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ARGENTINE SAILING SHIP VICTIM OF SUBMARINES

British Capture Two Towns and 4,000 Prisoners--Italians Repulsed About Jamiano With Heavy Losses

Paris, June 7.—The Argentine sailing ship Oriama was submerged in the Mediterranean. A French ship saved the crew. Heavy artillery actions are occurring in the Chemin-des-Dames region. At other points the firing is intermittent, the war office night statement says. Vienna, June 7.—The war office announces that the attempts of the Italians to retake the positions about Jamiano were repulsed with heavy losses. London, June 7.—The official night war office report says that Wytische and Messines have been captured in the new British drive in Belgium. The two big towns and a half dozen villages were taken, with 4,000 prisoners. The British offensive in Belgium has been opened. A terrific bombardment of the German positions for more than a week, British troops swept forward last night on a nine-mile front, making important captures, the war office announced today. The main assault centered between Messines and Wytische Ridge. "All of the chief objectives were captured," the official statement said. But the British did not confine all their pressure to West Flanders. Attacks were made on other portions of the front and gains were scored. Many German prisoners were captured. More than 1,000,000 pounds of high explosives was blown up under the German forward positions. This, the most gigantic mining operation in the history of the war, spread panic among the Germans. Tanks were in the thick of the fighting. More than 1,000 Germans were taken prisoners early in the engagement. The fighting continues under a mid-summer sun. The Germans have not rallied for the expected counter attack. The British attack began today, two months after the offensive campaign burst into flame at Arras, was carried out in that slender strip of Belgium saved nearly three years ago from the German invasion. The

MADE BONANZA ON CUCUMBERS

TWO MEN AT GRAND ISLE CLEAR \$18,000 ON SIX ACRES

FOUR CROPS ON SAME LAND

Prosperous Outlook for Farmers on Bayou Lafourche—Volume of Traffic on Harvey Canal

Captain Horace Harvey, of the Harvey canal, has brought the best farming story of the year to New Orleans, and is ready to vouch for its correctness. Last fall, according to Captain Harvey, a Chicago commission man visited the Grand Isle section and talked to the farmers there of the profits to be derived from the growing of cucumbers. Several of the farmers tried the crop this spring, and met with a success beyond their wildest expectations. Two men secured a dry patch of six acres of land in the midst of the marshes, and planted it to cucumbers. The product was shipped to Chicago, and after paying all expenses the men have a profit of \$18,000, or at the rate of \$3,000 an acre. This land is now being cleared for corn, which will be followed by cauliflower, and later by winter cabbage. Another man on Grand Isle secured the use of two small lots from Captain Harvey, and realized a profit of \$150 in cucumbers, planted in land reclaimed so early by him that it had to be spoiled. Captain Harvey states that the crop outlook along Bayou Lafourche and in the section traversed by his canal is exceptionally good. The average planted to sugar cane and corn has been materially increased. There is a big acreage planted in Irish potatoes, and the growers are being paid \$1.10 a barrel for new potatoes. As an instance of what one artificial waterway can do for a city, last year there was a net gain through the Harvey canal to New Orleans of \$1,500,000. Practically every cent of this money was spent in this city.

