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## NEARLY TWO MILLION RAILROAD EMPLOYES GET INCREASE

Blow May Be Launched at Any Moment, However.

Every Hour Being Utilized by

Them to Strengthen Strategic Positions-Confidence Reigns.

By the Associated Press Still anohter week has passed, and the Germans have not begun their expected new offensive against the allied forces in Flanders and Picardy. And, as yet, there is nowhere any Killing Off Enemy Airmen and indication that it is the early intention of the enemy again to try to break the battle front and reach the channel ports.

It is not improbable, however, that the blow will be launched at any moment. Aviators winging their way in greatest attempt to win a decisive vic-

Meantime, the allies are not idle. Every hour is being utilized by them to strengthen strategic positions and every hour finds them the better prepared to withstand an enemy on-The morale of the troops is of the highest and confidence reigns among the men of the unified command of General Foch that the enemy will not be able to carry out his program to the full, and that whatever ground he may gain will be dearly

Americans Not Seconhary. battle front the Americans are play-ing no secondary role. The steady stream of the khaki clad lads from overseas to the fighting line has served greatly to reassure the British and French contingents that have heretofore so valiantly held their own against tremendous odds. Those of the Americans already in the trenches have given and are still giving a good account of themselves, harrassing the Germans with their artillery and out-

gaming in combats in the open. Even the Germans at home pre viously adopting the tactics of sneer-ing at the Americans now are becoming aware of their strength and virili-No less an authority than the ty. No less an authority than the semi-official North German Gazette is remarking on the "maturing" American reinforcements behind the allied line and wondering "how the lightning trained Yankee will hold his own against the German lads who have had military training from their

youth. Nowhere along the battle front has there been fighting of any great moment. Several new raids have been carried out successfully against German positions by the Americans, British and French forces and some similar attempts by the Germans prompt-ly put down. Heavy artillery duels have been in progress on various sec-tors between the Germans and the British and French. The shelling by Germans of Field Mashal Haig's positions east and northeast of Amiens has been particularly heavy, gas pro-

jectiles being used in great numbers.

Another "Silent" Raid.

The Americans in the Montdidier sector have carried out another of their "silent" raids, leaving their trenches without artillery support and overwhelming an enemy trench. Six Germans were killed and one soldier who returned to their own line. The nesday on the Lys front. British near Bucquoy in a similar adventure captured-14 Germans and two AMERICANS MAKE RAID machine guns and in two other raids took 15 prisoners and a machine gun. In the Ailette river region the French also brought in captives.

There still is considerable aerial activity over and behind the battle line and numerous fights in the air secur

In the Italian theater the Austrians have essayed several rather strong attacks against the Italians in the mountain region of the north but everywhere have met with repulse. Along the lower Piave river and in the Tonale region there have been intensive

### artillery duels. AMERICAN PATROL IN SHARP FIGHT ROUTS ENEMY

With the American Army in France, May 26 .- (By the Associated Press)-An American patrol had an engagement last night in the Luneville sector with a German patrol carrying light machine guns, and routed the enemy in a sharp fight. Several of the Germans were killed. Their bodies were dragged back by their com-There were no American

On the same sector a German sergeant crept into the American lines. holding up his hands and shouting 'kamerad

He said he had enough of fighting for the kaiser and Von Hindenburg. He was sent to the rear.

The artillery action generally was light in the Toul and Luneville sectors American airmen concluded several missions successfully without encountering the German machines.

## AMERICAN GUNBOAT IN CHINA STRIKES A ROCK

Shanghai, Wednesday, Mayy 22, (By the Associated Press.)-An American gunboat proceeding to Chungking It was announced tonight that the struck a rock 10 miles from Ichang lasuance of communiques had been Tuesday. Although badly damaged he succeeded in returning to port.

BY AMERICANS—BERLIN

Amsterdam, May 26.—"Heavy osses" were inflicted on the Americans on the Picardy front in the repulse of strong American patrols yesterday west of Montdidier, it is claimed in a semi-official German report received today in a Berlin telegram.

The report, in the course of a description of yesterday's military operations, says:

"West of Montdider strong American patrols advance against our front. One American patrol was entirely cut up by our fire. The others were thrown back by counter-attack. The Americans thereby suffered heavy losses."

