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News Snapshots Of the Week

All previous heat records were broken during the past week in many cities of the middle western and Atlantic coast states. The intense weather lasted several days, and the num ber of deaths reached the hundreds in many cities. In spite of the hot weather the draft machinery moved rapidly, and thousands of young men eligible for the new army were given physical examinations. The number who passed the test was surprisingly low, and the number of exemption

claims was surprisingly large. The long locked for allied offensive in Flanders was opened by the British forces under Field Marshal Haig, who, in co-operation with the French, gained ground on a twenty mile front. However, the enemy recaptured part of this territory. Secretary Daniels gave out the report of Rear Admiral Gleaves, which confirmed i part the Fourth of July announcement that enemy submarines had attacked the first American transports. Militar vements continued throughout the country, several companies leaving for camps where they will get their training.

FOOD CONTROL **SOON TO BE LAW**

House Postpones Action on "Bone Dry" Amendment.

LOAN OF \$3,000,000,000

Bonds to Be Offered Public on Nov. 15. Officials Making It Hard For Slackers to Secure Exemption-20,000 Arrests For Failure to Register-Congress May Adjourn Soon-Other Capital Gossin

Special Correspondence of The Gazette

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 6. -While the capital sizzled and melted during the intense hot weather that Washington, together with other cities, experienced last week congress was busy. The Sheppard amendment to the food control bill, known as the "bone dry" amendment, was passed by the senate, but was postponed by the house. Under the terms of this amendment the nation will become dry if thirty-six of the states ratify it during the next six years. The action on this amendment will probably do much to expedite the passage of the food control bill. The past week in wasnington brought

about the first rumors of an early adjournment of congress. There are only a few measures, absolutely necessary for the conduct of the war, now up for consideration, and it is stated by leaders of both parties that if congress gets a move on, it can adjourn by the middle of September. It required a temperature of 98 in the shade to create these rumors, however. It may also be mentioned that some of the long winded speakers have about talked themselves out and are ready and willing to go home.

\$3,000,000,000 Loan on Nov. 15. The second liberty loan-for \$3,000. 000,000-will be launched Nov. 15, treasury officials said. Before that time it is planned to issue nearly \$1,-000,000,000 in treasury short time cer-

tificates to meet immediate needs. On the eve of the announcement of the second liberty loan treasury officials are at a loss for a name to distinguish it from the first,

To sell the second issue of bonds a campaign is being planned which will overshadow the organization and publicity which made the first bond issue so great a success. Much of the first organization will be used, conferences with district liberty loan committees and prominent bankers from all parts of the country already having been held.

A new feature in the second bond selling campaign will be the women's liberty loan committee. It has named state chairmen and opened offices in the treasury building here. The entire campaign will be under the direction of Secretary McAdoo and the national liberty loan committee, which figured in the previous issue.

Several million new posters and 5,000,000 liberty loan buttons have been contracted for.

To Fight Exemptions. The government is preparing to fight claims for exemption from conscription. Concerned at the great number of those attempting to avoid service, the provost marshal general's office announced the method by which the government would appeal to district

boards from rulings of local boards. Warning that exemptions in agriculture and other industries would be carefully scrutinized was found in the announcement that "the problem was

MORRIS E. SHEPPARD.

Texan's Prohibition Amendment to Food Bill Held Up In the House.



to reduce interference with industry to a minimum, but it was the interest of the nation solely that must be sub-

As a direct slap at "marriage slackers" the government will automatically appeal from every exemption on the grounds of dependency. Some person will be designated to make this appeal to protect the government's interests.

This designation (of a party, representing the government) has already been made for each local board or will be made within the next few days. General Crowder announced.

Will Appeal Exemptions.

"This person," it was explained, "may appeal exemptions or discharges on other grounds besides dependency if he thinks injury to other registrants or to the government makes such appeal de-

The purpose of the appeals is to obtain nation wide uniformity in exemption rulings, which is regarded as otherwise impossible from 4,557 local

All registrants are invited by General Crowder to report any improper exemptions.

Discussing industrial exemptions. General Crowder said that district boards were "powerless to relieve cases in which private loss or hardship rather than national necessity" were at

"Otherwise another man would be asked to offer his life in order that this man's material benefit be served," said General Crowder.

20,000 Held For Evasion. Approximately 20,000 persons have been arrested thus far in the United States by agents of the department of justice for refusing to register on June 5 in accordance with the terms of the

draft act. Most of those arrested, it became known, have been convicted and are serving sentences. Ever since June 5, registration day, the department of justice has been quietly at work all over the country rounding up slackers. The roundup is

The arrests cover cases where there was plain evidence of an intent to evade the law. In a majority of cases there was concerted action by groups of individuals made up chiefly of Socialists and L. W. W. members.

still on.

While the department refuses to give out details, it was learned that by far the largest number of arrests have been made in Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The men arrested have received sentences ranging from one day to one year in jail. As rapidly as possible the department is registering all those convicted and has assigned to them the serial numbers vacated by those coming first on the list who have been rejected or have secured exemptions from their local boards. This will insure the prisoners being put into the army provided they are found fit for military service. If found fit they will be taken out of jail, but if rejected they will have to serve their sentences.

Letters pouring into the department of justice from every section of the country at the rate of 100 to 200 a day are reporting men who failed to register for the draft.

Thus far it has been found that the information in a large percentage of the letters has been correct, and as a result of such voluntary aid to the government hundreds of slackers have been placed on the registration rolls. A large number of the letters come from

Facts About U Boat Attack. A long official report from Rear Ad-

miral Albert Gleaves describing in detail the incidents involving encounters of American troop ships and their convoying war vessels with German U boats in June fails to bear out in full the account of these incidents contained in a statement furnished to the press as a Fourth of July message by the committee on public information.

The Fourth of July statement was prepared personally by George Creel. chairman of the committee, in the presence of Secretary Daniels and Admiral Benson, thief of naval operations, and has been much criticised in the senate and the press on the ground that it exaggerated what occurred.

Mr. Creel has been criticised particularly for the use of the expression "an attack in force" in describing one of the encounters between the American convoying ships and German submarines. In the official report of Admiral Gleaves nothing is said to show that any attack in force was experienced by the American vessels. The report shows that there were two encounters with submarines and possibly a third incident of the sort, although there is doubt that I' houts were actually engaged in hostile operations in this third instance. In the first encounter a submarine is believed to have crossed the bow of Admiral Gleaves' flagship and two torpedoes passed close to one of the American vessels. Another torpedo was apparently seen, but the report of Admiral Gleaves is not clear on that point. One other described as "Col. A." gave the opinion that streaks in the water were the wakes of two subma-

The second encounter, that of June 25, was with two submarines sighted about two hours apart. There does not appear to be any doubt that these submarines were seen,

"A depth charge" was fired at one of the U boats, and "several pieces of lumber, quantities of oil, bubbles and debris came to the surface." On the third occasion it was believed that a submarine was sunk, but the doubt has not been cleared.

Beefless Days on Tuesdays.

Resolutions to make every Tuesday a beefless day and to inaugurate systematic measures to curtail consumption of wheat bread, butter, sugar and young animal meat have been adopted by the food administration's hotel and restaurant committee.

The steps decided on include use of at least 10 per cent of some other kind of flour besides wheat for bread and rolls, substitution of fish, fowls, vegetables and fruits for heavy meats and elimination of icing of cakes and cube

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