HOW NEW ORLEANS IS HELPING WORK

OF WAR PREPARATION TOLD AT MEETING LAST NIGHT

WORK OF LOCAL NAVY LEAGUE

League Will Propose Co-operation With the Gulf Coast Training Association

Some inside facts on what New Orleans is doing in a quiet way to prepare for war were related at a meeting of the Gulf Coast Naval Training Association and of the Navy League, held in the Association of Commerce auditorium last night, with about fifty persons in attendance. Work accomplished by the Navy League, as told by Ben C. Waldo, included the following: Fifteen minute talks on the opportunities afforded by the navy made to 10,000 workmen in local industrial establishments by a corps of speakers. First hydroplanes brought to New Orleans for exhibition. The navy advertised in show windows, moving picture theaters, and through the newspapers. Arkansas and Mississippi brought under the jurisdiction of the local executive committee, and the membership in Mississippi increased 150 per cent and in Arkansas 80 per cent. A "comforts committee" organized by the women has knitted enough sweaters and blankets for the crews of four submarines. The Gulf Coast Naval Training Association, headed by Henry Rightor, has been busy listing available military craft for the defense of the Gulf coast from Pensacola to the Rio Grande. Classes have been organized in navigation, and two classes with fifteen members each are now receiving instruction. A class of naval cadets has been organized with forty members, and new ones coming in every day. In connection with the last named work, Henry Rightor explained that the boys who were not yet old enough to join the navy were taken in hand and trained, so that when they come of age they will be of more value. These classes will be organized, comprising the boys from 14 to 16 years of age. The 14-year-old boys will be ready for the navy in 1920. This work is in line with the government program, which is based on the presumption that the war will last at least three years, declared Mr. Rightor. A New York organization called the Junior Naval Reserve is soliciting members in this section and is in conflict with the local organization, the members of which were advised by Mr. Rightor to be on the lookout. The Gulf Coast Naval Training Association was organized more than a month ago to assist the fleet in patrolling the Gulf coast, and preventing hostile submarines from receiving information and supplies from this country. Captain Sills explained the objects and purposes of the association last night to those present who are not already members. At the conclusion of the meeting Ben C. Waldo suggested that the members of the Navy League here, which has a membership of 1,000 in Louisiana, would do well to affiliate with the Naval Training Association. A committee from the Navy League, consisting of T. G. Bush, Stonewall Jackson and Eugene Pearce was appointed to confer with members of the Gulf Coast Training Association and ascertain if the Navy League can render the other organization any concrete assistance.

WOULD REGULATE PRIVATE CHARITY

LACK OF CO-ORDINATION SOURCE OF MUCH WASTE

MUCH MONEY TO WORKERS

Who Are Inefficient or Predatory—Thousands of Aged Persons Need Care

Pittsburg, Pa., June 7.—Chaotic conditions in the administration of private charities due to lack of regulation on the part of state governments were revealed in a round-table discussion here today at the National Conference of Charities and Correction. The evils that have arisen are due chiefly to lack of systematic inspection and advice, said Robert W. Kolsa, secretary of the state board of charity of Massachusetts. He declared the good intentions of philanthropists are frequently nullified by lack of coordination of their favorite charities with other welfare activities in the community. Mr. Kolsa said: "There are in active operation throughout the several United States at least 15,000 incorporated charities. They have well up to 100,000,000 in assets. This field of charitable endeavor is teeming with citizens who seek earnestly for social advancement. An increasing number of them are skilled and able to analyze their problem. Some of them have little more than good intention. And there are others who are predatory. They live upon the charitable agency, appropriating its benefits to themselves, pretending falsely that their purpose is charity. Thousands of worthy old men and women in the United States were pictured as suffering for lack of scientific care and affection by Dr. L. L. Nasher, of New York city, who is one of the leading authorities of the country on the care of the aged. He is the author of the only American scientific work devoted to this question, entitled "Geriatrics." Dr. Nasher said: "There is probably no class of dependents whose welfare has been more completely neglected, who have received less scientific study and care, than the aged. The child dependent has the world for its guardian; the aged dependent is disowned by his own. There are scores of works dealing with the child in the home and in institutions; until recently there was not a single work considering the institutional care of the aged, not a journal of any kind sufficiently interested in the welfare of the aged to devote special space to this subject. "So completely has the welfare of the aged as a scientific study been ignored that today there is not a home for the aged, so far as I know, in which the vital problem of the proper feeding of the aged is understood or even considered. "The registration to determine the man power of the nation should be accompanied by a special study of the possibilities and problems of our rural districts. Dr. Warren H. Wilson, of New York, suggested in an address before the conference. He said: "Religious people in the country have lost their faith. They believe in the devil's philosophy which appears on the cartoonist's page of the daily paper. The effect of the rural survey has been to make all the men and women work in them, examining daily for months at a time the seamy side of country life, desire to live in the country. "The business of the social survey is to break up people's faith in fatalism and misfortune and to make them see that country society is alive; that it has had a past and that it has a possible future."