# ALLIES ARE NOT IDLE

Have Done Much Toward Accomplishing Results Sought.

Preventing Them Getting American Information.

With the American Army in France, Saturday, May 25 .- (By the Associareconnaissances behind the German ted Press)-The activities of the lines still report a continuation by the American air squadron operating in Germans of their work of bringing up the sector northwest of Toul seem to fresh troops, guns and stores for what have had results even more effective is believed everywhere will be their than was anticipated. When it first than was anticipated. When it first began its work there were between 30 and 50 summonss to activity coming in to our aviators daily. Gradually the number of calls has dwindled until for several days the average has

been only two a day. From a strictly technical military standpoint, the operations of the American airmen have two objects. The first is to kill off the opposing airmen, while the second is to keep the enemy from flying his machine on the American side of the line and thus preventing him from taking photographs, regulating artillery fire, or any way securing information. The American airmen have done

jects.
The records show that the new quadron has already taken a creditable toll of enemy pilots and observers, while for a German airplane to come over the American lines now is a rare occurrence. This situation contrasts sharply with that which prevailed when these aviators first started operating. It was a rare occasion then when one or more enemy airplanes was not encircling over or be-hind the American lines, operating with almost complete freedom.

Moreover, according to information obtained from a German officer aviaor brought down within the last few days, the fear of the American aviators has been instilled into the German flying corps. This prisoner fur-nished the information that the line rom St. Mihiel to Pont-a-Mausson, within which the American airmen are operating had come to be regarded as a dangerous place for German pilots. Our fighting aviators could not possibly have heard a more welcome tribute

## FOUR AMERICAN AIRMEN MISSING ON BRITISH FRONT

American Headquarters on the British Front, Saturday, May 25, (By the Associated Press.)-Four American aviators have been reported missing on the British front, two of whom were brought down behind the German lines since 'April (May?) 12. The names of the missing men are not yet available.

There is no confirmation as yet of the claim of Thursday's German official statement that three American was made prisoner by the Americans airplanes were brought down on Wed-

## IN MONTDIDIER REGION

With the American Army in France. Saturday, May 25. (By the Associated Press.) - American forces in the Montdidier region carried out a silent raid upon enemy positions yesterday, killing six men and capturing one. Without the assistance of the artillery the Americans slipped into the enemy trenches and quickly accomplished

## DR. JOHNSON TO KNOW HIS FATE WITHIN THREE DAYS

Middlesex, N. C., Dentist Clearly Indicates He Is Not Worrying About the Outcome.

Special to The Observer. Richmond, Va., May 26 .- Within hree days Dr. Lemuel Johnson, Middlesex, N. C., dentist, charged here with the murder of his wife on December 20, 1917, by giving, her poison. will know his fate. The case is to be resumed at 1.0 a.m. Monday with the defendant on the stand for a grilling cross-examination.

Throughout the trial Johnson has assumed the attitude of an innocent bystander and he clearly indicates he is not worrying about the outcome. The young brother of the dentise arrived here Saturday and will sit beside him in the courtroom during the closing days of the trial. His father and mother, both ill in the North Carolina home, will be unable to at-

tend the trial.

ters from Washington.

---Juers From Washington With the American Army in France May 26, (By the Associated Press.)discontinued on orders to headquar-

Only Those for England, France and Italy Will Be Given Out at Headquarters in France Hereafter.

Washington, May 26.—General Pershing's daily communiques herethe United States exclusively at the WILSON TO TALK TO THEM war department here. Copies for the paper sof England, France and Italy will be given out at the headquarters of the expeditionary forces, where it understood they also wil lbe available to American correspondents but only for their information.

Decision to have the communiques issued here is understood to have resulted from two considerations. The first was to prevent further congestion of already overcrowded cable wires which would result from each American correspondent cabling the communiques separately and the second was to make the communiques available in Washington for all newspapers of the United States at the same time.

## U. S. NAVAL OFFICERS AND **MEN RESCUED 34 MEMBERS** OF CREW OF FLORENCE H.

Stories of Heroic Daring Told

caught fire and broke in two in French waters last April 17, are told in the report of Rear Admiral Wilson, comnavy department.

