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BITS OF NEWS**

NEBRASKA DOCTOR USES AIRPLANE TO MAKE CALLS.

Beaver City, Neb., May 22.—Employment of an airplane as a means of transportation for a physician who is called upon to make long-distance professional calls, was inaugurated here today by Dr. F. A. Brewster of Beaver City.

Dr. Brewster's initial flight was made in a Curtiss machine of the bi-plane type, with Wade Stevens of Beaver City, a former lieutenant and instructor in the aviation branch of the army, acting as his pilot.

Approximately 5,000 persons from nearby towns were here to witness the flight.

Shortly after Dr. Brewster made his flight he received a call to visit a patient in Kansas. He was making preparations early tonight to make the call in his airplane.

ADOPTION OF SUFFRAGE RESOLUTION ASSURED.

Washington, May 22.—Adoption of the suffrage resolution in the senate with not less than six votes to spare was predicted by Senator Jones of New Mexico, retiring chairman of the senate woman suffrage committee. The senator estimated that the vote would be about 66 for and 30 against the resolution.

"I have not called a meeting of the committee to consider the resolution for the reason that I felt that my successor, Senator Johnson of California, should have an opportunity to engineer its passage," said Senator Jones.

If there should be any great delay in reorganizing the senate committee, it should be Senator Johnson not object, I expect to call the old committee together and report the resolution to the senate.

RENTS INCREASED 21 PER CENT SINCE 1916.

New York, May 22.—Rent increases in New York since 1916 have averaged 21 per cent, according to Tenement House Commissioner Mann, who told the state joint legislative committee investigating housing conditions here that he knew of no profiteering among landlords and that the highest advance brought to his attention was 31 per cent.

Mr. Mann believed erection of 2,500 new apartments would meet the demand here and reported that building operations for the first quarter of 1918 compared "very favorably" with those of previous times.

TELLS OF WORKINGS OF GERMAN SPY AGENTS.

New York, May 22.—Efforts of an alleged German in Stockholm, Sweden, to communicate by means of invisible ink and verbal messages with William J. Robinson, a trial lawyer in federal court here on a charge of treason, were detailed at the trial today by Benjamin B. Benson, an American importer, with offices in Stockholm, who said he was asked to deliver the messages.

In the spring of 1918, Benson testified, he was visited in Stockholm by a man representing himself to be an English salesman. This man introduced him, he continued, to another man named Milton, who was reputed to be a German agent.

Milton, he said, asked him to deliver a letter to Robinson, and when he accepted, handed him two sheets of blank paper, explaining that the message was written in invisible ink and requesting him to have typed on the paper some commercial message which would allay suspicion.

TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS EARNED SHOOTING WOLVES.

Logan, Ia., May 22.—(Special.)—Dwain Brownell, 12 years old, made \$27 in four shots Wednesday, when he killed three wolves. The bounty that he thus earns is the bounty paid by Harrison county.

PRUSSIAN PROFLIGATE TO LIVE IN SWITZERLAND.

Berne, Switzerland, May 22.—Former Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia has arrived at Lugano where he will reside permanently. It is recalled that the former emperor several years ago brought a suit against the prince, who is 24 years old, in an effort to have him placed under guardianship because he was squandering his money. The attempt failed.

PLAN HYDRO-AIRPLANE SERVICE FOR WARSHIPS.

San Diego, Cal., May 22.—Arrangements for trying out an auxiliary radio hydro-airplane service for all warships are now being worked out by Rear Admiral W. F. Fullam, commander of the Pacific fleet. The plan is intended to improve the scouting service of warships and to give the ships a control of gun fire heretofore unattainable, as the hydro-airplanes will be able to radio effects of every shot, as well as to hide-out batteries and any movement of troops on shore.

Admiral Fullam plans to carry the planes in crates and disassemble them, ready for setting up when a ship is preparing for action. He believes it feasible to stow the disassembled parts and then to assemble them over the side of a warship by means of the usual davits or cranes.

When his flagship, the Minneapolis, goes to Portland in June it will carry a hydro-airplane and a complete crew from the naval air station here. Arriving at Portland, the plane will be assembled and test flights made there.

MAY RUN SALOONS ON 'BOOZELESS PLAN.'

New York, May 22.—Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation army announced tonight that all funds obtained in the organization's "home service" drive will be used to expand Salvation army facilities and strengthen its personnel for a practical effort to "nail the great unrest" which is sweeping the country in the wake of the war.

