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Government's Hands Tied By Congressional Delay

No Progress on Emergency War Measures Until Congress Stops Juggling And Jostling Conscriptio-n Bill.

CONFEREES AGREE ON SERVICE BILL Washington, May 10.—Eliminating the Roosevelt division amendment from the selective service bill, the House and Senate conferees today reached an agreement.

They also eliminated the Fall amendment for raising volunteer cavalry force for border duty. The prohibition amendment was left in the bill. The age limit was fixed at 21 to 30, inclusive.

(By ROBERT J. BENDER) Washington, May 10.—Congressional delay on all war emergency measures in tying the hands of the Government in its plans for co-operation with the allies in the prosecution of the war.

The Selective Conscriptio-n bill is still stalled in conference with no indications that an agreement is likely to be reached any time soon, and that two or three weeks of debate, at least, will pass before the measure is enacted into law.

Meantime the service bill, and the shipping bill are still in conference despite the positive statement on ships. No one is sure how long it will take to have these bills passed, but the food control bill through Congress.

Meantime debate has been resumed on the conscriptio-n bill. The House pronounced the bill.

WOMEN MUST BE RAID MENS WAGES

(By United Press) New York, May 10.—Women who help the nation in wartime, taking positions vacated by men, must be paid the same wages as the men received, declared Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, chairman of the Women's committee of the Council of Defense, today.

TEACHERS DESERVE HONORABLE MENTION

Curruck, May 9.—"The teachers in the Poplar Branch school" says County Superintendent of Education Isley, "deserve special mention for their faithful work for the past two years working under unfavorable conditions. As the public knows they have had no school rooms in which to work. They have been for the past two years working in a chapel, Odd Fellow Hall and an uncomfortable structure covered with tar paper. All these places have been very uncomfortable. Regardless of the unfavorable conditions efficiency in work has gone forward in the school. The work in the high school has been the most effective since the establishment of the school. Students show more efficiency than heretofore in the same grades.

COAL IS SCARCE

Buenos Aires, May 10.—Coal is so scarce in Argentina that the dredging of the country's navigable rivers and Eneco, Arco harbor has practically been suspended. This is a particularly serious matter here, as was necessary to help to deepen the local harbor to permit the entrance of large vessels and a constant continuation of dredging is required to prevent it from shallowing. It is necessary to keep the dredges at Buenos Aires, at least,

DURHAM BOY CARRIES FLAG

Paris, May 10.—Five hundred "Old Glory's" are fluttering on the French front today on that many ambulances. Among the Americans the first to carry the flag to the front was Lansing Payne of Durham, N. C.

MRS. McKIMMON ON FOOD COMMISSION

Raleigh, N. C., May 10.—Governor T. W. Bickett has appointed Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, who is acting in charge of the Home Demonstration Work in the state, a member of the North Carolina Food Conservation Commission. Her appointment was suggested by other members of the Commission as decidedly fitting. Mrs. McKimmon has been director of the Home Demonstration Agents throughout the State and is head of the Girl's Canine Club movement. Under her direction this work has become a factor of great importance in the economic life of the State and is a particularly important factor in the campaign that is now being waged for a greatly increased production and conservation of food resources.

CUTTER UPSET IN DRYDOCK

Philadelphia, May 10.—One killed and eight injured. This was the result when the U. S. Cutter, Garthie, was upset in drydock there today.

TELLS STORY OF LOST LEGION

VIRGINIA SOLDIER CONVALESCING FROM WOUNDS RECEIVED AT VIMY RIDGE GIVES VIVID ACCOUNT OF ACTION

(By J. W. PLEBERT) The first time I saw the enemy was on the morning of May 10, 1917. I was in the 19th company of the 88th Central Postal Directory, attached to the 1st Battalion of the 88th Central Postal Directory, attached to the 1st Battalion of the 88th Central Postal Directory.

