

BIG WORK TO HELP NOBLE RED CROSS

Dive to Raise Hundred Million Dollars is Now In Full Swing.

NATION MAKING A LIBERAL RESPONSE

Outside of New York Over Three Million Reported and Campaign Just Started—Northern States in Lead So Far—Good Work in The South.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—Early reports today at Red Cross headquarters from 137 cities, exclusive of New York showed \$3,203,256 subscribed or pledged to the \$100,000,000 war relief fund on the first day of the big drive. The total is expected to increase rapidly when New York and other large centers are heard from. Few of the larger cities had reported up to noon.

The best showing the first day was made in the north central States, where \$1,656,605 was reported. The Middle Atlantic States were next with \$81,883, New England third, with \$42,139, the western group fourth, with \$31,250, and the Southern States fifth with \$49,829.

Large returns are looked for today as the result of mass meetings held in all sections of the country last night, which marked the real beginning of the campaign.

Work in the South. Atlanta, Ga., June 19.—When the drive for subscriptions to the \$100,000,000 Red Cross war fund began in the South today, it was estimated that upwards of \$1,000,000 had been subscribed at mass meetings which marked the opening of Red Cross week. Active campaigns for funds began this morning in practically every city, town and hamlet and generous responses were reported.

Richmond apparently led all Southern cities with a total of approximately \$200,000, a large portion of which was subscribed at a mass meeting Sunday. New Orleans reported \$100,000; Savannah, \$50,000; Birmingham, \$35,000; Memphis, nearly \$30,000, while most of the other Southern cities had in hand amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

In Mobile the drive was not to begin until tomorrow morning, while in Atlanta the campaign was postponed until next week because of the Rotary and other conventions. Macon also postponed its campaign until next week.

SEABOARD INSTALLS GAS-ELECTRIC SERVICE

(By Associated Press.) Savannah, Ga., June 19.—The Seaboard Air Line railway yesterday inaugurated a gas-electric train service between Savannah and Jacksonville that eliminates the steam locomotive. The car is propelled by gasoline and electricity and it is capable of carrying several light-weight passenger cars at the rate of 65 miles an hour. It is the first equipment of the kind in the South. It is to make double daily schedules between Savannah and Jacksonville. The new cars replace trains 23 and 24, which have been operated between these two points.

