

NATION-WIDE ARRESTS BALK NO-DRAFT PLOT

Conspiracy Originating in Philadelphia Promptly Nipped

AIMED AT REGISTRATION

Distributors of Unpatriotic Pamphlets Taken Into Custody in Many Cities

Jail for Agitators Against Conscription

WASHINGTON May 28. CRIMINAL prosecution awaits persons who attempt to prevent registration under the war army bill by propaganda or otherwise.

"Such action is a plain violation of the law," said Mr. Gregory, "and the Department of Justice is prepared to prosecute promptly any person guilty of such conduct."

Plots to discourage registration, which originated in Philadelphia and spread to other cities, are being investigated by the Department of Justice.

The most important plot uncovered so far is the scheme of mountaineers near Roanoke. They had built a fort in the mountains, and more than 300 had pledged themselves to resist with violence the selective service registration.

Five men have been arrested in Detroit. They have been giving out huge handbills bearing the caption "Kill the Draft" and announcing a mass-meeting to further that purpose to be held June 3.

PLANS FOR CONSPIRATORS Some of the conspirators are pro-German, while others are sentimentally opposed to war. They have distributed literature urging young men to join religious sects opposed to war and thus avoid drafting.

Attorney General Gregory, in Washington, announced that the statutes pertinent to such activities already have been looked up by officials of the Department of Justice. They are looked upon as treasonable measures, pure and simple.

Mr. Gregory was emphatic in asserting that the sole primary effect of such propaganda will be to aid and comfort the enemy. He said that persons convicted of such conspiracy would face prison sentences of more than six years.

SEVERE PENALTIES FOR EVADERS Announcements are being sent to sheriffs of more than 3,200 counties that it is the duty of every citizen to give information of persons failing to register or registering falsely for selective service.

As an added argument to the civic police force the provost marshal general pointed out that every nonregistering person throws the burden of service upon another man.

Officials believe this alone will result in sufficient incentive to the people to turn up evaders.

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RUSSIA PREPARES TO RESUME FIGHT

Government Centers Efforts on Rehabilitating Forces for New Offensive

LIBERTY PRICE AT STAKE Soldiers Told They Must Push Battle to Secure Freedom

PETROGRAD, May 28. Leaders of the all-Russian Council of Peasant Deputies, which is in session here, have gone on record against a separate peace. They are calling upon the army and navy to continue fighting Germany.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD

PETROGRAD, May 28. All the forces of Russia's democratic government were turning today toward spurring the army to fight and steeling the people at home to sacrifice.

"Failure to advance against the Germans means losing the fruits of our revolution," declared Assistant Minister of War Yakovlev in a speech today in the peasant congress, which was typical of scores of other government officials in various cities today.

"Germany has removed many of her troops and her guns to the west front," Yakovlev said. "If she can possibly crush the Allies there Germany will next turn to us."

"Russia was never better supplied with shells than now. She is even enabled to stop the manufacture of shells in some factories and to substitute therein the manufacture of farm machinery. We have sufficient guns and other necessities of war. But the army suffers from lack of food."

"The government demands your assistance. Not only is food needed, but more soldiers are required. You must aid in stopping desertions."

Minister of War Kerensky is carrying such a message to soldiers at the front. Here at home other Ministers are busy. Minister of Labor Skoboleff was the principal speaker today at a meeting of the Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Delegates. His plea was for rehabilitation of Russia's finances.

"We must have money," he declared. "So far we have been compelled to follow the methods of the old regime—that is, to print paper money. Such a deceitful plan must be done away with. We must place higher taxes on war earnings, even to the extent of a 100 per cent levy."

PRESIDENT PROMOTES SIMS TO VICE ADMIRAL

Commander of American Fleet in European Waters Is Given Higher Rank

WASHINGTON, May 28. Rear Admiral Sims, commanding the American fleet of destroyers co-operating with the Allied fleet, was today formally named Vice Admiral by President Wilson.

To Admiral Sims the United States is indebted for the fact that American gunners are among the best shots in the world. After a study of British methods of naval gunnery in 1902, Sims introduced their system into the American navy. Within a few years the efficiency and percentage of hits of the gunners had increased enormously.

Before the Spanish-American War Sims was a naval attaché at Paris and was charged with the responsibility of buying ships and supplies for the navy. In 1900 he was sent to the Asiatic station. While there he studied closely the British method of gunnery. Sims is recognized as an expert in ordnance and gunnery. He made trips to England many times to study improvements in the art.

In 1902 Sims was appointed commander of the Atlantic fleet. After that he took a two-year course at the Naval War College and then commanded the torpedo flotilla of the Atlantic fleet.

During 1915 he commanded the dreadnaught Nevada and was later made president of the Naval War College.

General Strike in Montevideo MONTEVIDEO, May 28.—The labor situation became acute today when labor leaders called a general strike. Taxicab and street car employees have joined the strike of the employees of the American Packing Companies. The general walkout was called, it was explained, as a protest against police and military interference.

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AMERICANS LAUNCH MAD RAID TO MARK NATION'S WAR ENTRY

Spontaneous Attack Made Upon German Trenches When News Was Received—Victorious Assault Without Usual Artillery Preparation

An account of the first charge under the Stars and Stripes into German trenches has been written for the Evening Ledger by Sergeant Harry Norton, of Philadelphia, a member of the 10th Central Postal Directory, and all-around soldier of fortune. This charge, now described for the first time, was not preceded by the customary artillery bombardment and the assault of the enthusiastic Americans so took the Germans by surprise that many of them were taken prisoners. Norton existed in the American Legion at the Canadian forces at the beginning of the war. He is now in England recovering from a shrapnel wound and gun shock.