Lieut. H. D. Haislip, of San Mateo. Cal., who at the risk of detonating his depth charges and destroying his vessel, promptly charged his festroyer through the mass of biszing and ex-ploding wreeksge covering the water. In which survivors were struggling, is ecommended for commendation.
Gunner's Mate F. M. Upton, of Den-

ver, Col., and Ship's Cook J. W. Covington, of Durant, Okla., are recom mended for congressional medals of honor and gold life-saving medals. They leaped into the sea and rescued man who, exhausted, was in the midst of exploding powder boxes. Six officers who commanded life and motor boats which entered the wreckage to rescue men who were being badly burned about the head and arms, two surgeons and a chap lain and 48 seamen who were with them are mentioned for commenda-

The French vice admiral commanding the district, in commending Lieutenant Haislip said he gave "proof of a superb contempt of danger and remarkable qualities of seamanship."

## ROOSEVELT AND TAFT HAVE AMICABLE CHAT

Two Former Presidents Talk for Half Hour in Chicago Hotel.

Chicago, May 26.-Theodore Roose velt and William Howard Taft, former Presidents of the United States, met tonight in a Chicago hotel and held their first extuded amicable conversation since the national republican convention in 1912. It was at that convention held in Chicago that the progressive party was born and Colone Rosevelt made its nminee after the republicans had nominated Mr. Taft.

This occurred in the dining room, Colonel Roosevelt was at dinner when Mr. Taft entered and made his way to the colonl's table. The men gripped hands and smiled broadly while the other diners rose and cheered.

After the greeting, the former presidents sat down and engaged in animated conversation for half an hour. Finally, as Mr. Taft rose to go they the best of spirits.

Neither the colonel nor Mr. Taft would divulge the topic of conversa-

"Mr. Taft heard I was here and immediately came to see me," said Mr. which the action is base. Roosevelf. "We had a very enjoyable held by the commission. half hour's talk and I was very happy o see him again."

Mr. Taft said: "I heard the colonel was here before I saw him. I missed the opportunity of seeing him at the dinner to Marshal Joffre in New York. I was very glad to see him this time."

## MISS STINSON UNABLE TO RESUME HER FLIGHT

Binghamton, N. Y., May 26#-Miss Catherine Stinson, aviatrix, who at-tempted a flight from Chicago to New York last Thursday and alighted here when the airplane's supply of gaso-line became depleted, was to resume her journey today. She tried several new propellers on the machine this afternoon, but none of them had the equisite pulling force.

Miss Stinson is suffering from a se vere cold and under the care of a physician, but she announced her intention of flying to New York tomorrow if the airplanes worked properly.

## PERUVIAN VESSELS TO SAIL TO FOREIGN PORTS

Lima, Peru, May 26.—The govern-ment has authorized the sailing of Peruvian vessels to foleign ports.

On May 11 the government prohibited the sailing of Peruvian merchant ships outside of north, central and South American waters without spe-

Members Are Not Satisfied but Are Resigned.

Program and Abandon Plans for July Adjournment.

Washington, May 26.-Dissatisfied but resigned, Congress is prepared to revise its legislative program this week and abandon plans for adjournment in

session after 'the fall elections, the unexpected development.

in Report of Rear Admiral mons, chairman of the senate figure results in the transport of troops and committee, plans to see Secretary Mc- supplies. Wilson to the Navy Depart- Adoo and a compromise movement to later on may follow. Leaders hope the administration may consent to an were excellent, showing an increase subscribed by \$12,097,304, officials teWashington, May 26.—Stories of the adjournment after the revenue bill over the preceding months but were night were setting no limit to the out-

manding American naval forces in slowing down of recent speed on leg-equalled in 1918, but that a new and France, made public tonight by the islation is expected. Week-end re-more intensive effect was planned. cesses are planned during the summer while committees work on the tax bill. This week, however, much im-CLEAN The record breaking army appropriation bill, totalling about \$17,000, old, 600, with its provision for calling all men to the colors who can be trained and equipped, will be taken up Tuesdaly by the house under an agree-

ment to give it the right of way in the hope of its passage early next week Tomorrow the house plans to pass the new urgent deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$123,000,000. Increase of the army also is scheduled for consideration by the senate in discussion of the resolution of Senator Reed authorizing 3,000,000 more

men, unanimously reported by the senate military committee. Some position already has been devloped in the senate to the provision in the house bill and champions of the Reed resolution hope to make it the basis of a compromise.