THE THIRD ARREST FOR KEET ABDUCTION

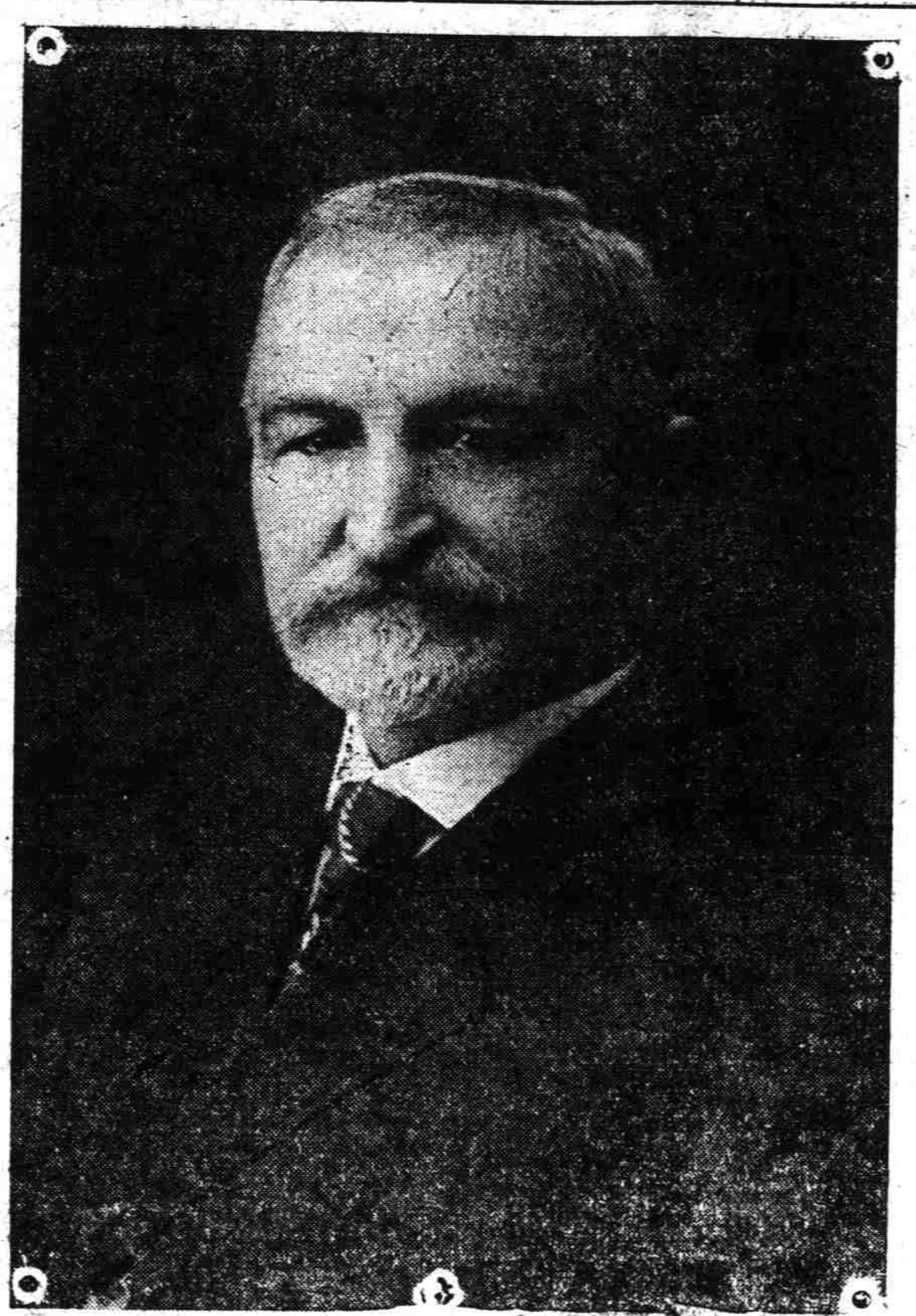
(By Associated Press.) Hutchinson, Kas., June 19.—The arrest of Dick Carter, of Springfield, Mo., against whom a warrant charging the first degree murder has been issued in connection with the disappearance and death of baby Lloyd Keet, was announced by the police here today.

All Indicted Men in Custody. Springfield, Mo., June 19.—With the arrest of Dick Carter reported from Hutchinson, Kas., today, the authorities have in custody all three men against whom warrants were issued charging the murder of baby Lloyd Keet. The two other men, Claude Piersol and Cletus Adams, were removed last night from the county jail at Kansas City to St. Louis.

CUBAN REVOLUTIONISTS BROUGHT FROM HAITI

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 19.—Five Cubans, said to have been men in the recent uprising who had taken refuge in Haiti, reached here today on a Dutch steamship in custody of American officers. They were arrested and brought to the United States, officers of the ship said, on orders from Washington.

DISTINGUISHED RED MAN



JUDGE THOMAS HENRY JEFFRIES

This distinguished Southerner and Great Inchoonee of the Improved Order of Red Men comes to Wilmington to visit the North Carolina Great Council, which will kindle its fires at Wrightsville Beach tonight. He will deliver an address this evening.

ONCE MORE BELGIUM BOWS TO AMERICA IN DEEP GRATITUDE

King Albert Sends Warm Letter of Thanks by the Belgian Commission.

LOOKS FORWARD TO DAY OF SETTLEMENT

Expect Full Justice on Day of Reparation, Toward Which The United States Has Contributed So Bountifully.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—The personal letter to President Wilson from King Albert, delivered yesterday by Baron Moncheur, head of the Belgian mission to this country, is as follows: "I command to your Excellency's kindly reception the mission which bears this letter. This mission will express to the President the feelings of understanding and enthusiastic admiration with which my government and people have received the decision by him in his wisdom. The mission will also tell you how greatly the important and glorious role enacted by the United States has confirmed the confidence which the Belgian nation has always had in free America's spirit of justice.

