

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

Medals Given Wood, Scott and Holbrook.

Washington, April 5.—Secretary Baker personally presented Distinguished Service medals today to nearly two score officers and civilians who rendered conspicuous service to the nation in the preparation of the army and the mobilization of industry for the war, the first being Major Gen. Leonard Wood, ranking officer of the regular army.

Others decorated included Major Generals Hugh L. Scott, retired, and Willard A. Holbrook.

Before he began presenting the medals, Mr. Baker made a brief address, pointing out that while it had been the fortune of some officers to serve their country in the time of its peril at the front or with the armies in France, to others had come the no less trying and arduous duties that went with raising and training the army at home. He expressed his full recognition of the loyalty and devotion with which they had given themselves to the work before them, whatever its nature, in order that the nation might triumph.

President Wilson Still Has Some Fever.

Paris, April 5.—President Wilson was "slightly better" at noon today, an official bulletin on his condition said. His cold, however, was still pronounced enough to cause slight temperature.

The president has come very near having a serious attack of influenza, but by going to bed at once by my direction he has apparently escaped, but still is necessarily confined to his bed," said a statement issued at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Rear Admiral Grayson, the president's physician.

Colonel House asserted that President Wilson was feeling cheerful during the visit of the premier and himself. He was sitting up in bed, Colonel House said and would probably be able to resume his place in the council on Monday.

While the afternoon bulletin showed an improvement in President Wilson's condition, all precautions are being taken against anything which might lower his vitality.

List of Army Uniform for Discharged Men.

Washington, April 5.—Every enlisted man on discharge, the War Department announced today, will be allowed to retain as his personal property the following articles of uniform equipment:

Overseas cap, (for men with overseas service, but few others), olive drab shirt, woolen coat and ornaments, woolen breeches, one pair shoes, one pair leggings, one waist belt, one slicker and overcoat, two suits underwear, four pair stockings, one pair gloves, one toilet set, one barracks bag, gas mask and helmet (for overseas men only).

Soldiers who have already turned in their equipment are authorized to return them by applying to the director of storage in this city.

The department today called attention to the fact it is unlawful for a discharged soldier to wear the regulation uniform without the red chevron which shows his connection with the military establishment and has been terminated according to law.

Force Pedestrian into Car and Then Rob Him.

Three men riding in a Ford automobile stopped John Bambano, 2109 Pierce street, about midnight Saturday on Twenty-second and Pierce streets, commanded him at the point of a gun to get into the car with them, and after a long ride, robbed him and set him out for home on foot, according to the report John made to the police.

Bambano says the bandits drove to Fifth street and Poppleton avenue with him and relieved him of \$30 and his revolver. He said two of the men were about 20 years old and the third about 24. The latter, he said had a police badge.

Tag Selling Stopped by Police in Tacoma.

Tacoma, Wash., April 5.—The police of Tacoma arrested today the persons today who defied the city council's order that tags should not be sold on the streets under the auspices of the soldiers and sailors council. Early this afternoon four soldiers who served overseas were among the men and women who had been put in jail.

The city council ordered 100 extra policemen to go on duty when it was declared that the ship yards workers would defy the police and sell tags. The controversy is waged around the purpose of the organization in selling the tags. Members of the city council believe it is fouled along lines of the Russian soviet.

Leaders of the organization declare its purposes are misrepresented. A proposition was made to the city council that the soldiers and workers council would call off the sale if the city authorities would release all those in jail.

Baker to Revise Army Legal Procedure.

Washington, April 5.—Secretary Baker will submit a comprehensive and constructive program for revision of the army legal procedure covering courts-martial when congress reconvenes. For this purpose, he said today, he has directed inquiry into every phase of the military justice system. The results of the study, made by all agencies at work on the problem, will be combined in a bill to be laid before congress.

Rainbow Boys Bid Goodbye to the Rhine.

Coblenz, April 5.—The Rainbow division today began saying goodbye to the Rhine. Soon after 10 o'clock this morning the first train pulled out for Brest, carrying the division headquarters and the units attached to it.

The departure of the 42d division, composed of National Guardsmen of 27 states, and the third division to land in France, is the first divisional movement of troops for home from the American area of occupation.

Three trains will leave the station near Remagen daily until April 11, when the tail end of the Rainbows will see the last of the Rhine.

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THE WEATHER:

Mostly cloudy and probably unsettled Sunday and Monday; cooler.