The aircraft inquiry of the senate military subcommittee headed by Senator Thomas will open formally tomorrow with a meeting t odiscuss procedure.

Proposed increase to \$2.50 per bushel of the government's minimum guaranteed price for wheat will again be considered tomorrow by senate and house, conferees on the agricultural appropriation bill with prospects of defeat of the proposal by continuation of the present deadlock.

## CHARGED WITH SELLING SPOILED MEAT TO ARMY

Complaint Against Swift & Co. and Morris & Co. Made by ARMY CASUALTY LIST Trade Commission.

May 26.—Sale of Washington. spoiled meat and other food products to the army with the knowledge that the food was "unfit for human consumption," is charged in complaints issued today by the federal trade commission against Morris & Co., and Swift & Co., two of the five great packing companies.

It is alleged that thousands of shook hands again, each seemingly in pounds of unfit meat and chickens were sold to Camp Travis, Texas, Most of it was detected and condemned. but, it is said, some of it may have been passed and consumed.

Details of the information upon which the action is based were with-

10-JO SAYS



Showers today and probably Tues

Talking about "that trip to Europe. won't be such a novelty after the war

Great Britain and America in April Built 40,000 More Tons of Shipping Than the Enemy Sunk.

Paris, May 26 .- As proof that the allies are rapidly overcoming the submarine menace, Georges Leygues, minister of marine, informed the army and navy war committees of the senate yesterday that Great Britain and Body Now Prepared to Revise the United States alone had constructed in April 40,000 tons more shipping than was sunk by the enemy.

The ministers declared also that the means employed to rid the seas of submarines had become increasingly effective since January and had given decisive results.

The minister pointed out the tremendous strides recently made by the President Wilson is expected to allies in repairing ships damaged by state formally in a few days why rev- torpedoes or mines and declared that enuc legislation before the December co-ordination between the allied na-session is regarded as imperative. tions had become so smooth during Since the democratic and republican the last four months that the tonnage leaders failed to agree on plans pro-posed by the President for a special tons weekly. Great Britain, he said tons weekly. Great Britain, he said, repaired 598,000 tons in one had work of forming a new tax bill will week recently while France had efproceed at once unless there is seome fected repairs upon 260,000 tons in one unexpected development. Final conferences on the question more efficient and speedier will be held tomorrow. Senator Sim- work was constantly bringing better

Adoo and a compromise movement to afford Congress a summer vacation submarines which was constant, said the minister, the figures for April cers and men in rescuing 34 of the in the fall, possibly after it has 75 members of the crew of the American munitions ship Florence H, which caught fire and broked to the senate, and defer completion of the measure until the winmitteemen that the program for the With an all summer session re-garded as a disappointing certainty, a pared in 1917 had already been

## WITH LIGHT MACHINE

Work of American Patrol of One Officer and 20 Men in Loring's Communique.

Washington, May 26 .- General Pershing's communique for Sunday issued tonight by the war department tells how an American patrol of an officer and 20 men in the Lorraine sector last night drove back and inflicted losse upon an enemy patrol armed with light machine guns and assisted by machine gunfire from the enemy lines The .communique for Saturday, de-

layed in transmission, says: "Yesterday in Picardy our troops executed a successful silent raid and inflicted on the enemy a number of losses in killed and prisoners. There is nothing else of importance to report."

Following is today's statement: "In the course of parrol encounters inflicted a number of casualties. Last night in Lorraine one of our patrols, consisting of an officer and 20 men. gained contact with an enemy patrol assisted by machine gunfire from its own lines. In the fighting which ensued our patrol drove back the enemy killing several of them."

## CONTAINS 28 NAMES

Five Officers Named in Sunday's Roll-Five Soldiers Killed in Action.