"The great American nation was particularly moved by the unwarranted and violent attack made upon Belgium. It has sorrowed over the distress of my subjects subjected to the yoke of the enemy. It has succored them with incomparable generosity. I am happy to have an opportunity again to express to your Excellency the gratitude which my country owes you and the firm hope entertained by Belgium that on the day of reparation, toward which America will contribute so bountifully, full and entire justice will be rendered to my country.

"My government has chosen to express its sentiments to your Excellency through two distinguished men whose services will command credence for what they will have to say—Baron Moncheur, who for 8 years was my representative at Washington, and Lieutenant General LeClercq, who has earned high appreciation during a long military career.

"I venture to hope, Mr. President, that you will afford full faith and credence to everything that they say, especially when they assure you of the hopes and prosperity of the United States of America and of my faithful and very sincere friendship.

BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(By Associated Press.) London, June 19.—The British transport, Cameronian, with a small number of troops on board, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the eastern Mediterranean on June 2, it was officially announced. Sixty-three persons, including the captain of the transport, are presumed to have been drowned.

HARDWARE MEN IN SESSION AT SEASHORE HOTEL

Appreciation of Secretary's Work Shown by Increase Of Salary.

FORTY-FOUR NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

Four Welcoming Addresses Delivered—Reports Show Association to be In Splendid Shape.

Report of the secretary and address of the president showing the wonderful growth of the organization during the year just closing and its splendid condition at the present despite increased expenses brought about by the unusual conditions existing throughout the country, election of 44 firms to membership in the association, the granting of an increase in salary to the secretary in an effort to show the appreciation felt for the splendid services rendered since he was inducted into office nine years ago, coupled with four welcoming addresses that gave every delegate present to understand how very glad the city, beach and business interests of both are to have them come here and decision to meet in joint session with the Bankers in the auditorium on Harbor Island tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to hear an address by Mr. Clement S. Ucker featured the opening session of the thirteenth annual convention of the Hardware Association of the Carolinas, in session at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach.

The address of President Arthur R. Craig, of Marion, S. C., was without frills. He spoke of the unusual conditions the country is facing; of the changed conditions the hardware men have been called upon to meet since the last convention, and he pleaded for co-operation on the part of all.

Prices on hardware today are the highest on record, in his opinion, and the zenith has not yet been reached. He told his audience that the proper and only way to cope with the situation which is the most unusual in the lives of all the delegates is to cut down living expenses, conserve and, above all, co-operate. Forget the luxuries accustomed to and provide only the necessities.

President Craig urged all to get rid of their old stock at this time—stock that has been shelved for months and perhaps years, declaring that no better opportunity was ever offered for the unloading of the "warehouse" stock.

As a prelude to his report Secretary T. W. Dixon, of Charlotte, apologized for the "shot up" condition of the program, attributing its condition partly to the activities of the German under-sea boats, but coming back strong with the statement that there were many "stand-bys" present who could fill in and deliver the best talks on record and his mention of the names of the two "original hookworms," Maurice J. O'Neil and Roy F. Soule, brought forth prolonged applause.

The report of the secretary embodied a brief resume of the growth and accomplishments of the organization during the past nine years. When Mr. Dixon was elected to office nine years ago the organization had less than 100 members and its liabilities were in excess of its assets. These conditions have been overcome, according to the report, in a remarkable manner, and today the association stands financially firm and with a membership of 350. Mr. Dixon spoke of the great saving to members in freight charges by Auditor W. L. Gil-Gorman with a view of detaching one of the Entente Allies, employing Swiss diplomatic channels for the purpose. The newspapers refer to the fact that Mr. Hoffmann is chief of the Federal Political Department, which controls the Swiss diplomatic service.

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NEGROES WANTED LYNCH NEGRO SLAYER

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, June 19.—A squad of police with difficulty dispersed a mob of about 30 negroes who gathered early today in front of police headquarters muttering threats against Walter Diggs, a negro who confessed to attacking and murdering Pearl Newbold, nine-year-old negro girl. The body of the negro girl was found in an ash pile in the rear of Diggs' home. Diggs implicated another negro.

