

DISCOVERY OF GERMAN PLOT INVOLVING IRELAND

GREAT MEETING FOR THE RED CROSS DRIVE

About One Hundred Workers Meet to Perfect Plans to Raise This County's Quota And More.

SUPPER SERVED BY RED CROSS CHAPTER

Each Team Will Go to Work Monday.—Luncheon to be Served Tuesday, Thursday And Saturday.

A large and most enthusiastic meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. here last evening for the purpose of inaugurating the great drive for Red Cross funds, which is to begin next Monday and close Saturday.

Several days ago the captains of eleven teams were appointed and each selected ten or more men to assist him in the work of raising \$10,000 and more in this county for the Red Cross. Last night nearly every man on these teams was present, and the enthusiasm was unbounded.

The meeting was presided over by H. Webb, manager of the campaign for this county. Cards had been prepared from the county tax list, and the names of all tax-payers had been made and cards prepared for each. These were distributed to the various teams. It is hoped that each one of these will be seen before next Saturday night and that not one of them will fail to contribute something.

The teams will meet at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at noon when the whistle blows and will be served a luncheon by the local Red Cross chapter. At each meeting the work done will be reported and further plans discussed.

Rev. F. T. Logan has been placed in charge of the work of raising funds among the colored people.

The following is a list of the teams with the captains of each:

Team No. 1. Chas. A. Cannon, captain; J. F. Harris, W. A. Strubling, Jno. Fox, E. T. Cannon, E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., W. B. Bruton, Geo. Fisher, Gilbert Hendrix, Jno. M. Cook, W. R. Odell.

Team No. 2. Cameron McRae, captain; J. E. Williams, W. W. Flowe, E. H. Bost, C. M. Ivey, Aubrey Hoover, G. H. Richmond, Frank L. Smith, Dr. Pemberton, J. Leonard Brown, J. Lloyd McKay.

Team No. 3. E. C. Barnhardt, Sr.; F. C. Niblock, J. A. Cannon, G. A. Carver, Dr. S. W. Rankin, J. B. Womble, Dr. J. V. Davis, S. M. Barr, J. P. Allison, Julius Fisher, E. B. Grady.

Team No. 4. M. L. Cannon, captain; E. Sauvain, J. F. Goodson, T. D. Maness, A. B. Pounds, J. W. Cannon, Jr., Dr. Wm. Wadsworth, J. E. Davis, W. J. Glass, Stewart Bost, N. A. Archibald.

Team No. 5. C. S. Smart, captain; M. H. Caldwell, J. F. Goodman, Dr. R. M. King, J. R. Killian, M. F. Ritchie, J. A. Goodman, L. H. Dearmon, Reece I. Long, L. H. Sidberry, C. W. Widenhouse.

Team No. 6. J. W. Cannon, Sr., captain; Jno. A. Cline, J. A. Fisher, John Laughlin, H. S. Williams, F. J. Haywood, Geo. Klutz, W. A. Wilkinson, H. G. Ritz, W. L. Bell, M. J. Corl.

Team No. 7. Chas. F. Ritchie, captain; J. A. Moore, W. W. Morris, Dan Isenhour, G. L. Patterson, Dr. T. N. Spencer, Joe F. Cannon, B. L. Umberger, David Fowlkes, E. C. Turner, J. Walter Darnell.

Team No. 8. A. F. Hartsell, captain; D. B. Coltrane, J. Lee Crowell, J. G. Parks, C. H. Barrier, C. B. Wagoner, J. M. Howard, T. W. Smith, Dr. J. E. Smoot, Horace Cook, L. A. Talbirt.

Team No. 9. John L. Miller, captain; C. A. Isenhour, J. A. Kennett, C. B. Palmer, P. B. Fetzer, Earl Brown, L. D. Coltrane, Frank Armfield, T. L. Chaney, C. H. Peck, L. E. Boger.

Team No. 10. J. L. Hartsell, captain; W. H. Gibson, J. H. Dorton, J. B. Sherrill, C. C. Stonestreet, L. M. Richmond, A. G. Odell, P. M. Lafferty, W. E. Stewart, C. A. Dry, W. A. Foll.

