

ABSOLUTE FAIRNESS IN MAKING DRAFT

President Wilson's Determination That No Favors Be Shown Withholding of Plans. NOT TO BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL EVE OF DRAWING Governor Bickett Sends a Letter to Every Member of the Local Exemption Boards in N. C.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 2.—Persistent inquiry from all parts of the country for information about the method to be followed in selecting men for the new national army has caused the War Department officials to explain that President Wilson's determination to have absolute fairness govern the process was responsible for the decision to withhold announcement as to the exact plan until the very eve of the drawing.

Approved by President. Washington, July 12.—The exemption regulations and all other moves for making the new army have been received and approved by President Wilson personally and the draft regulations also will come from the White House. All that is known now is that the drawing will be from serial numbers corresponding with numbers on registration cards and that it will take place in Washington, probably at the capital. Secretary of War Baker and another high official will draw the first number and the process of selection will be pushed to every unit flashed by telegraph to every community in the country the numbers drawn.

It is understood that the system planned is so simple that the work will be done in a few hours. So far only 21 states have reported to the Provost Marshal General's office complete organization. In some the names and serial numbers of men liable to draft have already been posted. Some fear is felt at the war department that the delay in organization might cause further postponement of the draft. It had been believed the drawing might take place Saturday of this week. Then it became evident that it could not be held before next week and indications now are that it might be the latter part of the week before everything is ready.

The new estimate of population by the Census Bureau as a basis for draft, it is explained, should not be taken as a genuine indication of the actual population of cities and communities. Only One County Delayed. Raleigh, July 12.—It is announced that with the exception of one county the exemption boards throughout the State have organized and are ready for work and that all registration cards with the exception of the one county in question are expected to be received here within the next 24 hours.

The registration from Polk county appears to have been lost in the mails, it is said, and if not found it will be necessary to make a new set of copies. Governor Bickett Writes Boards. While Governor Bickett does not believe the exemption boards in the various counties would otherwise than discharge their duty fearlessly and with impartiality, he has been in receipt of several letters in which fear has been expressed lest the boards may not act impartially in all cases, and has addressed the following letter to every member of the local exemption boards in the various cities and counties of the state:

"Several letters have come to this office from different parts of the state, indicating a fear on the part of a few people that local boards may not in all cases act with absolute impartiality in passing upon claims for exemption and in prescribing the order in which persons not exempt shall be called into service. It is not necessary for me to say that I do not personally share this fear. Your recommendation by me to the President of the United States in this patriotic service carried with it my abiding faith that you would do your duty without fear and without favor.

"I deem it proper, however, to call your attention to the apprehension reflected in these letters and to beg you to hold your sacred office so high above personal or partisan considerations that when the work is done your enemies will be forced to concede that in every case you acted with the fear of God and the love of your country before your eyes. Above all things, let me beseech you not to allow political influences to touch the hem of your garment. It would be a tragic and nauseating prostitution of a wise and just law if politics should be considered when the lives of men

REPORTED THAT IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR HAS RESIGNED

Bern, Switzerland, July 12th.—The Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, says that the German Imperial Chancellor Von Batemann Holwig has resigned. Emperor William has postponed his decision as to whether or not he will accept the resignation.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL HELD AT BERLIN

Chancellor Held Conference With Many Leaders and Made a Report on the Political Situation to the German Emperor.

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, July 12.—Emperor William held a conference lasting several hours with Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg last night and received reports on the political situation. The Chancellor also received and conferred with many leaders during the day yesterday. Long Session of Crown Council Held in Berlin. Amsterdam, July 11.—The meeting of the crown council on Monday, says a Berlin telegram, lasted until 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, when the resignations were accepted definitely. The imperial chancellor has decided to offer the vacant ministerial portfolios to leaders of the Reichstag and Prussian diet. An imperial ministry of labor will be created under the socialists Herbert or David.

The above dispatch does not reveal the identity of the ministers who resigned. Foreign Minister Zimmermann and Vice-Chancellor Helfferich have been mentioned most often during the last few days as the ministers who would lose their portfolios.