GET BEHIND HOOVER; THE WOMEN'S SLOGAN

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 19.—"Get Behind Hoover" is the slogan adopted by the women's committee of the Council of National Defense for a food conservation campaign, in an appeal, sent today to each of its 48 State divisions. The committee is prepared to assist in registering women between July 1 and July 15 and to see that women are informed of the food administration plans and principles. Through its State divisions, every woman will be urged to pledge, herself to follow the advice of the food administration for management of the household.

FOOD SHARKS HAVE GRABBED QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS

Herbert Hoover Explains to Senators Purpose of The Food Control Bills

ALLIES LARGELY DEPEND ON AMERICA

Responsibility, He Declares, Rests Upon Government for Failure of Democracy Through Food Shortage—"Rampant Speculation" at Home.

SEVERE FIGHTING LULLS ALONG THE WESTERN FRONT

Germans Form For Great Counter Attack But French Guns Smash It.

U. S. AMBULANCE DETACHMENT ARRIVES

Numbering Two Hundred and Fifty at a French Port—French Press Condemn Swiss.

There has been a let-up in the severity of the fighting on the British front in France and Belgium. Along the lines occupied by the French, however, a renewal of activities of a more intensive character is noted.

General Petain struck the German lines in the Champagne a blow which nettled the French trench system, nearly a third of a mile in length in an important sector. The French line was thereby straightened out along the hills between Mont Carnillet and Mont Blond, in territory vital to successful observation work.

Last night a violent attempt was made by the Germans to recapture their lost position. After a heavy bombardment, an attack in force was launched. The French guns broke it up, causing the Germans serious losses.

General Haig reports only raids, in which his troops successfully felt out the enemy lines towards the southern end of the British front.

American Ambulance Corps Arrives. Paris, June 19.—An American ambulance detachment of 250 persons has arrived at a French port. W. K. Vanderbilt, of New York, crossed on the same liner.

Rouandy Condemns Them. Paris, June 19.—The efforts of Robert Grimm, the Swiss Socialist, whose expulsion from Russia has been ordered, and of M. Hoffman, member of the Swiss Federal Council, to promote an arrangement for a separate peace between Germany and Russia, are condemned roundly by the French press. Grimm's action is considered bad enough, but that of Mr. Hoffman is alluded to as much worse. He is generally considered to have been guilty of a grave breach of neutrality in transmitting proposals made by Mr. Hoffman with a view of detaching one of the Entente Allies, employing Swiss diplomatic channels for the purpose. The newspapers refer to the fact that Mr. Hoffmann is chief of the Federal Political Department, which controls the Swiss diplomatic service.

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"The Russian revolution was a food riot and even yet that ally is temporarily paralyzed. Responsibility rests on our government for failure of democracy through a shortage of food."

Turning to domestic conditions, Mr. Hoover said this country has been experiencing "unprecedented prices and rampant speculation," citing how middlemen and all other persons in the distribution processes have been purchasing increased supplies to avert individual shortages.

"The average prices to the consumers in countries where food administration is now in effect, are lower than those now prevailing in the United States," he said. "In England the price of bread is even 25 per cent. below the price we pay.

Mr. Hoover denied that the bill establishes food prices in force. He characterized the purposes of food administration as to mobilize the people in order to carry out the advice given them by the government officials and to decentralize the functions of the administration in order to centralize the functions of the food administration into the various States.

A commission to take charge of production and distribution of flour, sugar and possibly a few other principal commodities, Mr. Hoover said, is being contemplated.

"Provisions for the government to buy and sell commodities will be necessary for use only as to a very few prime commodities," he said. "The aim is to stabilize prices and thus eliminate speculation. The balance wheel for stabilizing prices is gone. We need an artificial balance wheel. By setting up a wheat commission, we can buy wheat, regulate its shortage and transportation and handle it until exported or sold in this country. If we do not do this wheat prices may re-lapse on account of not being able to store and carry it, with speculators securing the sole benefit and farmers bearing the loss.

"We contract tomorrow with the Allies for a certain return for every bushel of wheat we can sell. By controlling prices at interior terminals we can assure millers their supplies and simplify transportation."