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FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC BEGINS

Early This Morning Two Giant Navy Hydro-Airplanes Leave Rockaway

OTHER DAMAGED MACHINE TO FOLLOW IN FEW HOURS

Favorable Weather Is Officially Predicted For The Initial Start; How They Will Be Launched in The Air From The Marine Railway Bound For Newfoundland

(By The Associated Press.) New York, May 5.—A score of naval aviators—youths in the twenties and early thirties, yet experts in flying, navigation and motor mechanics—were ready today for a start soon after daybreak tomorrow in their attempt to drive three giant hydro-airplanes of the American navy across the Atlantic.

With favorable weather officially predicted, both in the vicinity of the home station at Rockaway Point, Long Island, and along the coast to Newfoundland, terms of the journey's first "leg" the aviators expected to launch at least two and possibly three of the three planes scheduled to make the cruise.

Damage to NC-1 by Fire. The NC-1 whose starboard wings were destroyed early today in a fire which also slightly damaged the NC-4 was nearly fit for flight again when darkness fell on a small army of mechanics who had worked on the craft for more than 18 hours. The NC-4 had been completely restored by mid-afternoon. There was a possibility that the NC-1 might be delayed in her "jump off" a few hours, or even a day or more, if possibly unexpected adjustments of the new wings developed at the last moment, but the NC-4 and NC-2 were scheduled to take the air sometime between dawn and 7 a. m. Though saddened by the death of two of their comrades—Ensign Hugh J. Adams and Chief Machinist's Mate Harold Corey—in the plunge to earth of a naval scout plane, the trans-oceanic crews showed no discouragement over the interference with their plans resulting from the fire.

"Wonderful Work," Says Towers. Commander Towers declared that the navy and civilian mechanics had done "wonderful work" in preparing the damaged NC-1 for the flight. The fire started at 2:10 o'clock this morning when an overheated electric pump which was evaporating her hull of bilge water, ignited a can of oil near by.

Twenty minutes later the repair crews were at work. Scaffolding was erected and the original starboard of the NC-1—the craft had been fitted with the NC-2's wings after her own had been damaged in a wind storm—were attached.

Commander Towers and his associates planned to rise at daylight for the cruise to Halifax, the overnight halting place scheduled on the way to New Foundland. Nothing but "impossible" weather or an accident, the commander said, would prevent the "jump-off."

The Three Commanders. The machines will take the air, one after another, using in turn the single marine railway at the station equipped for the huge NC's.

Commander Towers will head one of the crews—that of the NC-3. Lieutenant Commander A. C. Read will direct the flight of the NC-4 and Lieutenant Commander P. N. L. Bellinger, the NC-1. In addition to the commanders each wing spread, with Liberty motors of 1,000 horsepower—will carry a navigator, two pilots, and a radio officer.

U. S. ARMY OF OCCUPATION IS SENDING MANY SOUVENIRS

Coblenz, May 5.—Soldiers of the American Army of Occupation in the region of Coblenz have been sending home more souvenirs recently than at any previous time since the Americans reached the Rhine. At first these souvenirs consisted of German helmets, iron crosses, bayonets and other articles of war used by the defeated army, but of late the soldiers have been buying German steins and other articles made of pottery.

Within the American area on the east bank of the Rhine there are several pottery plants which have been working overtime during the past few weeks turning out souvenirs for the soldiers. All kinds of pottery pieces are made, bearing the soldier's name and unit while he watches the process of manufacture. At the American postoffice in Coblenz officers estimate that about sixty mail sacks of souvenirs are shipped to the United States every day.

Mexican Palace to Be Reconstructed. Mexico City, May 5.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The palace of Cortez, in the suburbs of Coyacan, is to be reconstructed by the government and used as a museum for relics of the Spanish conquest. The structure, 400 years old, has been allowed to fall into ruins. In the courtyard are ancient trees, under which Hernando Cortez and his followers were wont to rest. There are hundreds of years older than the ancient building itself. The chapel attached to the palace is still in good condition.