Hourly Temperatures.	
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7 a. m.	61
8 a. m.	61
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10 a. m.	61
11 a. m.	62
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U. S. IN WAR TWO YEARS TODAY

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR SLAYING TWO OF KIN

Seventy-Year-Old Mother of 12 Said to Have Confessed Killing Son and Grandson to Save Her Boy.

Montrose, Colo., April 5.—That Mrs. Nancy Jane Bush, 70 years old, was suffering from "senile dementia" when she confessed she had slain her son with an axe, and disposed of the body by boiling it with lye in a soap vat, was the defense outlined by her counsel today after the state rested its case in the trial of Mrs. Bush.

The aged woman is accused of killing her son, John Bush, and her young grandson, Otis, at the Bush farm home near Olathe, Colo., in December, 1917.

Said She Boiled Bodies. In the alleged confession submitted by the prosecution, Mrs. Bush was quoted as having said that she slew her son and boiled his body after he had killed the boy, Otis, and disposed of his body in a similar manner because the boy had stolen a small sum of money. Mrs. Bush was quoted as having said that she compelled her to help dispose of the boy's body, and that she killed the boy's father for fear he would attack her.

The defense outlined late today that Mrs. Bush had concocted this story to enable her son to escape date on cross-examination. In support of this contention, the defense today placed two witnesses on the stand. J. H. Roatcap testified that he saw John Bush in Olathe two days after the date of the alleged murder. The witness, however, became confused as to the exact date on cross-examination.

Walter Lips testified that he saw a man who answered the description of Bush at Kelso, Wash., several months ago.

Bones Found on Farm. Before resting its case, the state introduced two witnesses, Dr. Edward C. Hill, city chemist of Denver, and Dr. J. C. Parks, a dentist, to establish that bones found at the Bush farm were of an adult as well as a child. Dr. Hill said chemical examination of blood stains found on the premises as well as examinations of bones found on the farm, established this fact, and Dr. Parks testified that the teeth of an adult were among those exhibited by the state.

Mrs. Bush is the mother of 12 children, nine of whom are living.

Twenty-one Hospitals Being Used in Caring for Disabled Soldiers

Washington, April 5.—An extensive program of caring for disabled soldiers after their discharge from military service was announced today by the war risk insurance bureau which is charged by congress with this work.

Twenty-one hospitals with a capacity of 1,500 beds already are in use and the War department has turned over to the treasury seven camp hospitals for care of disability cases. These are to be enlarged and improved out of the \$9,000,000 fund appropriated for hospitals for disabled soldiers to be controlled by the war risk insurance bureau and conducted by the public health service, another treasury agency.

Death of Former Czar Said to Have Resulted From Effort to Escape

London, April 5.—Documents relating to an alleged attempt of Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, to escape from Ekaterinburg shortly before his reported death, are printed by the soviet organ Izvestia, a Russian wireless dispatch from Moscow says.

In commenting on the documents the Izvestia says: "This attempt failed and the last ruler of Russia fell a victim to an unsuccessful and untimely attempt to escape."

Spartan Soldiers in Trenches Get Hail of German Shells

Stuttgart, April 5.—A battle between 400 Spartans and government troops occurred last night southeast of Stuttgart. The Spartans, who had dug trenches on the hills between Wangen and Gaisburg, placed machine guns in position. The government troops bombarded the trenches with artillery.

County Attorney Admits That Inquest Into Death Of Hoeltz Girl Was Farce

Says Assistant Made Mistake in Not Bringing Out All Facts; Pending Divorce Case May Develop New Angle as to Motive; Boy Burglar Denies Love Romance Was Serious.

With flowers in their hands and sadness in their hearts, a small circle of relatives and friends will stand by the raging flames of an oil blast in Forest Lawn crematory this afternoon, while the final chapter is written in the life of Mildred Hoeltz.

Tomorrow afternoon about three quarts of ashes, all that will remain of the pretty, disappointed department store clerk, who took her own life Wednesday afternoon in the home of her mother, 114 North Twenty-eighth avenue, will be deposited in an urn of silver for sacred keeping.

What blighted the life of 15-year-old Mildred Hoeltz and withered young womanhood in the bud? What stifled the girl's soul and impelled her own hand to strike the blow, which shrouded relatives and friends in mourning?

Inquest Failure. There are questions in regard to which the coroner's investigation shows nothing. Will Mildred Hoeltz's secret be locked in the urn with her ashes? With the termination of the county attorney's investigation, was the question of the influence which crushed the girl's spirit, and subsequently actuated self-destruction, consigned to the dim mystery of the things which have gone?