CHARGES OF GRAFT DELAY URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL

House Member Charges Graft in Exposition Ground Purchase--Bristow Also Makes Charges

Washington, June 7.—Charges of graft sent the urgent deficiency bill back to conference today. By a vote of 184 to 114, the House refused to confirm the conference report on the measure which carries an appropriation of \$3,281,294,000. Representative Kelly, of Michigan, charged graft in connection with the purchase of the site of the Jamestown exposition for a naval base and training station. Kelly charges that the present owners purchased the ground for \$250,000 and now wish to charge the government \$600,000 for the buildings alone. Kansas City, June 7.—Replying to Congressman Helverling, who wired Gov. Capper, asking that former Senator Joseph L. Bristow be removed from the Kansas Utilities Commission because of articles he had written for the Salina Journal about graft conditions in Washington, Bristow said: "I beg to advise you that the charges are being paid a percent of the cost for construction of army cantonments. That these contractors were paying \$7 a day for labor that could be obtained for \$4. That they were paying excessive prices for materials, thereby inflating the cost of the work, so as to get a larger commission for construction, and that it is openly alleged that such methods and blunders have resulted in an increase in the estimated cost of the construction of these cantonments from 75 million dollars to 150 million. Bristow further charges that powerful lobbies are manipulating the war revenue bill to remove the tax on munitions and place one on tea, coffee and other articles of universal consumption; to remove the increased surtax on excessive incomes and make other changes to relieve the wealthy from taxation and concludes: "I further beg leave to suggest to you that men will not be deterred by vituperation and abuse from stating the truth about the manner of conducting the public business. This is a matter which

OVERTHROW OF AUSTRIA IS NEAR

By International News Service. Chicago, June 7.—A cablegram received here says that the overthrow of the Austrian government in Bohemia and the establishment of a republic is imminent. The Bohemian deputies to the Austrian Reichsrath revolted, cheered for Russia and America, and called for organization of a republic.

LIEUTENANT WAS IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY

Lieutenant R. J. Fowler, attached to the naval station, was arrested at Canal and Gayoso streets last night by Motorcycles Patrolman McKee for speeding. His wife was in the automobile with him. Fowler was fined \$15 or 30 days by Night Recorder Chamberlain. He paid the fine.

TORNADO KILLS 7 IN WESTERN KY.

By International News Service. Oklahoma City, June 7.—A tornado damaged Perry, Okla., early tonight. Several buildings were destroyed. No loss of life is reported. Lexington, Ky., June 7.—Seven are known to be dead, and fifty injured in the fifth tornado with a few days which swept western Kentucky today.

FOOT FRACTURED BY AUTO

While talking to a friend in the street at St. Philip and North Broad streets yesterday, John Patton, 17, 900 North Broad street, was run into by an automobile and his left foot was fractured. The automobile was owned and driven by M. A. Smith, 2715 Magazine street, who, the police say, was driving at a moderate rate of speed. Patton was taken to the Charity hospital.

THOUSANDS ARE ALREADY IN JAIL

By International News Service. Washington, June 7.—With registration over, the government today moved toward the work of making the first draft. Meanwhile agents of the government are rounding up "slackers" and anti-conscriptionists. Several thousand offenders are already in various jails. L. W. Neiman, of Milwaukee, a newspaperman, laid before the President today charges that an organized plot in Wisconsin to defeat the draft exists. Influences are working to overthrow the entire military program of the nation. The Wisconsin plot, which was disclosed to the President by Neiman, included the use of pro-German papers carrying propaganda against the draft and the adoption of other means making the overthrow of the military program and make the nation impotent in the war. Government agents already are working on the case and an arrest is anticipated. General Crowder turned his attention today to the question of exemptions. He estimated half would be exempted through physical disabilities, cutting the total to 5,000,000, from which to select 2,500,000 after all exemptions were made. Springfield, Ill., June 7.—Governor Lowden tonight was asked to send troops to Rockford to prevent trouble over the arrest of one hundred anti-conscription agitators who were thrown in jail today.

