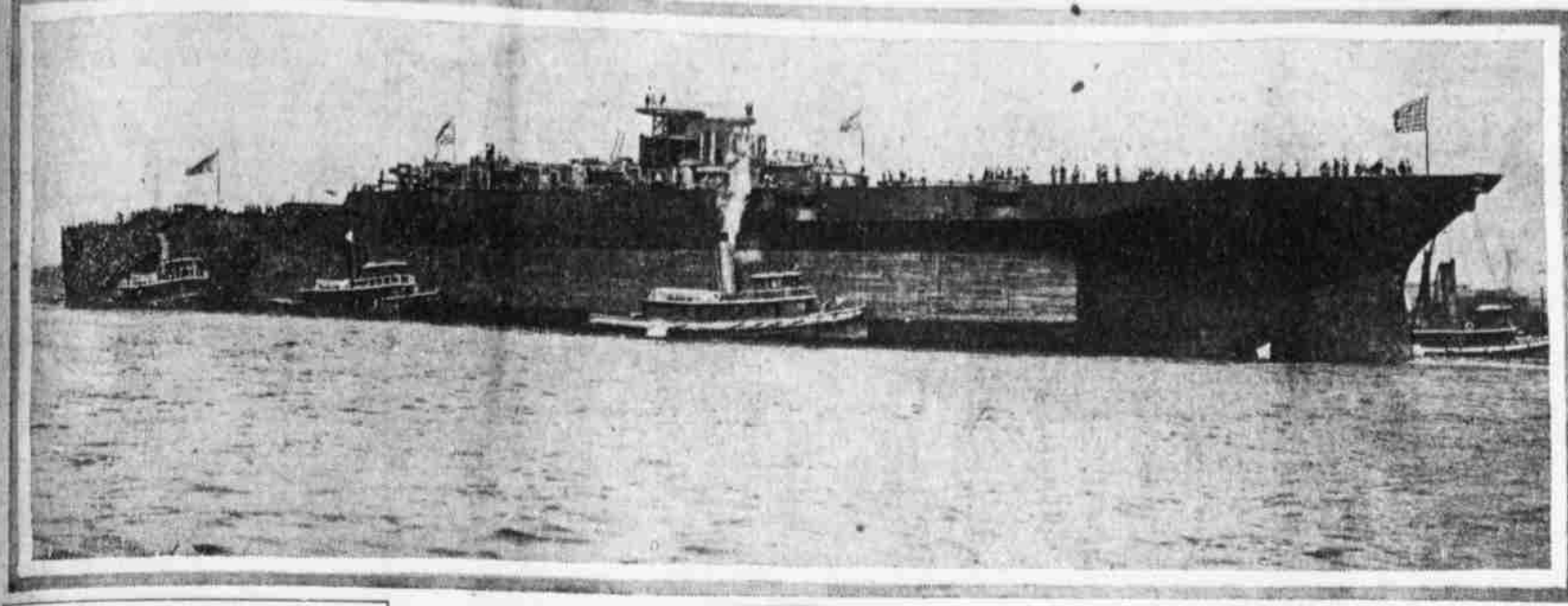


GIGANTIC DREADNOUGHT SLIDES INTO THE WATER AT CAMDEN



U. S. ISSUES CALL FOR DRAFT JUDGES

Baker Asks Governors to Name Appeal Boards for Army Selection

FAIR CHANCE FOR ALL

All Classes to Be Represented in Final Adjustment of Forces

WASHINGTON, June 30. Warning of the gravity of the task, the War Department today called upon State Governors for their nominations to the upper tribunals that will single out the men for America's new armies.

On each board the farmer, the big employer and the laboring man will have "a friend at court."

In a letter to each Governor, Secretary Baker drew attention to the double responsibility that rests upon the boards—to raise armies and at the same time avoid injuring the vital industrial needs of the nation.

At the suggestion of the department every board will be composed of one member in close touch with the agricultural situation of each district; another member with wide knowledge of the industrial situation of the district affected, and one in touch with the laboring man—preferably a representative of organized labor.

They must be men possessing the mentality, experience and information that will enable them to solve the very difficult economic problems to be encountered," he told the Governors.