It may not be so. Up out of the murky mist of the past it is pointed out there likely will be shot a gleam of light which will explain what the inquest failed to bring out—what Mildred Hoeltz meant when she wrote her mother the death note in which she said:

"Dear Mother: I am tired of life. There is nothing to it but sin and free love, so I am going to sleep, the everlasting sleep. Please don't think I am doing this because of love or because of the quarrel we had this morning. But I have been ready to die for three years, ever since I was operated on. So good-bye, my dear, forget me and lead a happy and clean life."

"From your daughter, 'MILDRED.' It is predicted soon a divorce case will be tried in district court when facts will be developed in connection with the tragedy, which were developed at the coroner's hearing.

The occasion for the girl's reference in her note to "A world of sin and free love" was not explained. Though Mrs. Hoeltz, her mother, on the witness stand, declared she could explain this and why her daughter ceased to make a confident of her, she was told that it was not necessary for her "to relate anything which she saw fit to keep from the jury." She did not explain.

Mrs. Hoeltz also spoke of a mysterious conversation Mildred had with a man named A. J. Smith, a traveling salesman, the night before she died. Though Mrs. Hoeltz promised to have him at the inquest, Smith failed to put in an appearance.

Harvey D. Walker, friend and adviser of Mildred, referred to a sweetheart the girl had in California, while the mother insists her daughter had no sweetheart. Walker insisted at one time that he was not even a friend of the Hoeltz family, declaring he was just a neighbor.

Admits Inquest Farce

County Attorney Shotwell declared yesterday that he did not approve of the way in which Deputy County Attorney Paul Steinwender conducted the coroner's inquest.

"Had I been there," he said, "I would have insisted on Mrs. Hoeltz's giving in detail all of the facts in the case. That is the proper way to conduct an inquest. The witnesses should not have been excluded from the inquest."

Walker appeared at the inquest and remained by Mrs. Hoeltz's side when she testified on the witness stand. He caused a scene when he attempted to have the reporters excluded from the coroner's hearing, and interrupted Mrs. Hoeltz's statement to the press after the jury returned a verdict to tell her just what and how much she should say for publication.

Walker lives with his family just across the street from the Hoeltz residence. Both he and Mrs. Hoeltz declare that their acquaintance amounts only to a "neighborly friendship."

Both Walker and Mrs. Hoeltz declare that Mildred's urn rested in her death note that her mother live a "clean and happy life" had no significance at all as far as Mrs. Hoeltz's past life was concerned. Walker declared positively that this request in the girl's last note to her mother had no reference to his attention to Mrs. Hoeltz. Mrs. Hoeltz asserted that her daughter was an unusually good girl and the request was made without anything in particular in her mind.

"Mildred was a good girl," she said, "and her mind did not dwell on evil things. The note made no reference to anything of the kind." (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Bolshevik Doctrines Are Introduced in N. Y. Schools

High School Pupils Well Supplied With Lenine, Trotsky and Other Bolshevik and Socialist Literature, Universal Service Correspondent Finds.

BY BEN MELLON. (Universal Service Staff Correspondent.) New York, April 5.—Grover McKinley Isidor is 17 years old, muscular, but slight of build. He has no idle hours. He lives in Moore street in the Williamsburg district of New York, attends the boys' high school in the day time and works at night. His views on government—Americanism—are now in the making. He believes that the men who founded America were patriots whose first thought was independence, appreciates the advantages of education—advantages his father, who was born in Kiev, Russia, could not enjoy—and, having battled and won over ash can fort, believes in the success and failure of individuals by their own efforts.

For 10 years the boys' high school has taught history, Latin, mathematics, literature and all kindred subjects that come within the sphere of a school of that class. There are many other schools, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, which have done their work as well, but none better. They must all be missing "some-thing" (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Change of Costume



RUSSIAN FLAG TORN DOWN BY U. S. ARMY MAN

Animosities Against Americans Excited by Bearing of the Troops in Manchuria, Gen. Graves Is Told.

Irkutsk, April 5.—An American soldier is alleged to have torn a Russian flag from the rear platform of a special train bearing General Dietrichs, commander of the Czech-Slovak forces in Siberia, and Colonel Romanovsky, an anti-bolshevik leader in the Udmurt district, when it was passing through the village of Pelka, Manchuria. Officers on the train expressed indignation over the incident when the train reached here today.