By SERGEANT HARRY NORTON Member of the American Legion in France. Never shall I forget the scene when the news first reached us on the western front that the good old United States had entered the war.

The glad tidings transformed a whole company of Americans in the Canadian contingent into madmen. Hoarse yells burst from their throats, and in a delirium of joy they fastened American flags to their bayonets.

Then the entire company, with whoops and yells, went over the top of the trench in broad daylight. Mind you, there had been no artillery preparation of any kind, and you must not forget that there is never a charge by infantry unless such a charge has been preceded by a grilling artillery fire against the enemy.

A SPONTANEOUS RAID It was a spontaneous raid on the part of the Americans; they just felt they had to do something tremendous to celebrate the entrance of America into the war. On event the valiant little band with waving bayonets, and little American flags leveled from sad bayonets. So sudden and furious was the attack that "Ere" was caught napping and suffered a severe laceration at the hands of these Yankee warriors.

The Americans leaped into the German trenches after bombing the enemy's dugouts with fifty comfortable dugout, thirty feet deep, but they had it registered and when they got ready to counter-attack placed a large shell right at the entrance and buried us. Although we were all stunned, we were soon able to use our entrenching tools and help the boys who were digging from the other end to extricate ourselves. Thanks to the ingenuity of the German engineers the dugout was so strongly built that it did not cave in entirely.

There is a burning desire among the Canadian troops that the United States troops fight alongside of them. Everywhere the hope is expressed that they may stand shoulder to shoulder with the most of Uncle Sam's army, but nowhere is the desire more keenly felt than among what is left of the boys of the American Legion.

We have heard stories of how the Germans treat American prisoners. If the Americans happen to have the Stars and Stripes tattooed on their arms, the Germans cut out the tattoo marks.

Philadelphians' Share in Liberty Loan Bigger Continued from Page One

of its organization going today and announced that Friday morning 5,000 volunteer salesmen would engage in a house-to-house canvass.

Besides this, the committee announced that beginning Thursday more than 100,000 copies of Philadelphia's Liberty Loan Association circulars would be distributed.

The committee held a meeting at the Hotel Adelphi shortly after noon and gave the general committee a genuine surprise in its report.

The organization had been given until next Friday to begin activities, but adopting the slogan, "Action and Not Words," got down to actual business this morning.

Headquarters were opened at the Library Bureau, 910 Chestnut street, and thousands of circulars were sent out to the seventy-four organizations affiliated with it in the campaign.

Announcement that Philadelphia's allotment had been boosted from \$250,000 to \$750,000 was made at a meeting in the Bellevue-Stratford early this morning by Johnson Ward, vice chairman of the general committee.

110 PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES "Dallas and Atlanta," said Mr. Ward, "are not coming through, and the Government, in order to make the loan a success, has increased the allotments of Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Chicago and other big cities."

For a week the general committee has waged an energetic campaign and based all of its calculations upon the original figure sent out from the Treasury Department. Increasing Philadelphia's share of the Liberty Loan virtually means that the work of each subscriber is worth one-third more.

To aid the local committee the Federal Reserve Bank will issue \$10 bonds, or what are officially known as participation certificates. George Kendrick, Jr., when addressing the bond salesmen asserted that the Federal Reserve Bank is arranging details for the distribution of the certificates and that the plan will be ready for operation during the latter part of the week.

"We propose to erect stands," said Kendrick, "for the sale of these certificates on the street corners, in stores and everywhere where there is a chance to sell a bond. Trained bond men will preside at these booths."

Issuing the \$10 participation certificate, according to Kendrick and other members of the general committee will serve to popularize the campaign, as thousands of men and women unable to take part in a plan that involves weekly payments, can extend their participation in the Liberty Loan by purchasing a low-priced certificate.

The certificates, unlike the bonds, will be actually on sale and trained bondsmen and others designated by the committee will carry big stacks during their house-to-house canvass. The plan has been tried in New York and thousands sold over the counters in the department stores and other establishments.

LIBERTY-HEARTH ACTIVITIES More than 200 bond salesmen attended this meeting. E. E. Norton, Johnson Ward and other speakers told the salesmen some plain truths about the campaign and in clear and pointed language urged "greater activity."

"Last week," said Norton, "Philadelphia took one corner of the Hindenburg line and this week we must take the whole line. We must take care of our allotment, and that means work, and that means more work."

The house-to-house canvass has emphasized that the average housewife knows as much concerning bond buying as a More about the necessities of a locomotive. The work of developing a bond field among the working people of Philadelphia must be accomplished in less than three weeks.

The educational campaign is being carried on in the big industrial plants, and despite the handicaps is proving effective. Today the Crow-Lock Company announced that it had received subscriptions from its employees amounting to more than \$25,000, and that the amount would probably be swelled to \$50,000. The company, like other concerns, is urging its workers to buy bonds on an installment basis and encouraging buyers to convey the Liberty Loan message to others.

Mayor Smith after this morning's Cabinet meeting, which was addressed by E. T. Stetson, said that every city employee would be urged to buy a bond. "Every man in the office of my Controller, Watson," he said, "has bought a bond, and the same condition applies to my office."

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