One of the Pilots To Cross The Atlantic



COM. H. C. RICHARDSON. Richardson is one of the pilots in Crew No. 1 in the fleet of three U. S. navy seaplanes in trans-Atlantic flight.

ONLY 40 PER CENT OF LOAN RAISED

Reports Show Imperative Need of Increased Activity Next 5 Days

WILL TAKE THIRD BILLION EACH DAY TO REACH GOAL

Only \$145,751,249 Reported Subscribed Since Saturday, Which Is \$300,000,000 Short of Daily Average Which Must Be Maintained If Quota Is Subscribed

Washington, May 5.—Imperative need of increased activity during the remaining five days of the Victory Liberty loan campaign was indicated tonight by the Treasury's report that subscriptions to date amounted to \$1,803,730,000 or only 40 per cent of the aggregate needed. This was an increase of only \$145,751,000 since Saturday.

Table with 3 columns: District, Subscription, Pct. Lists districts like St. Louis, Minneapolis, Chicago, Boston, Kansas City, Richmond, Atlanta, Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, San Francisco, Dallas.

Some Comfort in Comparison. "The best that can be said for the total tonight," said the Treasury review, "is that the percentage of the country's quota subscribed today is almost as high as was the percentage of the fourth Liberty Loan quota on a corresponding day in the last drive. The discouraging feature of the present situation is that the total gain since Saturday's report is only \$145,751,249. This is about \$600,000,000 short of the daily average that must be maintained from now until the end of the loan if the country's quota is to be subscribed. Five days removed from the final goal in the fourth Liberty Loan campaign the country had subscribed \$2,451,653,950, or about \$650,000,000 more than it has subscribed in the present loan."

Patriotic Work of Newspapers. "The patriotic spirit of American newspapers," the review added, "never was better exemplified than today in connection with the publication of a final Victory Liberty Loan appeal by Secretary Glass. On Saturday the Secretary sent a frank statement to 2,200 newspapers by telegraph telling them that the Treasury Department was concerned about the state of the loan and asking them to publish a frank statement from him on the situation which accompanied his telegram. Virtually every newspaper that received the telegram today printed the statement on its front page."

Fifth District Figures. The Richmond district reported subscriptions as follows: Maryland, \$22,749,450; District of Columbia, \$9,448,250; Virginia, \$23,633,950; West Virginia, \$4,766,000; North Carolina, \$11,497,450; South Carolina, \$4,220,850. Richmond reports individual subscriptions to date of 121,337.

The million dollar market set for subscriptions to the Victory Loan from reservists officers training corps units has been passed, the War Department announced.

"MADE IN LITHUANIA." Small New Republic Will Popularize Happy New Egean.

New York, May 5.—Do you remember those goose-brains, succulent food, mysteriously prepared, that used to come to you in parcels marked "Made in Germany?" They were not really made in Germany. For the goose from which they came were grown in Lithuania, that small Baltic Republic, which has been oppressed systematically by Germany and brutally by Russia during several centuries. Lithuania is asking America to recognize its independence.

TELEPHONE CASE IN HIGHEST COURT

Involved in Appeal To Test Authority of Postmaster General and R. R. Director

LEGAL HEADS OF MANY STATES IN ATTENDANCE

Argument On Contentment of The States Against Fixing Intra-State R. R. Rates By Government; Wire Rate Cases To Be Heard Today; Solicitor General's Argument

Washington, May 5.—Authority of the director general of railroads and the postmaster, general to increase intra-state railroad, telegraph and telephone rates throughout the country was argued today in the Supreme Court in connection with appeals from proceedings originating in a number of states. Hearing on the railroad case was finished but arguments in the wire rate cases will not be concluded until tomorrow.

The appeal in the railroad case came from North Dakota while the telegraph and telephone rate cases arose from proceedings in South Dakota, Kansas, Massachusetts and Illinois. Briefs as amici curiae were filed in the two cases on behalf of the National Association of Railroad and Public Utility Commissioners representing about 35 states and separately by the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin, the city of Detroit, and the Protective Telephone Association of Baltimore.

