

**THE NEWS IN BRIEF  
SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE**

At Dallas Texas by a large majority the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States adopted a resolution declaring for women suffrage.

Construction and operation of a great fleet of barges to move grain down the Mississippi river to tidewater and thus relieve railway congestion is under consideration by the government.

After killing her husband and his mother at their home in Baltimore, Mrs. Anna M. Smith, 50 years old, sat on the front steps and kept a throng at bay until overpowered by the police.

The Corporation Commission has set May 31 for the hearing of the railroads which have asked for the privilege of raising their intra-State freight rates. The carriers contemplate a 15 per cent. increase.

Assurances were given by Secretary Baker that the American Press will be allowed as liberal representation as practicable with the first expeditionary force to be sent to France under Major General Pershing.

It is announced that Marconi, the Italian wireless man has perfected a device which will destroy the German submarines, and along with this announcement comes one that Edison has a device which will do the same thing.

Seventeen persons were killed and several seriously injured when a tornado struck Andale, Kan. Of the fifteen injured, the condition of at least six appeared hopeless. The property damage was large. Andale has a population of 237.

Secretary McAdoo, here from a speaking tour of Middle and Central Western cities in the interest of the Liberty Loan declared in a statement Sunday that the people were behind the administration's program of raising approximately \$1,800,000,000 for war purposes by taxation.

Representatives of Andrew Carnegie have notified the town of Hickory that it will donate \$11,000 for the erection of a library building there as soon as a site is selected and the plans agreed upon. The question of a site may be a knottier problem than the voting of a special tax.

The Northern Presbyterian General Assembly, in session at Dallas, Texas, not only declared against the liquor traffic but disapproved the use of tobacco in any form. The resolution provided that the board of education of the Church refuse aid to any students who use tobacco or intoxicants.

Cuba will impose a tax on sugar of twenty cents a bag of 325 pounds, it was announced by the republic of Cuba news bureau. In addition a six per cent tax on the net profit of all Cuban sugar companies will be imposed. It was stated that the profit on each bag of sugar is \$9.

Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain by the United States bringing up the total loaned that nation thus far to \$400,000,000 and the total of loans to all the allies \$745,000,000. A payment of \$75,000,000 also was made to Italy as part of the \$100,000,000 loan announced some time ago. The Italian government had received \$25,000,000.

The department of labor announced Saturday that it had rented the Mountain Park hotel at Hot Springs, N. C., to house some of the interned German civilians now held in various parts of the country. There are about 2,000 of them, mostly sailors from German merchant ships. All who cannot be taken care of on government land in Western North Carolina as soon as quarters can be made ready.

Four days before the American destroyer flotilla arrived abroad Berlin knew it was on the way and to what port it was going, and the day before the little vessels steamed into Queenstown German submarines had strewn mines about the harbor entrance. The startling information, realizing that German spies not only still are at their work in this country, but that they have a swift and sure means of communicating America's war secrets to the fatherland, came to the Navy department in a cablegram from Rear Admiral Sims at London.

From the deliberations of a distinguished group of scientists gathered around an oaken council table in the navy annex, may emerge the device which means death to the submarine. From all parts of the country they gathered—scientists, engineers, scientists and inventors, members of the naval consulting board to lend their efficient brains to their government in its hour of need. Marconi, wireless wizard of Italy, was to be present, but he was ill and could not attend. Thomas A. Edison was also absent, but was represented by his aide, Dr. M. R. Hutchinson, Hudson Maxim was there. He is said to have a means for combating the U-boat and he placed his discovery and made his argument before the board Saturday, in Washington.

**ODDITIES IN THE NEWS**

Indiana man has pensioned goose that retired after twenty-one years of usefulness.

Chinese regiment, using sticks for guns, drills regularly at Columbus, N. M., and is eager to fight Germany.

Butch, a fox terrier, grabbed hand of pickpocket before he could get it out of pocket of dog's owner at San Antonio.

After a few days' rest a Jersey policeman who tried to break up a United States soldiers' recruiting meeting will be able to return to work.

Didn't know he had a wooden leg, although she had sat on fiance's knee for three years, Pittsburgh girl testified in breach of promise suit.

Overalls for housework have been adopted by women of Racine, Wis.

Shaving may be prohibited in Paris because of a shortage of soap.

Weighing machine, once instrument of amusement, has become a daily necessity in Germany because people lose so much weight under war rations.

Sugar so scarce in Paris the ladies are carrying it in new fad jeweled boxes holding two lumps.

Indiana woman found in potato note from farmer saying he had sold at 69 cents a bushel and asking purchaser to write him how much was paid. She had given \$4 a bushel.