Team No. 11. C. W. Swink, captain; M. L. Marsh, L. A. Weddington, E. F. White, Howard Caldwell, A. M. Faggart, A. S. Webb, W. C. Houston, B. E. Harris, Dr. J. A. Patterson, W. A. Overcash.

The teams will have charge of the campaign in the townships of the county according to their numbers.

CONCORD STORES CLOSE AT 6:30 P. M.; GROCERY STORES AT 7 P. M. SATURDAYS, 10 P. M.

LECTURE LAST NIGHT.

Hon. J. W. Elliott, of Knoxville, Speaks on "German Kultur."

The small audience last evening at the Central school auditorium that greeted Hon. J. W. Elliott, of Knoxville, Tenn., was more than pleased with his lecture on "German Kultur," which was delivered in a fiery and impressive manner by the speaker. Several other meetings in the city at the same time were responsible to a large degree for the small audience that was present to hear this lecture.

"Texas" Ritchie, who arranged to have this lecturer come here, gave a short and inspiring talk on the Red Cross and the big drive that will begin on Monday, and urged that everybody, rich and poor, do whatever they can to make this a big success, for the good that it does on the battlefields and in the devastated sections of Europe cannot be measured. He then introduced Mr. Elliott, who has been delivering lectures under the auspices of the Loyal Order of Moose, the organization that pays his expenses.

All of the savagery which is being exhibited by the Huns in this war, declared Mr. Elliott, is but one way of giving vent to their natural inclination. The Kaiser and his military autocracy has been blamed for the war and its horrors, but the Kaiser and his counsellors are not at all responsible for the atrocities and outrages committed by the German soldiers, as reported from Belgium and other sections where the Huns have overrun the country. If the President and Congress of our country were to tell the American soldiers to do the horrible things that the German soldiers have been doing, our whole country would rise up as one man, and refuse to do so. If the Huns did not want to do such things, the orders of their emperor and their military masters would not force them to such outrages as have been perpetrated.

To give a slight idea of these horrors, the speaker read an affidavit of a Belgian woman living in Iowa. This woman was in Belgium in August 1914, and saw the Germans come into her native town. There she saw them cut fingers off of women and children, in order to get the rings that were on the fingers. She saw them bury alive an English aviator who had been brought down with his machine. She knew personally several women in that town that had been outraged by the German soldiers, and she was told this fact by the women themselves.

Mr. Elliott also read a letter from a Belgian wife to her husband. They had been living in a Belgian colony in Louisiana and the wife and daughter went on a visit to friends in Belgium in the year 1914. Then came the German invasion of that country, and the husband and father could hear nothing from his dear ones. Finally, after two years, he received a note from his wife that was smuggled through the lines. She told of how the Huns had enslaved her and her daughter, and that the daughter had committed suicide to escape a life of shame. She herself had been enslaved until her body was ravaged by disease, and then the Germans put her to the most menial tasks.

There is no question about who is to win the war, declared the speaker. To doubt that we will win is to doubt that there is a just God that rules this universe, he said.

In conclusion, the speaker told of the order that is paying his expenses and the expenses of other speakers to tour the country and deliver addresses to help win the war. The Order of Moose, he said, is spending about \$10,000 per month on this work; its members have purchased over three million dollars worth of Liberty Bonds, and have contributed two and a quarter million dollars to the Red Cross. They have built two homes in London and Paris, each at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, to care for the boys in Europe. They have also built a two million dollar vocational school at Mooseheart, Illinois, where the children of Moose are given an education and a training for life, without one cent of cost to them.

After the lecture at the school auditorium, there was a business meeting of the Moose in the court house, at which about forty new members were received into the order by initiation.

MILITARY CO-OPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA

To Meet the Dangers Threatened From German Penetration.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, Friday, May 17.—Japan and China have been informed by allied government that they have arranged for entente military co-operation to meet the dangers threatening the peace of the far East from German penetration.

Purely a Defensive Measure.

Washington, May 18.—The entente military co-operation, arranged to meet threats to the peace of the Far East by German penetration, as reported today from Paris, is understood here as purely a defensive measure in which participation for the present will be confined to Japan and China. Its primary purpose is the safeguarding of Manchuria with possibilities of its extension into Siberia.

At The Theatres.