RUSSIA NARMY NO LONGER DISCREDITED.

By One Stroke, it Has Accomplished Objective Missed Last Summer. Petrograd, July 11.—In the capture of Halicz, the Russian revolutionary army, so discredited during the last few months, has reached in a single move the objective fought for so stubbornly but without success by General Brusiloff's forces of last summer in a long arduous campaign. This feat means the definite piercing of the Austro-German lines on a broad front, and not merely a local penetration, which was accomplished by the first Russian victory west of Tarnopol.

The activity of the Russian armies has now spread from Tarnopol to the Carpathians, and they are steadily pushing forward on a continuous front more than one hundred miles long. General Brusiloff, apparently benefiting from last year's experience in his attempts on Halicz from the north, from which side last summer's campaign proved it almost impregnable, planned the southern drive along the road to Dolina so brilliantly executed by General Korniloff. This appeared to be the line of least resistance, and Halicz was easily taken from the rear.

The secretary of war and the secretary of the navy have agreed to prefer women employes henceforth in appointments of the clerical forces of the war and navy departments. and the very destiny of the race are in the balance. "It is proper to say that the letters mentioned have come from less than five per cent of the counties in the state, but the fact that the fear has been expressed at all makes it my duty to advise all members of local boards to the end that their work may be done on a plane of patriotism so high that no breath of suspicion can reach it."

TAX UNTILLED LAND.

Washington, July 12.—A conference on the high cost of living is to be held in Washington July 30th and 31st to discuss Federal legislation to give the government control of actual resources and to propose a tax system by which a high tax on unused land may be used to pay the cost of the war. The conference has been called by the Committee on the high cost of living, an organization whose membership extends throughout the country.

AGREEMENT REACHED WITH IRON INDUSTRY

Secretary of War Announces That Department Has Reached Agreement With the Iron Industry for Distribution of War Burdens and War Prices.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 12.—Formal announcement was made today by Secretary Baker, of the war department, that an agreement had been reached with the American steel industry under which the entire production of the industry is available for the government's war demands, at a price to be determined on cost of production after the report of the Federal Trade Commission is received. On their side the government is assured that real profits would be so based and that account would be taken for the expansion of the industry. The industry is assured by the government that the war orders will be distributed over the entire iron industry of the country, so that no unfair burden would be borne by any one.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY DAM BURSTING.

Wilmington, July 11.—Acres of growing cotton and corn on the Orton estate, summer home of Dr. James Sprunt on the lower Cape Fear, are under water as result of the Orton pond dam giving away, while thousands of valuable fish were washed into the river and are lost to Dr. Sprunt. The property loss will run far into hundreds, although the colonial mansion was not damaged, being located on a bluff overlooking the river and standing high and dry above the flooded estate. Telephone communication between this city and Southport was wrecked when poles were washed away and in establishing temporary communication it was necessary to string wires through three treetops.

Missing Aviator Safe in Holland.

Paris, July 11.—Sergt. Maj. Antoine Paillard, one of the French aviators who participated in the bombardment last Friday of the Krupp factory at Essen, Germany, and who failed to return, has, it is now learned, landed safely in Holland.

President Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, predicts worldwide woman suffrage after the war.

On the whole the French have hit it off very well in nicknaming our soldiers "Samnies."—Savannah News.

ELKS APPROPRIATE ONE MILLION FOR WAR RELIEF

Presentation of Resolution Calling for Vast Appropriation Received With Tremendous Applause—Committee of Five to Determine Method and Form of Work.

Boston, July 11.—Amid a stirring scene of patriotism the grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks late today appropriated a fund of \$1,000,000 for war relief work. The incoming grand exalted ruler, Fred C. Harper, of Lynchburg, Va., was instructed to appoint a special commission of five to determine the method and form the work should take. A committee recently appointed to investigate the subject reported that a part of the amount should be devoted to establishing base hospital units, in co-operation with the American Red Cross. Presentation of a resolution calling for the appropriation of the fund was received with tumultuous applause and cheering by the delegates and upon its adoption the assembly stood and sang "America."