Salvaging of saloons to be run on the "boozebless plan" as clubs for workmen is being included in the general plan, which contemplates giving quick, substantial aid to families found to be suffering because of evictions, hunger and idleness.

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THE WEATHER:
Fair Friday; slightly warmer in west portion; Saturday partly cloudy, possibly local thunder showers and cooler in west portions.

6 a. m.	54	1 p. m.	60
7 a. m.	55	2 p. m.	62
8 a. m.	56	3 p. m.	64
9 a. m.	57	4 p. m.	65
10 a. m.	58	5 p. m.	66
11 a. m.	59	6 p. m.	67
12 m.	60	7 p. m.	68
13 a. m.	61	8 p. m.	69

20 KILLED IN IOWA EXPLOSION

U. S. ARMY READY TO ADVANCE UPON HUNS

American Forces Prepare to Resume Hostilities in Case Enemy Refuses to Sign Peace Treaty.

Mannheim, May 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Alarmed by the belief that Germany will not sign the peace treaty and that the allies will occupy Mannheim, citizens became panic-stricken today and stormed the munition savings bank. Many persons have fled from Mannheim.

Large crowds later held protest meetings and other demonstrations, which added to the general confusion in the town.

An official expression of regret has been issued in Berlin that the people of Mannheim "appear to have lost their heads."

Coblentz, Germany, May 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lt. Gen. Hunter Liggett, commander of the army of occupation, and Maj. Gen. John Hines, commander of the Third corps, who were on their way to London yesterday were recalled to Coblentz by orders from American general headquarters.

Nine hundred motor trucks began to move Tuesday midnight from west of the Rhine to the bridgehead area. The trucks are being distributed to various points of advantage among the troops holding the zone east of the Rhine should the occasion arise for the Americans to start an advance.

Recall Commanders. The recall of Generals Liggett and Hines is part of the new program for the American army in the event the Germans do not accept the peace treaty.

The composite regiment of the Third army, which was organized for participation in the Empire day festivities in London, is being held in Coblentz because of the new turn in the peace situation.

The movement of the motor trucks continued throughout Wednesday and most of Wednesday night and was the topic of conversation among the German civilians in Coblentz. Many civilians complained that the trucks as they rumbled across the Rhine bridges at night disturbed their sleep.

Fear Trouble With Yanks. Because of rapidly increasing indications of friction between German civilians and soldiers throughout the American area of occupation, American officers today warned the burghers and other German officials that they would be held responsible for any violence or any attempts at destruction of American army property.

Wire Control Board Proposes Tribunal to Hear Wage Disputes

Washington, May 22.—Recommendations of the wire control board that legislation returning the telephone and telegraph system of the country to private ownership provide co-ordinated operation of the various systems and fixing of rates by the Interstate Commerce commission were forwarded today by Postmaster General Burleson to the house postoffice committee.

The wire board's recommendations also include creation of a tribunal to hear all controversies between employers and employees and that changes in wage schedules shall not become effective until submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission so that corresponding changes may be made in rates.

Arguments in Ford Case Occupy Another Full Day

Mount Clemens, Mich., May 22.—District Judge William C. Cavanaugh occupied the entire session again today of the trial of Henry Ford's libel suit against the Chicago Daily Tribune. The jury, which had been instructed for the afternoon session, was again excused, this time until Monday, including the arguments will close tomorrow.

World League of Red Cross Plans to Carry Light Into Darkest Parts of World

New Organization With Headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland, to Co-ordinate in Relief Work in Times of Calamity; Hope Held that Germany Will Eventually Become Identified With Society.

New York, May 22.—The World League of Red Cross Societies, organized recently with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, "is destined to become a medium for throwing the light of medical science into the dark corners of the entire world," Henry P. Davison, chairman of the organization's board of governors, declared tonight upon his return from a European trip which culminated in the formation of the league.

Intended not to direct, but to encourage and co-ordinate the activities of national Red Cross societies, the league hopes, according to Mr. Davison, to serve all mankind in reducing the prevalence of disease and raising the standards of living. It will disseminate the latest medical and sanitary knowledge, laying before the health organizations of the various nations, through their national societies, discoveries in the way of treating disease and fighting epidemics, and in backward countries where public health departments do not exist, urging their establishment.