"Dynamic, the ninth episode of 'The Bull's Eye,' featuring Eddie Polo, at the New Pastime today. Also Charlie Chaplin in 'The Night Owls.' Eileen Sedgwick and Fred Church in 'The Temple of Terror,' at the Piedmont today. Also a Gale Henry and Hughie Mack comedy, 'Saved From a Vamp.'

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IRISH AFFAIRS ARE AGAIN TO THE FORE

The Discovery of a German Plot Involving Persons There Was Announced Last Night.

GOVERNMENT ACTS NONE TOO SOON

All Signs Pointed to Another Outbreak of Armed Violence And Landing of German Troops.

(By The Associated Press)

London, May 18.—Ireland and Irish affairs have again come to the fore. Discovery of the German plot involving certain persons in Ireland was announced last night in Dublin by the issuance of a proclamation signed by Edward Sharrt, chief secretary of Ireland in the name of Lord Lieutenant. It asserts that the British subjects, residents in Ireland, had entered into treasonable communication with the German enemy, and calls for drastic measures to put down the German plot. Voluntary recruiting is urged in order that compulsion may be avoided, and that the Irish may assist in putting down the conspiracy.

Communication with Dublin is slow, but a dispatch to the Times says that a large number of persons already have been arrested in Dublin and other parts of Ireland.

The number of Irish in co-operation with the enemy is said to be very small. There have been various hints recently of German activity in Sinn Fein ranks, and there have been no full explanation of recent arrests, including that of a man who landed on the Irish coast from a German submarine in a collapsible boat.

Reference to voluntary enlistment in the proclamation appears to confirm the predictions that the government has changed its policy concerning its conscription in Ireland owing to the Nationalist and Sinn Fein opposition. Government Acted Not a Moment Too Soon.

Dublin, Ireland, May 18.—The Irish Times today says the government has not acted a moment too soon, as all signs point to another outbreak of armed violence, possibly in connection with the landing of German troops in Irish soil.

Prominent Officials of Sinn Fein Arrested.

London, May 18.—Prof. Edward de Valera, president of the Sinn Fein, Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, Countess Markievicz, Dr. Dillon, and William Cosgrave, Sinn Fein M. P. for Kilkenny, have been arrested, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Dublin.

Additional arrests in Ireland, reported in a Times' dispatch from Dublin, include Dr. Hayes and Darrell Figgis.

Number Arrested at Belfast.

Belfast, Ireland, May 17.—A number of Sinn Feiners were arrested here last night and removed to military barracks.

WILSON'S MESSAGE TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE

Sent on the Eve of the Great German Offensive.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, May 18.—On the eve of the great German offensive, says an official note issued here today, President Wilson, anxious to address a message to the French people, has asked one of his personal friends James Kerney, director of the Franco-American committee on Public Information, to convey the following to them:

"The people of the United States is happy to find itself in the brotherhood of arms with the people of France in a war in which every man who loves right ought to be proud to take part."

GENERAL CONFERENCE MAY ADJOURN TONIGHT

Fall Meeting of Bishops Will Be Held in Shreveport.

(By The Associated Press.)

Atlanta, May 18.—When delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist church, south, assembled today, general belief was expressed that a final adjournment would be taken tonight. Announcement was made that the fall meeting of the college of bishops would be held at Shreveport, Louisiana, on invitation of the Noel Memorial church of that city.

German Airplanes Attempt to Bombard Paris.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, May 18.—German airplanes attempted to bombard Paris again last night, but did not reach the city. Bombs were dropped on outlying suburbs.

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Mr. Clyde Deaton is confined to his home by sickness.

TWO NEGROES ARE LYNCHED IN GEORGIA

Were Implicated in the Killing of Hampton Smith and Shooting of His Wife Last Thursday.

ONE IS SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Will Head Said He Stole a Rifle From the Smith Home While the Couple Were at Supper.

(By The Associated Press)

Valdosta, Ga., May 18.—Will Head and Will Thompson, negroes implicated in the murder of Hampton Smith and the shooting of Mrs. Smith, at Barney Thursday night, were lynched by indignant citizens of that locality last night, it was learned today. Head is said to have confessed the entire plot against the Smiths.

Head is said to have stated he stole a rifle from the Smith home while the couple were at supper. After the shooting Mrs. Smith was maltreated and left for dead, it was said.

Head was strung up at the cross roads near Troupeville, while Thompson was captured and hanged at Camp Ground church, below Morven.