Washington. May 26.—The army casualty list issued today contained 28 liberate plot on the part of the school names, divided as follows:

The state also sought to show a decision of the part of the school teacher to eliminate Mrs. Roberts

Killed in action, five. Died of wounds, two Died of disease, five. Died of accident, two. Wounded severely, seven. Wounded slightly, five.

Missing in action, two.
Five officers were named. Lieuts. Walter Victor Barnesby, 222 Thirtieth street, Newport News, Va., and Paul B. Kurtz of Germantown, Pa., died of accident; Maj. Smauel L. Wilson of Lexington, Ky., Capt. William J. Bur-dell of Hot Springs, Ark., and Lleut. Frederick H. Cone of New York city,

### were wounded severely. HOLDS THE AMERICAN "HORDES" IN CONTEMPT

Amsterdam, May 26.—Regarding the American "hordes" training in the French camps, the semi-official North German Gazette of Berlin remarks: Fresh reinforcements are meanwhile maturing in our recruiting depots behind the front and we will wait and see whether the lightning trained Yankee will hold his own against the German lads who have had military training from their youth."

## STEAMER CLAN MATHESON SUNK IN COLLISION

London, Saturday, May 25.—The British steamer Clan Matheson has been sunk in a collision, Lloyd's shipping agency announced today.

gow. The last mention of her in the ly exceed the total of \$11,000,000 beshipping records was on December 16 fore hostilities began. The markets last when she was reported at a United States Atlantic port.

The Red Cross is human Kindness organized.

# Departs From Commission's

Red Cross Officials Set No Limit to Mercy Fund.

Contributions Expected to Far Exceed \$18,000,000 on This Final Day.

Washington, May 26 .- With the American Red Cross' second \$100,-000,000 war mercy fund already over- than \$300,000,000 a year, half of which will be distributed within a few night were setting no limit to the outpouring of dollars on the closing day of the week's drive tomorrow. That were excellent, showing an increase subscribed by \$12,097,304, officials tothat daily average of something more than \$18,000,000 would be far ex-ceeded they had no doubt. tions in the following particulars: The principle of the basic eig. On the face of returns at head-

quarters here tonight, 11 of the 14 divisions had oversubscribed, with the gulf leading the home divisions in percentage with 210, but the foreign topping them all with 200. The three divisions which had not attained their hours. GUNS IS DRIVEN BACK top earls tomorrow.

The Potomac division shows \$4,200,-

Greater New York lacks \$1,399,666 raine Sector Cited in Pershwith an allotment of \$4,500,000, has subscribed \$10,231,000. Detroit has given \$5,500,000, nearly four times its minimum. Pittsburgh has at-tained only 56 per cent of its \$4,000,-000, while Chicago has turned in only 47 per cent of its \$7,000,000. s another of the larger cities behind in

## the campaign. GRACE LUSK TRIAL TO BE CONCLUDED THIS WEEK

of Favorable Verdict on Plea of Insanity.

Waukesha, Wis., May 26.—The fate of Grace Lusk will be placed in the hands of the jury before the end of our troops drove back the enemy and the third week of her trial for slaying the wife of Dr. David Roberts, attorneys in the case announced today. the school teacher shot and killed Mrs. stories told on the witness stand by both the school teacher and the veterinarian as proof that the defendant did not have the mental capacity to distinguish between right and

To combat this contention the prosecution has introduced testimony designed to show that, although Lusk declared on the witness stand she could remember nothing of the actual shooting, her recollection of events immediately before and after the tragedy was clear.

from "the triangle" so that she could marry the doctor. Tomorrow more expert testimony will be introduced by both sides re-

### defendant. ENTENTE ALLIED AIR RAID CARRIED OUT OVER LIEGE

Longdoz Railway Station Is Destroyed and Twenty-six Persons Are Killed.

Amsterdam, May 26 .- The Rotterdam Maasbode reports that an entente allied air raid has been carried out over Liege. The Longdoz railway station was destroyed and twenty-six persoms were killed.

The Longdoz railway station is the junction point for lines running to Namur and Maestricht. A dispatch from London last Wednesday said early that morning two

the explosives. LOOKS FOR BIG TRADE

Liege had dropped 22 heavy bombs

and that large fires were started by

Washington, May 26.—In announc-ing today the result of a survey of the foreign markets for cotton linters, bat-Sunderland. She was owned by Cayzer, Irvine & Co., Limited, of Glasgow. The last mention of her in the shipping records was on December 16

Effective Next Saturday; Retroactive to Last January 1.

