy Losses. (By Associated Press.) With the French army in France, June 19.—Large units of German shock troops which had been concentrated on the western side of Rheims, between Vignv and Ornes, and which went over to assault last night were met with such an awful fire from the French defense that they were unable to make the slightest progress. They suffered such losses after trying time after time to reach the French positions that only a few of the attackers were able to return to their own lines.

When the Germans launched their attack on Rheims their intention was to deal a heavy counter blow to compensate for their failure to capture Compiegne. Forty thousand troops participated in the assault along the front extending from Vignv plateau to Sillery, with orders to carry the city at all costs. They met with dismal defeat. At every point they were repulsed with heavy losses. In a most gallant manner the French prevented the enemy from scoring even an initial success. The artillery preparation lasted for several hours and was one of the most terrific yet carried out. High explosives from hundreds of cannon intermingled with numerous poison gas shells.

To the east of Rheims the Germans at first made some advance, but were soon thrown back to their original positions and a considerable number were taken prisoners. At one point the gunfire was still very heavy, but the attack may for the moment be regarded as a complete defeat for the attacking forces.

Officials in the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder immediately began preparation of statistics showing results which may be expected if the draft is extended to various ages between 18 and 45 years, the limits fixed in a bill by Senator France of Maryland, republican. It is expected that this information will be presented soon to the senate military committee, which is considering the France bill.

Early reports on the results of the reclassification of men by local boards indicate that more than 250,000 men will be added to class one by this means, as against the original estimate of 200,000.

Many German Naval Craft Are Penned in Bruges Canal Docks

London, June 19.—Twenty-one German destroyers, a large number of submarines and numerous auxiliary craft are penned in the Bruges canal docks as the result of the recent British naval operations at Zeebrugge, the German submarine base on the Belgian coast, Thomas J. MacNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, made announcement in the House of Commons to this effect today and said that the operations were more successful than at first had been supposed. He added that the German craft were now the subject of constant bombing.

Curtail Use of Light, Coal Conservation Plan

Washington, June 19.—The public will be asked soon by the government to broaden its list of war sacrifices to include electric lights and gas as a means of saving coal. One suggestion being studied is to notify all households that they may consume hereafter only half of the average amount of electricity and gas burned each month during the past year. If that amount should be reached before the end of the month, the supply would be cut off for the remaining days of that month.

MOVE TO CHANGE DRAFT AGE LIMIT GIVEN IMPETUS

Officials Preparing Estimates on Number Available Between 18 and 45; Reclassification Adds 250,000 to Class 1. (By Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Withdrawal by Secretary Baker of his opposition gave fresh impetus today to consideration of the proposal before congress to extend the draft age limits so that the War department will have available at no distant date ample man power to carry out President Wilson's program of an army of unlimited size for the war on Germany.

More than 9,000 men have been taken by the Italians since the offensive began and many guns and several hundred machine guns have been captured. That intensive air fighting also has taken place is shown by the fact that 50 enemy planes have been shot down. Only two of the allied machines have failed to return to their base.

Huns Beaten at Rheims. The attacks of the Germans near Rheims resulted disastrously to them. Hardly had they left their trenches after one of the most terrific bombardments with shells of all caliber, including gas projectiles, ever experienced on the western front, nearly 40,000 men were faced by the reinforced French armies and literally cut to pieces and forced to fall back precipitately. Only at one point, to the east of Rheims, did the enemy succeed in penetrating the French line. Here they were ejected almost immediately. The German official communication describes the attack as a demonstration of artillery and mine throwers.

Little activity has prevailed on the remainder of the western front except the usual reciprocal bombardments and operations in the nature of patrol engagements. The success of the recent naval attack by the British on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge seemingly was more successful than anticipated. Twenty-one destroyers, a large number of submarines and numerous auxiliary craft are blocked in the canal by the ships sunk across the waterway.

Fighting in the Open. Italian Army Headquarters, June 19.—Sreuous fighting continued today around the Montello plateau and on the bottom lands along the Piave near San Dona Di Piave, both the Italians and Austrians concentrating their efforts at these points. Most of the battles are in the open without protecting trenches.

Russian Peasants Start Revolt and It Spreads Swiftly

London, June 19.—A great revolt has begun at Kiev, according to an intercepted wireless message transmitted from Moscow to the Exchange Telegraph company. Artillery stores have been exploded and there is continuous street fighting. The revolt is spreading to the Poltava and Tchernigov districts. Forty thousand peasants armed and organized are participating in the revolt.

Austrian Emperor Desirous of Victory Without German Aid

London, June 19.—Reuter's Rome correspondent says that according to report the Austrian emperor, who is at the front, is disappointed at the results obtained in the present offensive, and, jealous of the excessive credit the Germans took for their share in last year's offensive, is determined to make another desperate attempt to overwhelm the Italians unaided, before asking for German assistance.