German army just holding on while navy finishes the war.—Hindenburg's explanation of the situation—is something quite novel in German military history.—Springfield Republican.

I. W. W. DRIVEN FROM BISSBEE

Town Suspends Business and Armed Citizens Round Up One Thousand Members. LOADED IN CATTLE AND FREIGHT CARS Reign of Terror Also Exists in Northern Idaho as Result of Activities of I. W. W.

Phoenix, Arizona, July 12.—The town Bissbee, Arizona, has suspended business and the Citizens' Protective League, numbering 1,500, fully armed, has rounded up 1,000 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, searched each one and loaded them in freight and cattle cars. The men will be deported.

Machine Guns to Scene. Tucson, Arizona, July 12.—A telephone message from Douglas this morning said 300 citizens of that town, heavily armed and with three machine guns, left early from Bissbee in automobiles to assist in the Industrial Workers of the World roundup. Twenty-five box and cattle cars also have been sent to be used in deporting the men. Railroad officials would not indicate the destination of the train after it leaves Bissbee.

Gov. Hunt Appealed To. Globe, Arizona, July 12.—Governor Hunt, personal representative of President Wilson on the Federal Strike Mediation Board, was appealed to from Bissbee to stop the train on which the miners were being deported.

"Two thousand miners are being deported this morning by corporation gunmen from Warren district. Stop that train," said the message, which was signed by Attorney W. B. Cleary, of Bissbee.

Herded in Baseball Park. Phoenix, Arizona, July 12.—One thousand members of the Industrial Workers of the World are being rounded up at Bissbee by armed citizens, members of the Citizens' Protective League, and will be deported. This morning members of the organization, which citizens declare are a disturbing element, were gathered in the baseball park here and other guards maintained as fast as the men were brought in. They were searched for arms and all carried red cards showing they were members of the I. W. W. organization.

Meanwhile on the siding there stood cattle and box cars to which others were taken. There other guards saw to it that they remained. This train was later sent away. Leading citizens of the Protective League refused to give their destination.

Reign of Terror in Idaho. Boise, Idaho, July 11.—That a reign of terror exists today in northern Idaho and that 2,000 troops are needed to curb the activities of the Industrial Workers of the World is the report made to Secretary of War Baker by the state council of defense, according to former Gov. Frank R. Gooding, member of the council. "Industrial Workers of the World are spreading all over the state," said the former governor, "and it is time for all sections of Idaho, north and south, to form citizen bodies for the protection of their lives and property. Two thousand troops are needed today in northern Idaho to cope with the gigantic fighting being put up by the Industrial Workers to prevent the United States government from securing 2,000,000,000 feet of lumber needed."

Shipman Named by Bickett. (By Associated Press.) Raleigh, July 12.—Governor Bickett today commissioned M. L. Shipman, commissioner of Labor and Printing, to represent North Carolina in Washington July 27th at a Congress on the new Federal Child Labor law, effective September 1st.

The American people waste more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of food each year.

WEATHER FORECAST

Probably thundershowers tonight and Friday, general southwest to northwest winds.



RUSSIANS MAKE FURTHER GAINS.

Petrograd, July 12.—The Russians have captured Alatau the head of the enemy in Galicia, according to a semi-official announcement made today. According to information received at the ministry of war office Russian troops have advanced and taken a large number of prisoners.

LEADERS GO TO WILSON IN FOOD BILL MATTER

Finding It Well Nigh Impossible to Reconcile Conflicting Views on Food Bill, Appeal Is Made to the President.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 12.—Democratic leaders in the Senate, finding it well nigh impossible to reconcile conflicting views on the food control bill, have decided to appeal to President Wilson to outline his opinion of what compromises should be agreed on in order to hasten action on the measure. The Senate agricultural committee has decided not to make any recommendations on the substitute bill. Senator Gore, however, plans to offer it as individual proposition with the understanding that many of its provisions will have general support in lieu of those in the pending bill.