The proceedings attracted wide attention and attorney generals from many states were in the court room. The Contentment Argued. Arguments in both cases today centered principally upon the contention of the states that the government's action in fixing intra-state rates was an interference with the state police powers. Solicitor General King and Mr. Payne denied this contention but asserted that section ten of the railroad control act as well as the joint resolution by which the government took over supervision of the wires clearly gave the President this authority.

The solicitor general argued that in increasing telephone and telegraph rates the postmaster general was acting in behalf of the public as the corporations which own the wires through government control had ceased to operate them and acted solely as the states bringing the proceedings with attempting to interfere with government operation of these facilities, and asked for the dismissal of the wire cases on the ground that they were suits brought against the government without its consent.

He Informed the Justice. "If the government did not fix these rates, who would?" asked Justice McReynolds during the course of solicitor general's argument. "I suppose the states would," the solicitor general replied. "Well, if the states fix the rates so that there should be a loss, who would pay it," the justice asked. "The government would," Mr. King replied.

"That's what I have been trying to find out," Justice McReynolds said. Mr. Hitchcock argued that the police powers provided for in the wire resolution applied to the states in a broad sense as Congress intended to include the right of the states to regulate intra-state rates. He accused the postmaster general of exceeding his powers in interfering with telephone rates and with unlawfully invading state powers.

BLAZE DAMAGES HOME BADLY IN GREENVILLE

Greenville, May 5.—(Special to the News and Observer.)—Mr. Wiley Brown's handsome home on Dickerson street here today was badly damaged by fire, which was discovered about 12:15 p. m. It started on the second floor and may have been caused by the crossing of electric wires. The total loss is about \$3,000.

MOVEMENTS OF SECRETARY DANIELS AND PARTY.

London, May 5.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels was the guest of the American Luncheon Club at a luncheon today. Afterward the secretary, Mrs. Daniels and the American naval officers in his party went by automobile to Portsmouth where they will be guests at Admiralty House. The secretary and his party will spend Tuesday in Portsmouth, the British naval base.

ANOTHER BRITISH FLIGHT TEAM ENTERS CONTEST

St. John's, N. F., May 5.—Another British team of aspirants for trans-Atlantic flight honors has entered the London Daily Mail's \$50,000 prize competition. Word was received today that Captain Alecock, pilot, and Lieut. Brown, navigator, are on the steamship Mauretania, having left Liverpool May 3, and that their machine, a Vickers Vimy bomber plane, will follow soon on another vessel.

Advices said also the Handley-Page machine, another contestant, and its crew have left Liverpool on the steamship Digby for St. John's, the final destination being Harbor Grace, where the start is to be made. The Digby is due here May 11. Meanwhile Frederick P. Rayham and Harry G. Hawker, British rivals here awaiting favorable weather in order to "hop off" were uncertain this morning whether they would start overseas today.

HERE'S WHERE WE'RE GUARDING GERMAN DELEGATES.



This is the Hotel des Reservoirs, assigned to house the German delegates sent to receive the peace treaty from the allied congress in Paris. The fences which have been erected to restrict their liberty and incidentally to keep the curious out, may be seen in the picture. Allied patrols see that no one passes these bounds.

WILLARD-DEMPSEY FIGHT AT TOLEDO

Promoter Tex Rickard Makes Announcement of 12-Round Bout For July 4

PUGILISTS WILL BE PAID; OHIO LAW AGAINST PURSE

By Meeting Requirements of Law The Mayor Is Permitted To Grant Consent; An Octagon Shaped Arena Will Be Built To Accommodate 50,000; Other Details

New York, May 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Tex Willard-Dempsey heavyweight championship fight will be staged at Toledo, Ohio, on the afternoon of Friday, July 4.

The pugilists will enter the ring at 3 p. m. and will box 12 rounds unless a knockout terminates the contest earlier in the clash. If the bout goes the limit, a referee, to be selected later, will award a decision on points. The details were announced by Promoter Tex Rickard here tonight.