With Lt. Gen. Sir David Henderson as its resident head, the league was already functioning from its Geneva offices, according to Mr. Davison, who admitted that he had conceived its organization before he resigned as chairman of the American Red Cross war-work council. It would be supported, he stated, by assessments voluntarily borne by its member societies, adding that the expenses for the first two or three years already had been underwritten.

Mr. Davison said the league would have a permanent staff, not only of secretarial workers, but of medical men, leaders in their fields, and separate departments for child welfare, tuberculosis, study of epidemics, and other subjects.

It would lend its assistance at once to the "saving of the world," he said. The five powers dominant in the peace conference, whose Red Cross representatives formed the league, have invited other national societies to join. Mr. Davison said, and eventually he hoped Germany and the nations allied with it in the war would be represented.

Church Elder Who Killed 20 Huns Says He Feels "Heap Stronger Spiritually"

New York, May 22.—Sgt. Alvin C. York of the 328th infantry, who at the head of a detachment of seven men killed 20 Germans, took 132 prisoners, including a major and three lieutenants, and put 36 machine guns out of operation, arrived here today on the transport Ohioan wearing the congressional medal of honor and the French Croix de Guerre. Sergeant York's home is in Fall Mall, Tenn.

Sergeant York won his honors in the Argonne drive last October, when a corporal. Sergeant York will be the guest of honor tomorrow night at a banquet given by the Tennessee society, at which Maj. Gen. George S. Dunham, his former divisional commander, will speak. Another guest will be Joseph Cummings Chase, who painted a picture of Sergeant York at the front, by order of the government.

The sergeant, who is an elder in the Church of the Christ and Christian Union at Fall Mall, and was for a time listed as a "conscious objector," declared it was "the hand of God that guided us all and brought about the victory."

"I feel a heap stronger spiritually than when I went away," he said. "No man could pass through what I have without feeling that way."

Sergeant York said he was considering entering the ministry, but had not yet determined on his future.

Senator Pittman Urges Ratification of the Peace Treaty

Washington, May 22.—Ratification of the peace treaty without delay when it is presented to the senate was urged today by Senator Pittman, democrat of Nevada, who said amendment of the covenant of the league of nations would mean rejection of the whole treaty and the proposing of a new one. Senator Pittman was a member of the foreign relations committee in the last senate and probably will retain his place when the committee is reorganized.

When the treaty itself provides, that when ratified by Germany and three of the allied powers, it shall go into effect. The United States will then have to accept political, economic and commercial isolation or petition to become a member of the existing league of nations. In the latter case, she would lose our present powerful position as a charter member of the council which has a dominating influence upon all of the acts of the league.

Explorer May Attempt Flight to North Pole

Dayton, O., May 22.—Orville Wright, airplane inventor, the likelihood of using the airplane for North Pole trips, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, international explorer, paid a visit to Wright at the latter's home here today.

Stefansson declared he believed it possible to construct a special type of air machine that would carry a party of explorers to the field of study at the North Pole. He plans, if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to attempt such a trip this year or the first of next year.

Germans See Preparations for Big Peace Celebration

Versailles, May 22.—The great fountains at Versailles were turned on today for a test preliminary to the grand display planned for the day the peace treaty is signed. They functioned perfectly, notwithstanding that they had not been used since the war began. Members of the German peace delegation were interested spectators.

GOVERNOR MCKELVIE WELCOMES VETS HOME

Chief Executives of Nebraska and Kansas on Boat Chartered to Meet Middle West Heroes.

New York, May 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Eight ships, two of them the giant merchant vessel, Leviathan and Imperator, brought home 28,000 troops of the American expeditionary forces today. A large number of the troops were from the 89th division.

These were drafted men from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado—trained at Camp Funston by Gen. Leonard Wood, who was at the pier to greet them. Also waiting were Governor Allen of Kansas and Governor McKelvie of Nebraska.

The two great transports came up the bay with the Leviathan leading by less than a half mile, and then docked at the same pier they used when under the German flag.

The ships left Breast Thursday, May 15, the Imperator at 1 a. m. and the Leviathan at 8:30 p. m. There then developed a race, with the result that the latter vessel overtook and passed the Imperator early on Tuesday morning.

Former Commander on Bridge. On the bridge of the Imperator was her former commander, Commodore Thomas Kief. With him was Capt. Fritz Frederick Kruse, who formerly commanded the Cleveland. These officers, with others, were sent along to assist the Americans in handling the ship. The vessel was under command of Capt. John K. Robinson of the United States navy.