Sidney Johnson, another negro implicated in the attack on Mrs. Smith is reported to be surrounded by possees in Knight's Creek swamp near here. Another lynching is expected if he is captured.

EXPLOSION AT PITTSBURG.

Occurred in Chemical Plant.—Number of Buildings Torn to Pieces.

(By The Associated Press)

Pittsburg, Pa., May 18.—An explosion in the soda house of the T. N. T. plant of the Actna Chemical Company, at Oakdale, west of Pittsburg, soon after noon today, tore a number of buildings to pieces and caused, what first reports indicated, great loss of life. Undertakers, summoned to the plant declared that more than 150 persons had been killed and telephone reports from the village said it would be hours before it would be possible to even estimate the number of casualties.

Another big explosion occurred at 1:50 o'clock, this time a big tank filled with explosives, known as the T. N. A. letting go. Debris was scattered far and wide and it was reported that a number of persons in the great crowd who stood on the hillside and watched the fire were injured.

SOUTHERN GENERAL PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY

Committee on Union Will Report That Any Form of Union Cannot Be Agreed Upon.

(By The Associated Press)

Durant, Okla., May 18.—Presentation and discussion of committee reports was expected to occupy a greater part of today's session of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church meeting here. Various committees which met yesterday were to present their reports during the day.

In advance of today's meeting interest among the delegates centered on a report that the committee on union with the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. (the northern church) would report that the committees from the two churches were unable to agree on any form of union. It was not known when the report would be presented to the Assembly here.

ENSIGN STONE HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON

Had Been Given Up for Drowned in English Channel Last Month.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 18.—Ensign E. A. Stone, United States naval reserve, of Norfolk, Va., given up for drowned in the English Channel last month, has safely arrived in London, according to information received here today from London representatives on public information.

With a companion Stone clung for 80 hours without food or drink to the underside of a seaplane pontoon before he was saved.

The Weather Next Week.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 18.—Generally fair weather with nearly normal temperatures, was forecast today for the southeastern States for the week beginning Monday.

The Mission Study Club of Central Methodist church will meet on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. F. Goodman.

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Miss Lula Belle Paris entertained the members of her Sunday school class last night.

WAR SUMMARY.

Events Are in Progress With Important Bearing on the War.

(By The Associated Press)

While the renewal of the German offensive in the west awaits completion of enemy preparations and weather conditions that fit with the German plans, events are in progress elsewhere with important bearings on the war as a whole.

The arrest of a number of Irish leaders as a result of the discovery of an alleged plot which have contemplated the landing of German forces in Ireland, has a bearing upon the development of the British man power problem as probably tending to bring to a head the question of Irish recruiting, voluntary or otherwise.

In a much more distant field—the far east—the allied nations have decided to co-operate in a military way to meet the dangers threatening the peace of that part of the world from German penetration.

Meanwhile the indications from both German and entente quarters are that the hour of resumption of the German drive in the west is not far distant. Significant in this connection may be the statement from the German Chancellor von Hertling that he was confident that "further events in the west" would bring nearer a "speedy end of the war."

It was just such pronouncements as this that immediately preceded the opening of the German offensive on March 21.

JUNE 5TH THE DATE FOR REGISTRATION

For Youths Who Have Attained 21 Years Since Last Army Draft.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 18.—June 5 has been fixed as the date for registration of youths who have attained 21 years since the first army draft registration, June 5 last year. The resolution authorizing the new registration is awaiting the President's signature, but the Provost Marshal General's office virtually has completed preparations for carrying it into effect.

It is estimated that about 800,000 men available for military service will be found among the new registrants this year. During the year, beginning June 5th, it is planned to have quarterly registrations.

AMERICAN FORCES NOW A MILITARY FACTOR

Now Rank Third Among the Troops in the Mileage Held.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 18.—The American expeditionary force has become such a military factor on the western battle front, members of the Senate Military Committee were advised today at their weekly conference with Secretary Baker at the war council, that they now rank third in the mileage held.

The French hold the most mileage, the British rank second, and the Americans third, exceeding the mileage held by the Belgians.

KILLED IN A DISPUTE OVER TEN DOLLARS

Overland Smith Killed at Mount Olive Late Yesterday.