Can't Fight For Purse. Willard and Dempsey will be paid for their services, Rickard explained, and will not fight for a purse, which is against the laws of Ohio. "Having consulted my attorneys," he said, "I find that I am entirely within the laws of Ohio and according to a decision of the law in such cases. Therefore I have accepted Toledo's offer to hold the boxing exhibition there."

Under the Ohio law the mayor of Toledo is permitted to grant consent. Under decision of the court one is privileged to employ boxers to give exhibitions when a purse is not fought for.

Big Arena To Be Built. An octagon-shaped arena to accommodate between fifty and sixty thousand spectators will be erected at a point convenient to the city. Admission charges will range from five to fifty dollars according to the location of the seats. Both pugilists will train for at least five weeks at the scene of the contest in accordance with the terms of the contract made with Rickard.

No Interference By Governor.

Columbus, O., May 5.—Governor Cox tonight declined to comment on the proposal to hold the Willard-Dempsey fight July 4 at Toledo. Examination of the Ohio law against prize fighting, made in the governor's office, shows that interpretation and enforcement of it is up to local officials.

The law permits boxing exhibitions for which the mayor, if in municipalities, or the sheriff, if outside, grants permits, if the matches are given under the auspices of a chartered athletic association and if no purse is offered to the winner.

It is said that in the Willard-Dempsey contest no purse is to be offered, but that each contestant is to receive a definite amount of Liberty bonds. The Athletic association requirements also is said to have been complied with.

Governor Cox today received a telegram from Drexel Biddle, of the board of boxing commissioners of the army and navy, urging that the Willard-Dempsey bout be permitted in the interests of clean sports.

Nolan To Be Time Keeper.

Cincinnati, O., May 5.—Joseph Nolan, sporting editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer, was notified by "Tex" Rickard tonight that he had been appointed official time-keeper for the Willard-Dempsey bout, to be held at Toledo on July 4. Mr. Nolan said he would accept the appointment.

MINISTERS PROTEST AGAINST BOXING CONTEST.

Cincinnati, O., May 5.—Reports that the Willard-Dempsey bout might be held in Toledo caused the Cincinnati Methodist Ministers' association this afternoon to pass resolutions of protest against holding the affair in Ohio, or in any other State. The resolutions will be sent to a ministers' association of every county in Ohio, it was announced.

FIRST PAID RADIO MESSAGE BY PHONE

Secretary of War Baker On Transport at Sea Talks With Washington

ACTING SECRETARY OF NAVY OTHER PERSON

Vice-President and Mrs. Thos. R. Marshall Leave For North Carolina; Ruling As To Farm Labor Made By War Department; Tar Heel Visiting in South On Business

Washington, May 5.—The first commercial radio telephone message was transmitted by wireless at 11:45 a. m. today when Secretary of War Baker, on board the United States ship George Washington, spoke with Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt in Washington, by radio telephone. The conversation was carried on in the ordinary way, Secretary Roosevelt using the regular telephone in his office. The steamer George Washington was two hundred miles from New York city at the time and Secretary Baker's voice was clear and distinct.

This remarkable feat was made possible by the use of apparatus perfected during the war under the cognizance of the Navy Department. The apparatus installed on the George Washington is of the very latest type, whereby simultaneous talking and listening can be carried out. The speaker uses his instrument just as if he were talking over an ordinary telephone. A land telephone line carried the speech from Washington to the high power trans-Atlantic radio station at New Brunswick, N. J., where the voice currents were automatically sent to the ship.

Vice-President Leaves. W. E. Yelverton, manager of the press service of Harris and Erving, has gone south for an extended visit. He will spend some time in Atlanta, and after completing his southern itinerary he will go to the Middle West on a business trip. He will be away from the capital for a month. Mr. Yelverton was formerly managing editor and later Washington correspondent of the News and Observer. He is a native of Wayne county.

The Vice-President and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall left today for a ten-day tour through North Carolina and South Carolina. The Vice-President will speak in Hamlet and other Tar Heel towns. He returned yesterday from Philadelphia, where he delivered an address Saturday night.