The officers were especially irritated, since this was the second unpleasant incident in which American soldiers have figured recently. Three days previously several Americans from a troop train waiting on a siding at Mullin Station, Manchuria, tried to board the same special train in spite of the platform guard. Several cars filled with armed cadets from the Vladivostok military school were attached to the special. What promised to be a serious situation was relieved when the commander of the cadets ordered the train to start.

Reports of the incidents have been sent to Maj. Gen. William S. Graves, commander of American expeditionary forces in Siberia, by Colonel Romanovsky. The latter informed General Graves that the men were intoxicated, and said: "I regret the lack of discipline in these troops, which increases the animosity of Russians toward Americans." He added that the conduct of American officers had been above reproach, but that the men seemed to be uncontrollable.

General Graves has telegraphed to Colonel Romanovsky expressing his regret. He stated that an investigation had been ordered and that the guilty persons will be severely punished.

World War Veterans Merge With American Legion Over Country

New York, April 5.—Officials of the recently organized world war veterans of America, with one exception, have resigned in order that the organization may be absorbed into the American legion now being formed by Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt and other former officers of the American expeditionary forces. It was announced here tonight.

Permanent organization of the American legion, which its sponsors hope will become the one body of veterans of the world war, will be effected at a meeting in St. Louis May 1.

Chicago Dwellers Enjoy Summer Day in April

Chicago, April 5.—The warmest fifth of April in ten years was recorded here today, when the temperature reached 70 degrees at 5 p. m.

Son of Gen. Pershing to Visit France With Sec. of War Baker

New York, April 5.—Eight-year-old Warren Pershing, only living child of General Pershing, is to go to France to visit his father and will have a military escort.

Warren, who wears clothing as near like the American dough-boys' uniform as he can get, is to accompany Secretary of War Baker when the secretary sails next week. Mr. Baker has appointed First Sergt. Joseph A. Welz of New York, who was decorated at Chateau Thierry, as personal bodyguard to the general's son.

U. S. SURGEONS HUNT SLEEPING SICKNESS GERM

Qualified Medical Officers to Make Comprehensive Investigation of Malady; States Asked to Aid.

Washington, April 5.—Although 183 cases of lethargic encephalitis, or "sleeping sickness," with 14 deaths, were reported to the United States public health service up to March 29, officials of the bureau still are undecided whether the disease of the type prevalent in Europe has reached the United States.

"In the absence of any method of positively establishing a correct diagnosis and especially because of the failure thus far, both in this country and abroad, to find a specific germ in these cases, the public health service is unwilling to accept 'lethargic encephalitis' as a new disease," said a statement issued by the bureau.

Surgeon General Blue has detailed qualified medical officers to make a comprehensive investigation in order to learn the true facts regarding the prevalence of the malady, and has requested state health officers to make the disease reportable so that the study of it can be facilitated.

Charge Brickmakers of Chicago Combine to Raise Price of Product

Chicago, April 5.—A dozen witnesses were examined today by the legislative commission investigating the high cost of building materials in an effort to show the existence of an alleged price fixing combination among Chicago brick manufacturers.

The testimony showed that the American Equipment company, which leases on royalty a patented brick setting machine to the leading brick manufacturers, wields a powerful influence over the industry.

B. M. Weber, president of the National Brick company, testified that there was a clause in this contract which permitted a majority of the manufacturers in the agreement to alter the maximum price of \$7 in Chicago and \$5 on cars whenever they desired. It is believed that it was under this provision in the contract that the present price of \$12 was fixed.

SOLDIERS STOP SELLING OF TAGS FOR PROHIBITION

Returned Men Indignant Over Attempts of Temperance Workers to Cut Off Rum and Tobacco.

Toronto, April 5.—The indignation of returned soldiers over attempts made by the temperance workers to cut off the rum issues and prevent soldiers while on active service from obtaining smokes came to a climax today when the women were holding a tag campaign to raise money to build a home and further carry on their work against "the booze."

Big posters adorned the various khaki clubs during the morning and at noon the soldiers inaugurated a parade and marched up and down the main streets. Eventually they stamped the city hall and demanded that the tag sellers should be taken off the streets. They were successful.

After a hurried session of the police commissioners it was decided that the women should be recalled. The soldiers then concluded their parade and hundreds of citizens who refused to remove their tags found that the regular element in the procession was not inclined to indulge in ceremony beyond snatching the offending tags from the wearers.