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"There was just one danger about waiting for the zero hour of 5:20. Fritz had been throwing over quite a heavy load of stuff every morning and we waited in the shallow reserve trenches without dugouts. We kept as low as we could, while the whizz-bangs came over—whizz-bum! whizz-bum! some plunked into the mud harmless. Others gave us a few casualties while we crouched.

"Down to my left was Lieutenant Frank E. Hinds of Minneapolis, a former telegrapher. He was hit and died of his wounds. He used to be in the 19th company. Volunteer signal corps in the Philippines. Ahead of us were some of the 78th battalion in the 1st line. They were to take the first German line in our sector; we were to take the second and the company behind us the third.

"The artillery strife was the most dazzling thing I ever witnessed. I looked back and saw rows of guns go off, each in turn, yet so fast that the flashes seemed like a tooth-edged ribbon of flame.

"The signal to advance was the explosion of a mine down on our left. It was not so terribly loud; the ground trembled and a big flame shot up, but I was surprised by the mildness of the noise.

"I stood up and waved my hand and said 'Come on fellows! Over we went. We just walked ahead. It was no use hurrying. The guns played on the German first line for about three minutes, giving our first wave a chance to get up there and drop in the minute the shelling lifted, to prevent the Germans from bringing up their machine guns for rifle duels.

GERMANY NOW SHOWS CONCERN

TEUTONS ARE MUCH DISTURBED BY GROWTH OF PRO-ALLY SENTIMENT IN SWEDEN AND MAY SEN. BERNSTORFF TO PREVENT BREAK

(By ARTHUR MANN) Copenhagen, May 10.—Germany is concerned about the recent tremendous increase in pro-ally sentiment in Sweden and Norway, due to American entrance into the war, that very probably Germany's ablest propagandist will be sent to Christiania as ambassador. This is no other than Bernstorff, ambassador to the United States until America and Germany severed their peaceful relations.

BICKETT WRITE URGING ACTIVITY

CULTIVATION OF TENANTLESS LAND SHOULD BE UNDERLEAF IN WIDE-SCALE DELAY SAYS GOVERNOR

Raleigh, N. C., May 10.—Governor T. W. Bickett, in a message to the General Assembly, today urged the cultivation of tenantless land as a means of increasing the production of food and feed crops by every means at our command.

"In the emergency we now face not only patriotic duty, but the necessity of protecting the people of our own state from demands that we increase our acreage and production of staple food and feed crops by every means at our command.

"The farmers of our State are rallying to the demand for increased food and feed production, but they are handicapped by a shortage of labor and work stock, and they are not going to be able to supply the deficit of food and feedstuff we shall face. It is imperative therefore that steps be taken to increase acreage and production by other means.

"The production of foodstuffs is more important than the building of good roads, and I am again writing to urge you to take this matter up in your county without delay.

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TOMORROW AT NEW THEATRE

"Hell Morgan's Girl" of the New Theatre Friday matinee and night will mark an unusual event in local photoplay annals. Without being heralded as the "greatest ever" or guaranteed to embody all the reforms and dogmas of civilization, the play will afford stirring scenes and a gripping interest that has seldom been reflected upon the screen. Its scenes are laid in San Francisco at a period just preceding the great earthquake and consequent fire. This catastrophe is used as the climax incident of a series of sensational events that lead to the Presidio, where refugees congregated in thousands after the night of terror and destruction. Dorothy Phillips, one of the most famous of national stars the screen has ever introduced, will play the leading role—the daughter of "Hell" Morgan, keeper of one of the most notorious spots in San Francisco's Barbary Coast. Her leading man will be William Stowell, and Lou Chase, a clever actor of villainous parts, will provide the counterbalance to Stowell's manliness in the principal role.

San Francisco before the earthquake and fire. The interior of "Sailor's Rest." The proprietor, "Hell" Morgan, and his daughter. A convolving politician who coveted the queen of "Sailor's Rest." Thus the stage is set when Roger Curwell, a portrait painter, comes upon the scene, and then the story of "Hell" Morgan's girl gets well under way.