"They must be men of such stability, integrity and integrity as will insure the interests of the nation against the whims of private claims."

The most delicate task of the whole draft falls upon the shoulders of the appellate boards. "The final and entire responsibility of sorting out the 'indispensable' men in the 'vitally necessary' industries is left to these groups of men."

"To the district boards," Baker wrote, "is entrusted the most vital problem of the war. Two things are to be accomplished—to raise armies and to maintain industries. As the war proceeds, more and more men will be required for the battle line, and yet there are certain industries that must be maintained."

"Any conceivable decrease of men must to some extent interfere with industry. The limitation must be made, and hence it is self-evident that the problem is to reduce the interference to the minimum."

"A balance must be struck and maintained between the military and industrial needs of the nation and the necessary sacrifices must be distributed with scientific accuracy."

"The interest of individuals or associations cannot be considered as such. It is the interest of the nation solely that must be considered," Baker concluded.

With the letter a number of nominations from the American Federation of Labor, the Council of National Defense and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States were submitted to Governors.

In thickly populated sections the boards will be composed of several groups of five each, constituted in the same way.

The appellate boards are vested with original jurisdiction in occupational claims for exemption. An appeal from their decision to a national central tribunal is provided for. In cases of appeal on dependency cases the appellate boards act as the board of review.

Many of the Governors have already sent tentative nominations to the upper boards.

Small Fire in Market Street Factory

Fire of unknown origin caused \$200 damage in the factory of Kaiserman & Son, manufacturers of children's dresses and waists, at 214 Market street, at 4 o'clock this morning. The blaze started in the stock room. Considerable stock was damaged and a carpet was ruined when the ceiling was dropped.

Two More Socialists Accused

Two Socialists were arrested at Eighth and Jefferson streets last night, accused of distributing seditious literature. The prisoners are Samuel Orbach, 2011 South Sixth street, and Jacob Halpern, of 525 Lombard street.

Suspends Prisoner on Grant Charge

TRENTON, June 30.—Principal Keeper James H. Mulhern, of the New Jersey State prison, has suspended John Freeman, a deputy, on a charge of accepting money to aid one of the convicts to obtain a parole from the Court of Pardons.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair to light and probably Sunday; slightly warmer Sunday; gentle westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 4:34 a.m.; Moon sets... 12:37 p.m. Sun sets... 7:32 p.m.; Moon rises... 9:25 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET Low water... 4:40 a.m.; High water... 10:26 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0



The battleship Idaho as she left the ways at the yards of her builders, the New York Shipbuilding Company. The vessel when completed will add another powerful unit to the American navy's fighting force. Her sponsor, Miss Henrietta A. Simmons, granddaughter of Governor Alexander, of Idaho, is shown below the vessel upon which she bestowed the name. The Idaho is a sister ship to the Mississippi and New Mexico. She is 600 feet long and displaces 34,000 tons.

RATE RULING HINTS AT U. S. OPERATION

Government Control of Railroads Forecast in Commission's Decision

MAY BE MADE ABSOLUTE

WASHINGTON, June 30. Unless American railroads show steadily increasing expenses and steadily decreasing net incomes during the next four months, the tentative refusal of the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant them a 15 per cent advance in freight rates will become final and absolute. And if the situation is aggravated in the meantime, Government operation of the railroads may be hastened.

Under ordinary procedure of the commission mere suspension of proposed increases for a statutory period does not necessarily mean ultimate refusal to grant those increases. The interested parties in the 15 per cent case today agree that the commission's suspension in this proceeding means that the railroad situation in the United States will have to undergo a material change if an additional rate burden is to be laid on the public.

FORESEES U. S. OPERATION

Analytical reading of the commission's opinion resulted in expressions today of a belief that the commission foresees as an easily possible eventuality the taking over of the railroads by the Government before the summer is over.