RECEIVING GERMAN AID THROUGH UNITED STATES.

Opinion Prevail in England That Finn Feiners Are Receiving Encouragement From This Side of the Atlantic.

(By Associated Press.) London, July 12.—One opinion seems common among all parties, namely: That the provisional convention of Ireland to consider home rule is seriously impaired if not entirely doomed. The Chronicle says the Finn Feiners are receiving enormous sums of money from the United States, much of this doubtless from German sources which enables them to continue their extensive propaganda.

GREAT STRIKE PREDICTED.

Believed Walk Out of Machinists to Affect Thirty-Five Shipyards Is Inevitable. (By Associated Press.) New York, July 12.—A general strike which would effect all of the thirty-five or more shipyards in the New York and New Jersey district was predicted here today by labor leaders unless the deadlock between the shipyard owners and the men is broken in a day or two. J. J. McEntee, business agent of the International Association of Machinists, said the government should compel the employers to accede to the demands of the men "because they could not live on less than \$4.50 a day, the minimum wage asked."

Reject Nomination of Thomas.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 12.—Rejection of President Wilson's nomination of William E. Thomas, of Valdosta, Ga., as Federal Judge of the Southern district, was unanimously recommended today by the Senate Judiciary committee.

WORK BEGINS WIDENING NORTH MAIN EXTENSION

Big Fill to Be Widened On Both Sides and Cement Walks Laid for Convenience of School Children—Water Mains Being Extended.

Superintendent Thomason of the county road force this morning began work on North Main street in the widening of that thoroughfare. This work begins at a point just north of Steele street. The big fill on either side just south of the new school building is to be widened full 100 feet, the dirt with which to do this being excavated from the hill on the east side of the car line on the Henderson property. Sidewalks are to be put in here and this street put in shape for the safety of children attending the North Main Street school and for pedestrians in general. The culvert running under this fill is being extended and the street will be widened. This is quite a job but one that has been needed for a long time and people in that section of the city, especially those who have small children to attend the North Main Street school, rejoice that this work has begun. It will be pushed rapidly and will be completed before school opens. Water mains are also being extended on North Main beyond the car barns and street hydrants placed.

DR. VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG



German Imperial Chancellor who is being criticized by the more democratic and radical leaders of the Empire, and whose resignation is reported today, though not confirmed.

BULLETINS

TRADING WITH ENEMY BILL.

Washington, July 12.—The administration's trading with the enemy bill is in the hands of the Senate today, following its passage by the House on yesterday. The measure was approved in the House after three days consideration meeting with little opposition, and being changed but little from the original form in which presented.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

London, July 12.—The total casualties resulting from the German successes near Neuport, Belgium, on Tuesday was about 1800 which included prisoners as well as killed and wounded. These figures were given out today by Major General Maurice, Chief of the War office.

SUBMARINE BASE DENIED.

Rio de Janeiro, July 12.—The report that a submarine base had been discovered near Santos has been officially denied.

SWEDEN INDIGNANT.

Stockholm, July 12.—General resentment and indignation are aroused in Sweden over what is said to be a semi-official report from Washington government on Swedish imports and exports.

MARKED DECREASE IN NUMBER VESSELS SUNK

Effectiveness of Measures Against Submarines Shown in the Record of the Last Week.

London, July 11.—The sinking of 14 British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons is reported in the weekly summary of shipping losses issued here today. Three merchantment of less than 1,600 tons and seven fighting vessels also were sunk. The official statement follows: "Arrivals 2,808; sailings 2,708. "British merchant ships sunk by mine or submarine, over 1,600 tons, including one previously, 14; under 1,600 tons, 3. "British merchant ships unsuccessfully attacked, including four previously, 17. "British fishing vessels sunk, including one previously, seven." (The increasing effectiveness of the measures against submarines which are being carried out by British and American warships is shown in the record of the last week. With one exception the number of merchantment sunk is the lowest of any week since the British inaugurated in March the system of giving out weekly reports.)