(By The Associated Press)

Mt. Olive, N. C., May 18.—As a result of a dispute over \$10, Overland Smith was killed and Jim Lane was seriously injured late yesterday, four miles from Mt. Olive. The coroner's jury held an inquest this morning and recommended that Burnice Smith, John Moore and Bunyon Smith be held without bail. Bunyon Smith is under arrest, but the other two are at large.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE FROM GENERAL PERSHING

Details of the Bringing Down of Two German Airplanes by Capt. Peterson.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 18.—Another official communique from General Pershing was made public today by the War Department.

Gen. Pershing transmitted details of the bringing down of two German airplanes by Capt. Peterson, of the American Army, while aviators were waiting for a French general coming to confer decorations.

Casualty List Today.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, May 18.—The casualty list today contained 30 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action 3; died of wounds 3; died of disease 4; wounded severely 5; wounded, degree not known 1; Wounded slightly 9. Missing in action 12. Prisoners 2.

Violent Artillery Fighting Below Amiens.

(By The Associated Press)

Paris, May 18.—Violent artillery fighting north and south of the Arve on a front below Amiens is reported in today's official statement.

Heavy Artillery Fighting Last Night.

(By The Associated Press)

London, May 18.—Heavy artillery fighting last night between Givency and Robecq on the southern side of the Flanders salient, is reported by the war office.

Mr. Clarence Eudy, of Washington, D. C. is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Eudy, on McGill street.

VON HERTLING HOPES FOR PEACE THIS YEAR

Says That "Further Events in the West Will Bring Us Nearer a Speedy End of the War."

INTERVIEW GIVEN OUT AT BERLIN

Says Germany Would Joyfully and Unhesitatingly Join an International Peace League.

(By The Associated Press)

Amsterdam, May 18.—"I am still optimistic enough to believe we shall have peace this year," said German Chancellor Count von Hertling in an interview with Berlin correspondents of the Budapest newspaper Az Est. "I cherish firm confidence that further events in the west will bring us nearer a speedy end of the war."

"If the world should one day unite in an international peace league," added Count von Hertling "Germany would unhesitatingly and joyfully join in it. Unfortunately present conditions give very little hope of that. Our desire is to win and preserve peace."

THE HESSIAN FLY IS DAMAGING THE WHEAT

Mr. Millsap Says Much Damage Was Done By the Fly in March.

Salisbury Post.

Mr. E. S. Millsap, district agent and director of farm demonstration work for a wide territory, with headquarters at Statesville, is in Rowan today and with County Demonstrator Stabler, is making an examination of wheat conditions in the county. In talking to a Post representative Mr. Millsap said that the fly had done serious damage to the wheat through this section. The section referred to is perhaps the best wheat section of the state, including such counties as Cabarrus, Rowan, Iredell, and Catawba, and other counties of the section. The wheat loss is considerable, and Mr. Millsap intimated that it might be as much as 40 per cent.

This damage was done during the warm month of March, and is just now beginning to show. As the wheat is now reaching that state in its growth and development, the work of the fly is appreciated. The recent report on the crop conditions for the nation shows that conditions justified a very optimistic feeling, and the indications pointed to a possible billion bushel crop. Mr. Millsap said that when these reports went into the department that wheat had not developed to show the damage referred to and conditions today in the territory he is familiar with, and which he reports, are not so promising as when the reports went in, due to the damage done by the Hessian fly.

After making an examination it will be possible to make a close estimate of the damage, and Mr. Millsap promises to make such a report on his findings in the Rowan wheat fields.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opened Steady Today at a Decline of 2 to 20 Points.—Closed Firm.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, May 18.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 20 to 20 points, with active months selling 22 to 25 points net lower after the call. After the decline to 24.80 for July and 23.90 for October, however, the market was steadied by covering and showed rallies of several points during early trading.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady, July, 25.00, October, 24.05; December, 23.92; January, 23.85.

Cotton closed firm, July, 24.94; October 24.08; December, 23.98; January, 23.86; March, 23.66.

The price of cotton, today on the local market remains at 30 cents per pound; cotton seed at 75 cents per bushel.

"The Man Who Was Afraid."

featuring Bryant Washburn

AT THE NEW PASTIME

MONDAY, MAY 20.

This is from Mary Brecht Pulver's story in the Saturday Evening Post.

SIX REELS