"We are going to carry 'this thing on until we get our rights returned," one of the leaders shouted in course of an impromptu speech on the city hall steps. "We fought for liberty and have come home to bondage."

"Ghost" of Chaloner Reappears in New York to File Damage Suit

New York, April 5.—The robust, virile "ghost" of John Armstrong Chaloner, millionaire, who was adjudged insane by a New York court 22 years ago and later pronounced "legally dead" by a sheriff's jury after his escape from the Bloomingdale insane asylum, returned to New York today after an absence of 22 years, to prosecute a suit for alleged libel against a newspaper here.

The "ghost," who says he is still "dead" under the "Machiavellian laws" of New York state, came to New York from his home at Merry Mills, Va., where he has been held to be both "alive" and sane, under a writ of protection granted by Federal Judge Hand. This writ restrains New York authorities from re-arresting and committing him to Bloomingdale under the insanity judgment which still stands against him.

Appeal of Street Railway Company to Be Heard in May

Lincoln, April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The appeal of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company from an order of the Nebraska Railway commission denying an increase in street car fares has been advanced by the supreme court for hearing at the session of court beginning May 5.

BIG DRIVE TO FRANCE BEGUN ONE YEAR AGO

General March Planning Now to Bring Men Home Faster Than They Were Sent Overseas.

Washington, April 5.—Commenting on the fact that tomorrow will be the second anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the war, General March today said: "Tomorrow, April 6, is the second anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the world war. One year ago we were starting a tremendous drive to get troops to France. When I took charge of the office of chief of staff on March 4 of last year, I found that February had touched bottom in the number of troops shipped abroad—only 43,000 men having sailed.

309,000 Men Sent in Month. "We built ships; we bought ships; we begged ships, we commandeered ships and on last April 6, the flood of men across seas had definitely begun, increasing in volume until we reached our maximum of 309,000 men in one month. Now on our second anniversary the great problem is to get our men back to their homes across the seas. I have set as a mark to be reached 510,000 men in one month. Each month is showing a steady increase over the month before and we will do our best to break the record in transatlantic shipments.

"Demobilization has been speeded up at home. One camp has established a camp record of demobilizing over 4,000 men in one day and we can easily handle the maximum number of men per month, which the available shipping permits us to bring back. Every state in the union is now welcoming its returning sons—the finest types of American manhood, clean and virile, and deserving the thanks of the people."

Out of Archangel by June.

Declaring the Archangel situation, from a military view, was well in hand, General March said it was "incredible that the allied force there can be driven into the sea by anybody." He announced that the War department's plan was to have the American forces out of that portion of Russia by the end of June.

The chief of staff's statement was made in connection with reports from England that the allied and American forces combating the bolshevik were in a serious situation.

There has been no statement of the conditions under which the Americans will withdraw, nor any announcement to indicate that they will be accompanied by all the allied forces now operating in cooperation with the anti-bolshevik north Russian armies.

The central powers faced odds of greater than two to one in mobilized troops when Germany gave up the fight last November. The estimated aggregate strength of the enemy powers at that time according to official estimates made public today by General March, chief of staff, was 74,300,000. The indicated aggregate allied strength on the date was more than 15,700,000.

This situation is disclosed in the figures received by the War department from France giving the present status of the belligerent armies. They show that the central powers on Burdette street and they would be given \$50 for each car. Swan was arrested yesterday morning. Falconer is his brother-in-law.

Another Man Accused of Having Part in Plot to Steal Automobiles

Ed Falconer, 1844 North Twentieth street, is in jail, accused of being the man to whom Fay Hatfield and Francis O'Neil, Council Bluffs boys, were told to deliver a Ford automobile which they attempted to steal Friday night from Seventeenth and Douglas streets.

Hatfield and O'Neil when arrested Friday night, told the police that William Swan, 3424 Seventh avenue, Council Bluffs, told them to steal Ford cars and bring them to a "place on Burdette street" and they'd be given \$50 for each car. Swan was taken into custody yesterday morning. Falconer is his brother-in-law.

Chamber to Give Luncheon for Balloon Men From France

The post war activities committee Saturday took action extending an invitation to the members of the 12th balloon company, recently returned from France, to luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday noon, April 7. The invitation accordingly been sent to the commanding officer of the company at Fort Omaha. This event will be held in the main dining room of the chamber and it is hoped all members of the chamber will attend.