**WILL TAKE A YEAR TO TRAIN AN ARMY**

"A United States army to be of any service whatever in France or on any other battle front of the European war must first be fully equipped and thoroughly trained. This is a matter of a year or more. It is idle to talk about sending a small army to France for sentimental reasons. It would not be a drop in the bucket."

This statement was made by a military expert who is giving close attention to the developments of the war with Germany. Continuing, he said: "There still are a lot of people who think a man becomes a soldier the moment he gets into a uniform and puts a gun on his shoulder. This is nonsense, even if the man happens to be an American."

"Every man must be drilled and trained before he is a soldier. In modern trench warfare he must have a different training from that of heretofore. Why, the situation in Europe is changing from month to month. Every general staff in the war has had to 'scrap' most of the rules and practices it had when the great struggle started."

**Must Be Perfect Machine.**  
"Assuming that we have a real army thoroughly trained and fully equipped and send it to France, of course it would be an invaluable aid to the allies. On any other basis an American army would be an impediment, if not a menace. We can send a perfect military machine to Europe if given sufficient time to prepare it. Nothing else should be sent."

"An American army of several hundred thousand men if placed in France after having been thoroughly acclimated would be worked into a section of the long battle front, just as new troops from England or France or Russia are worked in—a little at a time, a complete section ultimately being turned over to the American contingent."

"Before this is done it would be necessary for the American field commander to establish his own lines of communication, his own bases for supplies and, in short, assume complete control of everything military on his section of the front. All of this would take time."

"There is every indication that public clamor will seek to force the sending of troops to France before they are prepared to go. This will never be done with the consent of our military men. We are absolutely opposed to sending a small contingent of the regular army, the only force now prepared to go."

"To do so would be suicidal since we have not nearly enough officers as it is and shall need every officer and competent enlisted man that can be spared for the training of new troops."

**Year at Least Needed.**  
"The country is in for a distinct disappointment if the people generally expect to see American soldiers rushed to Europe immediately and put into the trenches on the other side. Every man ought to have at least one year's training and should have more."

"It must be remembered that the German army is composed of veterans and that the Kaiser's best troops thickly line the western front, which is the most vital to both sides. American soldiers of our regular army, who have had no experience in trench warfare, would not be a match at the outset for German veterans. They, too, must learn the game. The Germans, like the French and the British, now know the game from the bottom of the trenches up."

"France and Great Britain want an American army sent to Europe, but they want a trained army and would have no use for any other kind. If not fully trained here before being sent across such an army would be detained far behind the trenches until the British or French authorities deemed it fit for trench work."

Senator Overman has secured from the War Department 3,000 steel cots and 6,000 blankets for use of the Confederate veterans at the June reunion in Washington.

**USE MORE CORN AND LESS WHEAT AND SAVE MONEY**

"Begin today to eat more cornmeal and hominy grits in place of wheat flour and wheat breakfast foods," is the message the United States department of agriculture is sending out broadcast to housewives. "Try a wheatless breakfast tomorrow—then extend the wheatless idea to other days or meals," the dietary specialists suggest.

Corn, a great natural breadstuff of this country, the department's specialists point out, has not been used for human food nearly as much as its valuable nutritive qualities warrant. This is due largely to the fact that many persons with a wheat using habit never have taken the pains to learn to use corn. There is no important dietetic difference between corn and wheat as sources of body fuel.

To those who wish to try wheatless meals the department suggests the following for a wheatless breakfast or dinner:

As a substitute for wheat breakfast foods try white or yellow cornmeal or hominy grits, served with cream and sugar, butter, syrup or fresh or dried fruit.

As a substitute for wheat biscuits, rolls or toast the housewife can em-

ploy a dozen different forms of corn bread, such as hoe cake, dodgers, soft or spoon corn bread, hominy bread, cornmeal and rye Benton brown bread, Zuni Indian bread, etc.

Fried cornmeal mush, fried hominy or cornmeal pancakes made with very little wheat flour will be found a pleasing variation from wheat cakes.

Cornmeal codfish cakes, cornmeal scrapple, cornmeal croquettes, cornmeal or hominy cooked with meat, figs, cheese, eggs or milk, will supply nourishing dishes for the hearty courses.

Hominy grits and coarse hominy (sometimes called samp) may be boiled and used like macaroni or other wheat pastes to serve as side dishes with meat.

For dessert Indian pudding, cornmeal and fig or apple pudding, apple dumplings, cornmeal doughnuts, gingerbread, cake, fruit gems, etc., will contribute variety as well as nourishment to the bill of fare.

The housewife who wishes to substitute corn for some but not all of the wheat flour can make excellent raised or light bread, pancakes, waffles, muffins, rolls, graham flour, Indian bread, etc.

Wheat, rice, rye, barley, oats, corn and potatoes are largely interchangeable as sources of starch in the diet.

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