The separate opinion of Commissioner McChord, dissenting in part from the majority opinion, as recommended recently by the Federal Trade Commission, Judge McChord points out that the carriers give as an important reason for the granting of an increase the fact that fuel and supply prices have increased to a point at which they no longer can pay them without more funds furnished by the shippers. If this be true, he says in effect, why grant a rate increase if the Government is to take over these industries and reduce the high prices of fuel and railroad supplies. He takes the view that shortly Congress will take over the great industries or the railroads or both, and that in that event the need for higher rates will be passed.

The keenest interest is being manifested here in the commission's statement of the opinion that the war will not adversely affect the carrying business of the country. The majority of the body takes the position that business will be as usual or better than usual, either in spite of or because of the war.

CAR SHORTAGE BLAMED

The commission's statement that the bad showing of earnings made by the railroads last February—the showing which precipitated the petition for the 15 per cent increase—was due to car shortage and terminal congestion, coupled with reference in the opinion to the commission's new powers to regulate car supply is interpreted here to mean that the body intends shortly to exercise vigorously its control over car

Man Drowns While Calling on Friend

William McGlinley, twenty-seven years old, of 7414 Keystone street, was drowned early today at the foot of Diston street wharf. According to the police, he called to see a friend who works on a sand barge and missed his footing as he attempted to step aboard. The body was recovered.

BIG EXCESS PROFIT TAX DECIDED UPON

Graduated Levy of 12 to 40 Per Cent Is Senate Committee's Plan

WILL YIELD \$730,000,000

WASHINGTON, June 30. More than \$730,000,000 annually would be raised from excess profits taxes fixed by the Senate Finance Committee this afternoon. The committee decided upon a graduated tax ranging from 12 to 40 per cent on excess profits.

Today's decision disposes of the last knotty problem in the war revenue bill which the committee has been considering for the last six weeks. The committee will be able to straighten out the few remaining details and report the bill to the Senate, with recommendation for its passage Monday.

The excess profits tax decided upon is more than half a billion in excess of the present excess profits tax. Under the new tax the old levy will be repeated and the following rates will be substituted:

Not in excess of 15 per cent of the normal profits, 12 per cent.

In excess of 15 per cent and not of 25 per cent, 16 per cent.

In excess of 25 per cent and not of 50 per cent, 20 per cent.

In excess of 50 per cent and not of 75 per cent, 25 per cent.

In excess of 75 per cent and not of 100 per cent, 30 per cent.

In excess of 100 per cent and not of 150 per cent, 35 per cent.

In excess of 150 per cent, 40 per cent.

The tax represents the Administration's idea of conscripting wealth to pay for the war while men are being conscripted to fight the war. It is regarded by the committee as disposing of the charge that the revenue bill was framed in the interest of the rich and of the river.

The revenue bill as it now stands would raise approximately \$1,655,000,000 annually, leaving about \$600,000,000 of this year's share of the war expenses to be met with a bond issue.

HUMAN LIFE NET SAVES GIRL IN NEW YORK FIRE

Firemen Link Arms for Her to Jump Into—Man Escapes by Clothesline

NEW YORK, June 30.—Linking their arms together in a human life net, a dozen firemen today saved from serious injury or death a girl who found herself trapped in an apartment house fire at 1247 Madison avenue. The girl plunged from a window ledge high above the crowd that watched her dive with horror, bounced off the arms of the firemen and rolled to the street, only slightly bruised.

FIGHTING TRIM OF ARMY DELIGHT TO PERSHING

Transport of Troops to France Brilliantly Executed, Commander Says

By CHARLES F. BERTELLI AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 26. "The transport of the American troops to France was a brilliant success. Not a man is sick."

This declaration was made to me today by General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the United States forces that will fight in France.

General Pershing showed his elation over the successful transporting of the American troops had been brought 3,000 miles amid the greatest perils as he continued: "All the services co-operated splendidly, including the French Navy. The spirit of the troops upon landing was unequalled. I don't think a finer body of men has ever been seen in France. I am delighted."

This was the first comment that General Pershing had made upon the safe passage and high morale of the American soldiers. The men are all in high spirits and are anxious to get into action.

A FRENCH PORT, June 30. This French port looks to be the busiest spot on the face of the earth.

The streets are clogged with army wagons and trucks, the sidewalks choked with men in the American khaki, the American navy blue, mixed with an occasional glint of the French army uniform. American speed and American energy have made their indelible impression on the city.