Berlin Limits Winter Coal Supply.

Copenhagen, July 11.—Coal cards have been introduced in Berlin in order to regulate the winter supply. Apartments with heated stoves will be limited to a quarter of a ton per room and a maximum of one ton and a half for more than five rooms. Steam heated houses will be limited to half of last year's supply.

American Hospitals on Italian Front

Rome, July 11.—About \$10,000,000 will be used to organize American Red Cross hospitals and ambulances on the Italian front. This sum will be taken from a fund of \$100,000,000 which American headquarters in Paris have at their disposal for Europe.

MINE SWEEPER LOST.

Paris, July 12.—The French mine sweeper Jupiter struck a mine in the British channel on Tuesday and sunk. Eleven lost their lives.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE DEVELOPS A DRIVE

General Korniloff's Troops Reach and Occupy Kalusz, a Town of Eight Thousand People. GERMAN ATTACKS ON BELGIAN COAST CEASE On the Verdun Front the German Crown Prince Has Made Unsuccessful Attacks.

(By Associated Press.) Galicia has developed into a drive with little or no letup, as at least as far as the part played by General Korniloff's army is concerned.

Yesterday news of the capture of Halicz was followed today by the announcement that General Korniloff's troops had pushed on beyond Lesiavk southwest of Stanislaw and reached and occupied Kalusz, a city of 8,000, seven miles west of the Storka river. The Austro-German headquarters in this sector are situated here. Kalusz was stubbornly defended but after a sanguinary battle the Russians pushed in the town and according to advices from Petrograd, they continued to advance after having taken a large number of prisoners.

The German attack of Monday on the Belgian coast ceased with the capture of a small sector east of the Yser, which the Germans had devastated with intense gunfire. Neither last night nor today the British announcement records any further fighting of moment in this region, although the artillery continues active. A German raid near Losmbartzyde was driven off by the British.

On the Verdun front the German Crown Prince has made a number of attacks on both banks of the Meuse. All of these assaults were delivered in the vicinity of hill 304 on one side of the stream and north of Hardaumont wood on the other and were repulsed by the French as were the attacks on the Aisne front.

SAYS CHILDREN OF U. S. SHOULD HAVE EDUCATION.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw Believes Young People Should "Do Their Bit" in That Way.

Washington, July 11.—The children of the nation may best do their "bit" by staying in the schools during the war and making better scholastic records than ever before, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, head of the woman's committee of the council of national defense, told the members of the League of America's Penwomen, at a meeting held at the home of the president, Mrs. Isaac Pearson, 1785 Lamer place northwest.

The suffrage leader lamented the fact that so many children this spring were allowed to leave their studies to take up work on farms and in other lines through patriotic pleas. Dr. Shaw declared that no emergency existed at present which necessitated such action on the part of the children, the young men and women of the land. The important thing for the children is to keep going to school, and train themselves to be the fine, moral men and women of tomorrow.

The league accepted the proposal of the War Department that its members act as godmothers to the men who go to France. Mrs. Antoinette Funk of Chicago aroused her hearers with reasons why the people of the land should take more liberty loans when they are put out by the government. The league will devote its activities from now on to national needs, and as adopted as a slogan, "Our Country First."

PREVENTING SPECULATION.

Fixing Prices for Corn is a War Measure and Seemed Necessary to Prevent Unlawful Speculation. (By Associated Press.)

Chicago, July 12.—The fixing of a maximum price of 1.28 for December 1917, and action for regulating May, 1918 prices on corn is regarded by members of the Chicago exchange as practically putting a stop to speculation in the new grain crop. Officials said that the establishment of a price for December seemed necessary to bring trading into harmony with the war policy of the government and to prevent undue speculation and unwarrented prices to the country.

Germans Warned Away From Docks.

New York, July 11.—A further move to keep the water-front here free from enemy aliens was made today, when placards warning all Germans to keep off were distributed to all docks and piers in this and Long Island points. It was said similar notice would be sent to points on the Hudson river and the Connecticut shore before the end of this week.