Washington police today are puzzled as to the whereabouts of Arnold Coggin, a 19-year-old boy, who leaped from an open window in the detective bureau to the ground six feet below. He was arrested jointly with Robert Dewey, of Greensboro, N. C., the boys being arrested on the charge of having obtained property from a Washington mercantile firm, stealing clothing and cash to the amount of \$352. Coggin jumped from the window in the detective bureau while the clerk in charge was using the telephone. He made his escape. The boys were arrested in Philadelphia and their photographs were made before Coggin escaped.

The Dixie chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the New Willard on May 9, to complete arrangements for the bridge tea which will be given next week at Eldman Park Inn. Mrs. Goodwin D. Ellsworth, who is a native of Wallace, Duplin county, is a member of the committee on arrangements.

Farming as set forth in circular No. 77, War Department, 1918, is on the same plane as all other industries or occupations in the country, and therefore, it is not the policy of the War Department, in applying the provisions of this circular, to consider that a general shortage of labor in farming shall be the determining factor in establishing the eligibility of an individual for discharge. Each application for discharge, under this circular, shall be considered from its relative merit with other applications of men in like organizations.

SECRETARY OF WAR BACK FROM EUROPE

Says One Million U. S. Troops Will Have Returned Within Next Two Weeks

TO BRING 300,000 PER MONTH HOME BY JUNE

American Army Abroad Is in Splendid Condition, He Says, The "Third Army" Being The "Best Equipped in The World"; Embarkation Camp at Brest in Ideal Condition

New York, May 5.—The one millionth man of the American Expeditionary Force will embark for home next week. Secretary Baker said today on his arrival here from France aboard the transport Washington. The homeward movement of troops Mr. Baker said, is progressing in a most satisfactory manner and he added that the 300,000 a month mark would be reached in June. Secretary Baker left here April 7, accompanied by Warren Pershing, Gen. Pershing's only son. He visited various points in France where American troops are quartered, going also to the German line where he reviewed the third army. Speaking briefly of his visit, Secretary Baker said:

"Best Equipped Army in World." "The American army abroad is in splendid condition. The third army which I inspected on the German frontier is beyond doubt the best equipped army in the world. It is everything that an army should be, in all its departments. "The men are anxious to get home and we are moving them as rapidly as possible. I expect to see the 300,000 a month mark reached in June, and the one millionth man will embark for home next week."

Embarkation Camp at Brest. Secretary Baker said he visited but one embarkation camp—that at Brest. "Its condition is simply ideal," he asserted, "and you can get the same impression from any of the other embarkation camps in the world. It is everything that an army should be, in all its departments. "The men are anxious to get home and we are moving them as rapidly as possible. I expect to see the 300,000 a month mark reached in June, and the one millionth man will embark for home next week."

Congressmen Abroad. Civilian passengers on the George Washington included Representatives William B. McKinley, Martin B. Madden and Richard Yates of Illinois, Tom Connolly, of Texas; C. W. Ramsauer, of Iowa, and Ladislav Lazaro, of Louisiana.

The wireless telephone equipment installed for President Wilson's use was used by Secretary Baker for a conversation with subordinates in the war department while the stamper was several hundred miles at sea, and the ship's officers averred that by means of similar equipment a dozen other craft within 300 miles enjoyed the nightly talking machine concerts aboard vessel.

"More Music" By Wireless. Repeated wireless calls for "more music" were declared to have been received by the George Washington's skipper from the President Grant, about 100 miles astern, so that sailors aboard her could continue dancing to the swinging strains reproduced by wireless.

HAWKER AND RAYNHAM SEEK NEW AIRDOME SITE

St. John's, N. F., May 5.—Balked by continued adverse winds and weather Harry Hawker and Captain Frederick P. Raynam, the British aviators seeking first honors for a trans-Atlantic flight today, joined forces in a hunt for a new airdome site which will allow them to "hop off" with the wind in any quarter. At present only an easterly or westerly wind can be of service because of the narrow "two wind" fields they are using.

Dutch Minister Dead.

Paris, May 5.—(Havas.)—Dr. A. L. E. de Stuers, Dutch Minister at Paris since 1885, died today. He was seventy-eight years of age.