Among the civilian passengers on the Leviathan were Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war-work council, and Representatives Julius Kahn of California and Richard Olney of Massachusetts. Traveling as a casual was Brig. Gen. Johnstone Haggood.

The boats which were chartered to go down the bay this morning with Governor McKelvie of Nebraska and Governor Allen of Kansas and their parties to meet the Leviathan and Imperator, were the Commodore and the Commodore.

A 60-piece band has been employed for the occasion. The welcoming delegation will carry banners representing the cities of Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, Norfolk, Fremont, Grand Island and Wayne.

Governor at Biltmore. Governor McKelvie occupies a suite at the Biltmore hotel. Governor Allen of Kansas has a suite at the Waldorf-Astoria. Norris A. Hise, formerly of Norfolk, is chairman of the New York committee of Nebraskans assisting in the welcome of these boys from France.

The welcome to be given the 89th division will equal and perhaps eclipse welcomes given to other home-coming divisions.

Upon its arrival in New York today and following the first welcome from the home folks, the 89th division will be sent to near-by cantonments, where the men will go through the delousing process.

German Reports Show Existence of Big Mine Fields in China Sea

Seattle, May 22.—German charts, recently surrendered, disclosed the existence in the China sea of a large mine field over which American steamships, ignorant of its existence, passed safely many times. Capt. J. E. Guptill, master of the Pacific Steamship company's passenger steamer Senator, said today, on arrival from the Orient.

The German raider Wolf, in September, 1917, laid the mines in a field 60 miles long by two miles wide, set them too deep to do damage.

Chinese trawlers, commanded by British officers, are removing the mines. Captain Guptill asserted, One mine floated ashore on an island and killed 16 Chinese Malay islanders who started to break it up.

Allied Troops Turn Bolshevik Position in Northern Russia

London, May 22.—The allied troops on the north Russian front have carried out a schedule turning movement against the main Bolshevik position, forcing the enemy to retreat southeastward, according to a north Russian official communication received here this evening. Many prisoners were taken and the enemy also suffered heavy casualties.

The communication says the turning movement was carried out May 20 north of Medvedyagora, six miles south of Lumbushki, on the railway, and that the enemy was expelled from his position and is in full retreat.

The towns of Lumbushki, Ostreche and Kolodari were taken. The bolsheviks have not succeeded in checking the advance on Petrograd. The Finnish forces, according to British reports today, are within 45 miles of the city and the Estonians are within 50.

FRENCH PILOT TO MAKE ATTEMPT FOR SEA FLIGHT PRIZE

Lieut. Leth Jensen to Make Start in Two Months; Wind Prevents Start of NC-4.

St. Johns, N. F., May 22.—The entry of another contestant for the London Daily Mail's \$50,000 prize for the first transatlantic air flight was announced today by Lt. Leth Jensen, French pilot aviator, here to select an airdrome site for a plane to be shipped from France.

Lieutenant Jensen, having decided upon Mount Pearl, plans to start his flight start, will leave tomorrow for France to supervise the completion of his machine. It will take about two months for him to be ready. His course will be direct to the British Isles and then to France.

High Winds Prevent Start. Washington, May 22.—High winds today again prevented the naval seaplane NC-4 from leaving Ponta Delgada for Lisbon on the second leg of its transatlantic flight. The Navy department this morning received the following message from Admiral Jackson at Ponta del Gada: "NC-4 will not leave today. Seas too rough for start."

The weather forecast for the Azores district called to the Navy department today held out promise that conditions might be favorable tomorrow for the continuation of the flights as the blow from the southwest was moving northeastward.

Allies Ask Attitude of Swiss Regarding Blockade of Germany

Berne, May 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is confirmed that the allied and associated governments have addressed a question to the Swiss government as to whether it would be willing and ready to take measures for a severe blockade against Germany should circumstances require it. It is believed here this step is preparatory to action, should Germany refuse to sign the treaty.

The publication of the question has made a painful impression in Switzerland and is commented upon widely in the press as an infringement of the right and independence of small countries.

Garfield Would Have Supervision of Raw Materials Continued

Chicago, May 22.—Dr. Harry A. Garfield, United States fuel administrator, in addressing the National Coal association today, expressed the opinion that the governmental supervision of business controlling the production of basic raw materials exercised during the war should be continued in some form after peace has been formally declared.