A babel of sound arises everywhere, and the streets are clogged with the noise of the chattering of the American soldiers and sailors trying out their French on the inhabitants and the French searching their minds and testing their tongues trying to talk English.

History may record that it was General Pelletier who spoke the first words of welcome to General Ribert, commanding the troops under General Pershing as he stepped formally ashore amid cheers and the playing of bands.

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES

WASH'G'TN. 6 3 ATH., 1st g., 3

Dumont and Henry; Seibold and Haley. Dineen and McCormick.

PHILLIES, 1st g., 0 0 1 3 0 BROOKLYN, 0 0 0 0

Alexander and Killefer; Coombs and Miller. Klem and Brausfield.

SEEKING MOTHER OF BABY FOUND DEAD

Police are searching for the mother of an unidentified three-month-old baby whose body was found yesterday concealed in a sub-basement hidden in weeds near Island road. Examination of the blood, made today, revealed that death was due to poisoning by illuminating gas.

GETS FOURTEEN MONTHS FOR EMBEZZLING

NEW YORK, June 30.—Fourteen months in Elmira was the sentence given Ernest F. Dittman, of 204 Palisades avenue, Jersey City, by Judge Wadhams today for embezzlement of \$40,000 from the Reid Ice Cream Company. Dittman was born in Germany and has been in the United States twenty-one years, being an old employee of the Reid Company.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED MARINES MAY RE-ENLIST

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Comptroller of the Treasury Warwick today ruled that men honorably discharged from the marine corps prior to the beginning of the war may now be reinstated in their old grades of pay.

BALLOON FALLS 2000 FEET; FIVE ESCAPE DEATH

ALLIANCE, O., June 30.—Five men escaped death today when a big balloon, in which they were making a trial trip from Akron, deflated and fell 2000 feet. It fell into an oat field two miles northwest of Alliance. A telephone call said the men were unhurt.

NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNED IN BRICK HOLE

Nine-year-old Addison Taylor, 3555 Emerald street, was drowned today in an old brick hole near Kensington avenue and the Pennsylvania Railroad, where he and companions were bathing.

ALEX AND COOMBS HURL FIRST BROOKLYN GAME

Phils Get Hits Early, but No Runs Occur When Colby Jack Tightens

PHILLIES Paskert, cf. 1; Hoover, ss. 2; Stork, 3b. 1; Whitted, cf. 1; Luders, 1b. 1; Niehoff, 2b. 1; Killefer, c. 1; Alexander, p. 1. Attendance, 6,234.

BROOKLYN Olson, ss. 1; Myers, 2b. 1; Hickman, cf. 1; Wheat, cf. 1; Cushman, 3b. 1; Meyer, 1b. 1; Miller, c. 1; Conroy, p. 1. Attendance, 6,234.

HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE ASKS HOOVER TO SEIZE POTATOES

Herbert Hoover was asked by the Philadelphia Housewives' League this afternoon to seize all potatoes in the United States. The league expressed fear that speculators, to raise prices, would allow rotten potatoes to rot.

44 RUSSIAN SOLDIERS JOIN DEATH LEGION

PETROGRAD, June 30. Forty-four Russian soldiers, employees of the American ambulance corps at the front, today voted to enter the legion of death—an organization forming all over Russia now and with the avowed purpose of fighting the Germans to a standstill.

Dr. Philip Newton, an American surgeon and member of the ambulance corps, left today for the front to join the same organization.

It appeared likely today that the Government would be forced to intervene in the controversy between the Subjunctive coal operators and their men over wages. The employers are determinedly resisting demands of the miners—for whom 75 per cent are German prisoners—for a wage of eight rubles (about \$4.32) a day instead of two (\$1.08).

The German prison workmen are willing to give a fifth of their new wages to Russian prisoners in Germany and three-tenths to the orphans of Russian soldiers.

The mine operators insist that the Germans have all saved up several hundred rubles each and are the best-dressed workmen in the mines.