GERMANS WILL GET TREATY TOMORROW

Definite Time Fixed When Huns Will Learn Price They Must Pay For War

ITALIAN DELEGATES HASTEN BACK TO PARIS

Differences With Italy Regarding Fiume and The Dalmatian Coast To Be Reconciled; Obstacle of Belgian Protests Also Surmounted and All's Serene Apparently

THE BIG THREE INSPECT.

Versailles, May 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—President Wilson and Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George visited the Trianon this afternoon to inspect the arrangements for the ceremony of handing over the peace treaty to the Germans. They expressed themselves as satisfied.

President Wilson, who reached Versailles at 2:30 o'clock returned to Paris about 6 o'clock. The two premiers prolonged their visit for a time.

(By The Associated Press.)

The peace treaty formulated by the allied and associated powers is to be handed to the German delegates at Versailles Wednesday afternoon. Definite announcement of the time when the Germans are to be made cognizant of the price that Imperialist Germany must pay for having instigated the world war at last has been made.

With peace measurably near, by reason of this fact, there now also seems to be good basis for the belief that the differences between Great Britain, France and the United States and Italy over Italy's claims regarding Fiume and the Dalmatian coast may yet be settled with full accord.

Italian Premier Orlando and his foreign minister, Baron Sonnino, are returning to Paris from Rome, where they have been since they quitted the peace conference more than a week ago owing to inability to obtain what Italy considered concessions which would satisfy Italian ambitions.

With the Italian question settled, almost complete unanimity of sentiment would prevail in the peace conference. The obstacles represented by the protests of the Belgians has been surmounted by the Belgian crown council having decided unanimously to sign the treaty, it having been pointed out by the head of the Belgian delegation that the document gave honorable and satisfactory terms to Belgium.

China's protest against the award of Kiao Chau to Japan and a number of smaller items are yet under discussion. The council of three met Monday afternoon in an endeavor to settle the minor ones.

A plenary session of the peace conference is to be held Tuesday afternoon, at which the peace treaty is to be presented to the smaller powers.

LITHUANIAN TROOPS APPROACHING VILNA.

Berne, Sunday, May 4.—(French Wireless Service.)—Lithuanian troops are advancing along a front of 280 miles from Courland to the region of Grodno, and are approaching Vilna, according to a report received by the Lithuanian press bureau from Kovno. Lithuanian advance guards have occupied Seikali and Vivalj, twenty-four miles from Vilna, and the bridgehead of Cieleski, on the river Vilna.

Polish troops occupied Vilna, the capital of Lithuania, several weeks ago. It has been announced on behalf of the Polish government, that this was for the purpose of aiding the Lithuanians against the Bolsheviks.

Why the Jugo-Slavs Advanced.

Paris, May 5.—(French Wireless Service.)—In Jugo-Slav circles in Paris the following is given as the reason for the advance of the Jugo-Slav troops in Carinthia beyond the limits fixed in the armistice: "The Slovenian population of Carinthia has been exposed to the exactions of undisciplined bands of German-Austrians. Jugo-Slav troops were invited to cross the boundary and disarm these bands and occupy the districts temporarily."

Jews Appeal to Wilson. New York, May 5.—A resolution asking President Wilson to use his good offices in attempting to prevent further massacres of Jews in the Crimea, Pinsk, Rumania and Poland, was adopted at the annual conference of the Union Orthodox of Rabbis of the United States and Canada, which opened here today.

Clemenceau Will Proceed.

Paris, May 5.—The visit of President Wilson to Versailles this afternoon was inspired, it is understood by his desire to admit the newspaper correspondents to the ceremony. This desire had met with opposition, one of the grounds being lack of room. The council of three therefore decided to look over the situation.

Premier Clemenceau will preside over the ceremony Wednesday and it is announced that the members of the press will be admitted. There will be fifty-eight delegates from the allied countries and six Germans present.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF PLENIARY COUNCIL TODAY.

Paris, May 5.—The announcement that Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Tittoni had returned to Rome (Continued on Page Two.)