FOUR STUDENTS KILLED

Henderson, Ky., June 7.—Four high school students were killed and two injured when their auto was struck by an electric car.

M'ADOO TO BE GUEST OF CITY U. S. WOODEN SHIP PROGRAM'S DEAD

All honor will be paid to Secretary McAdoo when he arrives in New Orleans this morning. A special delegation of citizens will be at the Illinois Central depot to bid him welcome and immediately a parade will form and escort the secretary from the depot down St. Charles street toward town. It will be one of the greatest military spectacles ever witnessed in the city. Marines, sailors, regular soldiers, and soldiers from Fort Nichols will participate in the parade. The Rotary club will fall into the rear of the escort and carry their famous 200 foot flag. Other citizens will walk through the crowds and try to get the people to subscribe for Liberty bonds. "George" will be hanged en route to keep the people from using the excuse "Let George do it." Secretary McAdoo will be given a trip about the city following the parade. The committee of the day is: Mayor Behrman, chairman; Governor Pleasant, Adjutant General McGree, John E. Boudin, Jr., James P. Butler, Jr., R. S. Bacht, P. H. Sams, G. S. Marcus Walker, W. W. Boudin, L. M. Pool, Walter Parker, W. H. McClendon, T. F. Davis, John E. Clark, H. J. Sanders, Ernest Lee Jakacko, John W. Woodfolk, E. M. Murphy, Meyer Eisenman, M. J. Hartson, C. A. Tossner, John Banville, H. H. Thomas, R. M. Wadswley, W. B. Thompson, Murphy J. Foster, Calhoun Fluker, J. Y. Fauntleroy, Charles Janvier, Joseph W. Montgomery, Judge Rufus E. Foster, Frank M. Miller, J. S. Pennington, Frank B. Hayes, Crawford E. Ellis, Captain P. S. Morris, Colonel Thomas J. Lewis, Hunter C. Leake, Robert G. Guenard, Roy Terrell, John M. Parker, Harold W. Newman, A. G. Hicks, E. E. Lafaye, E. J. Glenny, J. W. Reynolds, Commandant Nelson, C. S. N., Robert Ewing, James M. Thomson, D. D. Moore, E. H. Roberts, W. B. Irby, Charles J. Theard, G. Ad. Butler, G. Owen Vincent, John J. Cannon, Lynn H. Dinkins, A. Dumser, A. Katz, Charles de B. Claiborne, John Legier, Jr., A. B. Wheeler.

ALL ILLINOIS IDLERS MUST GO TO WORK

By International News Service. Springfield, Ill., June 7.—The Senate passed a bill requiring every idle man between the ages of 16 and 60 where he was wilfully idle, to work on the roads during the war. The bill regulating cold storage and prohibiting the hoarding of food also was passed.

CHURCHILL PROMOTED

London, June 7.—Viscount Cowdray has been succeeded as chairman of the British air board by Winston Churchill.

FELT ON CHARGE OF CASHING WORTHLESS CHECK

While wearing a uniform of a United States soldier, Ernest Bain, 19, stopping at a local hotel, and formerly of the army, was arrested at Royal and Canal streets by Patrolman Baker and a Burns detective last night on a charge of obtaining \$12 on a worthless check. Police charge he procured the money by representing himself as a soldier. When arrested Bain admitted that he was discharged from the army over a year ago, but had been wearing the uniform. He passed the check on a hotel here.