PROBABLY \$300,000,000 ADDED TO ANNUAL PAYROLL

Recommendations Slightly.

IEW WAGE BOARD CREATED All Increases to Be Determined

**Upon Percentage Based Upon** 

Pay in December, 1915. Washington, May 26 .- General pay increases for nearly two million railroad employes were announced today by Director General McAdoo, effective next Saturday and retroactive to last January 1, carrying out substantially recommendations of the railroad wage commission. The aggregate of the increases probably will be more

the wage commission's recommenda-The principle of the basic eighthour day is recognized, but owing to exigencies of the war situation, hours of employment are not actually duced and overtime is to be paid pro rata; future adjustments of pay to be made on the basis of eight

top early tomorrow.

The Potomac division shows \$4,206, mainly on track work are to get at 230 and the southern division \$3,701, least 236 cents an hour more than they received last December 31. A minimum of 55 cents an hour is established for the shop trades, in-

cluding machinists, botlermakers and blacksmiths. Women are to receive the same pay as men for the same work and negroes are to get the same as white men for similar employment.

New Wage Broad. To work out a multitude of inequalities and other injustices caused by varying rules of employment and condition of organization, the direcor general created a new board of railroad wage and working tions consisting of three labor repre-sentatives and three railway execu-Defense Resting Its Entire Hope tives which will conduct extensive investigation and recommend wage

and other employments changes All increases now ordered will be determined according to a percentage scale based on pay received in December, 1915, and any increases which have been allowed within that time will be deducted. In many cases raises in pay in the last two and half years are about equal to the increases now approved and con The defense, having admitted that quently these employes will get little or no more. To correct just such satwas Roberts, is resting its entire hope of uations when injustices are apparent supplied with light machine guns and obtaining a favorable verdict on the will be one of the principal duties of plea of insanity. To this end Miss the new wage board, whose creation Lusk's attorneys have pointed to the was suggested by the railroad wage commission. In no cases are wages

to be reduced. Who Get Increases Men working on the monthly, daily, hourly, piece work and train mile ba-sis will benefit by the new allowances, and members of the four leading raffway brotherhoods whose raised through operation of the Adamson act are to receive from 10 to 40 per cent additional, a smaller increase than they had asked of railroads shortly before the government took

control. The wage order applies to all employes of the 164 roads now under federal management, but not to the so-called short lines unless they are retained by the government after July 1. It affects employes of terminal, union station, and switching companies, lighters, ferries and tugs owned garding the sanity or insanity of the by railroads, but not employes of railroad boat lines on the lakes, rivers or coastwise traffic. Although pullman cars now are under government operation, pullman employes will not ben-efit unless the railroad administration decides eventually to retain manage-

ment of the cars. In announcing his decision, Mr. Mc-Adoo appealed to railroad employes to forget dissensions and disappointments arising under private control, and to remember that the success of the war depends largely on their ser-

vices. May Increase Rates. To meet the expense of the wage increase, the biggest ever granted to railroad or to any other class of em-ployes at one time the railroad administration has discussed raising

freight and passenger rates.

The percentages of wage increases range from 43 for men who received \$46 a month in December, 1915, down bombing formations sent out to attack to a small rate for those receiving just bing formations sent out to attack important railway triangle at e had dropped 22 heavy bombs that large fires were started by explosives.

IKS FOR BIG TRADE

to a small rate for those receiving just under \$250 or more in 1915.

With the exception of office and messenger boys under 18, who are given smaller increases all employes who received less than \$46 a month are given a flat increase of \$20, with

AFTER THE WAR ENDS the provision that laborers paid by the day shall get a minimum of 2 % cents an hour above the rate six months ago.
Table of Increases.

The table of increases, as announced, itemized for each dollar of wages received in December, 1915, may summarized as follows: Monthly rate Increase above in 1915 pay 1915 pay 8 46 to \$550 . . . . \$20.21 to \$21.50

\$ 50 to \$ 55 .... \$21.60 to \$22.55 (Continued on Page Two.)