Harvey Gates put into novel form and Ida May Park prepared for the screen this thrilling tale of love, cunning and adventure that led to the Presidio where refugees have fled for safety after the earthquake that annihilated the woods and fields of northern California.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK RECEIVES CERTIFICATES

In an interview this morning, Mr. Gaither, Cashier of The First National Bank, stated that his bank had received the United States Government Treasury Certificates for which they recently subscribed, as stated in this newspaper, and that these certificates are issued for \$5,000.00 each payable June 30th, 1917, and carry interest at three percent. It is not thought that many individuals here will care to subscribe as much as \$5,000.00 to this loan.

Mr. Gaither further stated that his bank was now taking subscriptions to the United States Government Bonds which will be issued on July 1st, carrying interest at three and one-half percent. These bonds are going to be in denominations as small as \$50.00 each, and any one desiring to show his patriotism by buying some of these war bonds at this time can do so by calling at the First National Bank where applications will be handled without charge either to the subscriber or the Government.

KNOTTS ISLAND SCHOOL CLOSES

Knotts Island, May 9.—Knotts Island school closes Thursday, May 10. Thursday morning at 11 A. M. the program begins.

The declamation contest and recitation contest, with songs and history of the 8th and 9th grades, during this school term after which lunch will be served. At 2 o'clock the debate will begin on Woman's Suffrage. At 3 o'clock and 4 o'clock will be given by the new Row and of Norfolk, followed by remaining program, which consists of drama, pantomimes, recitations, tableaux, songs, etc. Special stress has been put on patriotism through whole day's program in songs.

SERVICES AT EPWORTH

The pastor, Rev. C. B. Culbreth, will preach at Epworth Church, next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The Sunday school will meet at 3:00, with J. E. Brothers as superintendent. The first and third Sundays the Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning with preaching days which are the second and fourth Sundays in each month the Sunday school will meet at 3:00 o'clock with the preaching service to follow.

HAIG STRIKES IN NEW DIRECTION

CAPTURING PORTION OF GERMAN FRONT AND SUPPORTING LINES JUST NORTH OF LENS

London, May 10.—With the British offensive temporarily deadlocked around Fresnoy and Bullecourt, Field Marshal Haig struck in a new direction today, capturing the portion of the German front and supporting lines south of the Souces river just north of Lens, with a number of prisoners.

Despite the apparent deadlock at Bullecourt, the British commander reported gains by his forces in the face of the tremendous losses inflicted on the Germans in their repeated efforts to counter attack and shake the British grip.

East of Greecourt Haig reported further advance. The British attacked German positions at Trois and Sauvages, north of St. Quentin, today, but the Germans, hastily reinforced, pushed the British back from their gain by their superior weight.

General Nivelle's French troops repulsed an attack in the region of Chevaux and widened the French wedge on the German lines across the other slope of the plateau, Vachera.

The resumption of artillery firing is reported over nearly the entire Russian front today.

GERMANS AGREE ABOUT AMERICA

MOST DIVERSE ELEMENTS.—GOVERNMENT AND SOCIALISTS—GIVEN EXPRESSION TO THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF THIS COUNTRY

Berlin, May 10.—"Germany holds no reason for an offensive against America, but cannot forego her present use of submarines for the sake of peace."

"The war can only be ended on a basis which will inflict no dishonorable terms upon any nation."

These expressions were obtained by the United Press from the two most diverse elements in Germany—the government and the socialists.

BRITISH VESSELS PURSUE DESTROYERS

(By United Press) London, May 10.—Destroyer action in which four British vessels pursued eleven German destroyers to within range of their batteries at Scarborough is announced by the admiralty. One enemy ship was hit in the running fight.

AMERICANS HELD PRISONERS

(By United Press) Washington, May 10.—One hundred and twenty seven Americans taken from ships are reported to be held as prisoners by Germany.

PORTSMOUTH PREACHER WILL SPEAK HERE

Rev. B. E. Wilson, of Portsmouth, Va., will preach at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church Sunday at both morning and evening services.

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday, little change in temperature, gentle to moderate north wind.