He had no definite plan, but thought that some arrangement should be worked out whereby capital, labor and the public, represented by a governmental agency, should cooperate with the fullest publicity in the coal industry and other lines producing basic raw materials.

Some such method, he said, would curb the tendency toward radicalism, and be for the benefit of industry, as well as the public.

Total Fire Losses of 1918 Aggregate \$290,000,000

New York, May 22.—Fire losses aggregating \$290,000,000, the greatest in any year except 1906, when the San Francisco earthquake and conflagration occurred, were reported by 1918 to the National Board of Fire Underwriters here today.

The year also showed progress in bringing to bar persons responsible for incendiary fires, according to a committee report which announced 441 convictions had been obtained in 42 states.

Of these cases, it was stated, 172 were attempts to defraud the insurer, while 156 were attributed to pyromania or other forms of insanity.

FIRE FOLLOWS BLAST IN STARCH PLANT; LOSS OVER \$3,000,000

Few of 106 Employees of Night Shift in Douglas Works at Cedar Rapids Escape Death or Injuries; Many Near Factory Hurt by Flying Debris; People in Office Buildings Cut by Glass.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 22.—A score of persons were killed and nearly 100 injured tonight by an explosion and fire which wrecked the Douglas starch works and consumed the ruins. The loss was \$3,000,000 to the Douglas plant in addition to damage caused to other property over a radius of more than a mile.

COLONIAL ARMY WILL ADVANCE ON BUDAPEST

Many Accused of Being Counter-Revolutionists Executed by Hungarian Reds.

Vienna, May 22.—(By Associated Press.)—Many persons accused of being counter-revolutionists are being executed in Budapest by the Hungarian communists, according to dispatches received here. The victims usually are shot in front of the daytime or in the public school yard in the Markostrasse at night.

Among those who are said to have been executed are Herr Holan, manager of the Kasachau Oderberg railway; Bishop Balthasar, a hostage from Debreczen, and Colonel Dormany, of the general staff, who was taken from a hospital.

Several girls, who were accused of making tricolor rosettes for the counter-revolutionists, also were executed. The presiding judge of the revolutionary tribunal, which orders the executions, it is said, is a former locksmith, 22 years of age.

Many bodies of men and women and girls of the better classes have been found on the shores of islands in the Danube below the city. It is reported that they were arrested in the residential quarter of Buda and were thrown into the Danube by guards who were taking them to prisons in Pest.

Prepare to Cross River. French colonial troops, the reports add, are expected to move on the city from the south. White guards and counter-revolutionists are preparing to cross the river Theiss, where they have taken the positions evacuated by the Roumanians who were withdrawn to the Bessarabian front.

The bolshevik offensive against the Roumanians in Bessarabia is progressing, according to reports from Ukrainian sources, because of inability of the Ukrainians to cut in behind the bolsheviks in the direction of Kiev. General Petlura is said to be helpless because he has been deprived of the support of 50,000 West Ukrainian troops who are fighting unsuccessfully against the Poles.

The advice says that the situation is considered serious for the Roumanians because they may also soon be attacked by the Hungarian communists.

The position of the Ukrainians, it is said, is still more serious and the troops of the Moscow government are approaching Petlura's base at Tarnopol.

House Makes Speed Record in Passage of Deficiency Bill

Washington, May 22.—Passage by the house late today of a deficiency bill providing urgent appropriations of \$45,044,500 for war risk allowance to soldiers and sailors' families and civil war pensioners made another speed record for the new house, which yesterday adopted the woman suffrage resolution.

One of the first sharp clashes of the session between republicans and democrats occurred during discussion of the deficiency bill. The measure authorizes appropriations of \$39,615,000 for allowances due May 1 and June 1 to about 700,000 families of soldiers, sailors and marines, \$3,000,000 for delayed civil war pensions and \$2,429,500 for administration of the war risk insurance bureau.

It was passed without a dissenting vote after considerable partisan discussion, republicans and democrats making counter-charges of responsibility for payment delays.

Honor Cedar Rapids Man. Sioux City, Ia., May 22.—The Iowa Federation of Labor convention today selected Fort Dodge for the convention city in 1920, and elected Fred A. Gault of Cedar Rapids president. Charles B. Cain of Dubuque was re-elected vice president, and Earl C. Willey of Sioux City, secretary treasurer.

Poincare to Visit Belgium. Brussels, May 22.—President Poincare of France will visit Belgium about the middle of June, Lesoir announces.