3 Killed at Colorado du Pont Works

DENVER, Col., June 30.—J. E. Jeandri, superintendent, and two workmen were killed in an explosion at the du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, near Aguilar, Col., according to a message received at Denver of the company here. No details were given.

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HAIG HAMMERS AT LENS; GAINS ONE MORE MILE

New Advance Scored Along Four-Mile Front on Souchez

OBJECTIVES GAINED WITH SLIGHT LOSS

"Positions of Great Strength and Strategic Importance" Carried, Says Report

ENEMY LOSES HEAVILY

The British pressure upon Lens has been further increased by another gain by Haig's troops of a mile over a four-mile front, apparently on the south side of the city. Previous gains had been made northwest, west and southwest of Lens, and the advance reported today by Field Marshal Haig indicates that the envelopment of the coal center is being vigorously pushed.

The latest British attacks have been made on both banks of the Souchez River, which skirts Lens on the south. The cutting of German communications southward seems a question of but a few hours, after which evacuation of Lens as an untenable position will follow.

In the meantime, the Germans are continuing their desperate attacks against the French lines. Paris reports a furious assault on Dead Man's Hill, the enemy piercing the French lines over a front of a mile and a half, but later being ejected from all positions except the western slope of the hill. The Germans also attacked northwest of Cerny, on the Aisne front, but were repulsed.

LONDON, June 30. With irresistible force British troops swept on closer around Lens today. Gain of a mile over a total front of four miles was reported by Field Marshal Haig.

"As the result of our attacks," he said, "strongly organized defensive systems on both banks of the Souchez River covering Lens were captured."

"Our whole objectives were gained with slight loss and with considerable enemy casualties."

"Positions of great strength as well as tactical and strategic importance are ours."

"Additional information confirms the success of the Lens operations. Besides captures in prisoners nearly annihilated an important advance was made over a total front of four miles to a depth of one mile."

Although the British commander-in-chief did not specify exactly in which suburb of Lens his forces had made their greatest gains, it is believed here the main drive is now centering from the south. It is in this section that the Souchez River lies, running from southwest of the city to its very environs. The "positions of tactical strategic importance" is believed here to refer to the two small ridges which command the French coal city from the south and southwest—above Avion and southeast of Eleu-dit-leauvette.

Battlefront dispatches declared the Germans were centering their defense on the knot of railway lines which converge northeast of Avion. If the British reach this junction point the Germans will be cut off from the lines and the city itself isolated except from the northeast.

DEAD MAN'S HILL AGAIN SCENE OF FIERCE BATTLE

PICKED TROOPS, driven forward in perhaps the most savage attack the German Crown Prince has attempted in six months, succeeded in penetrating the French first line trenches near Verdun over a front of nearly a mile and a half last night, but were immediately driven out. Fearful losses were inflicted on the attackers, and the net gain was a small bit of ground held on the west slope of Dead Man's Hill, according to the official report today.

"On Friday evening west of Dead Man's Hill, the Germans powerfully assumed the offensive on a front of about a mile and a half," the statement said. "The assault was by picked troops in a furious attack, but the French resistance nearly annihilated them. The Germans succeeded in penetrating our first line on the entire front, but energetic counter-attacks drove them out everywhere with the exception of the western slope of Dead Man's Hill."

"As evidence of the German concentration of troops eighty prisoners taken in this fighting by our forces belonged to four different regiments."

"Northwest of Cerny the enemy renewed his attacks at night. Two against La Bovelles were accompanied by liquid fire. In very lively fighting units of attackers obtained a footing on a battered trench here."

"Around Auvocourt and Dead Man's Hill today the artillery was extremely violent. West of Hill 264, a French counter-attack retook trenches lost yesterday."

"In the Champagne, west of Navarin Farm, a strong German raid was repulsed."

The fighting around Verdun is in the sector where the German Crown Prince yesterday tried to break through in a violent general offensive. Dead Man's Hill and Hill 264 are two heights around which the tide of battle has ceaselessly swung to and fro ever since the Germans began their battering against Verdun. They are northwest of Verdun, about ten miles distant from that city.

AUSTRIANS LOST 8000 IN MONT ORTIGARA DASH

ROME, June 30. At least 8000 Austrians succumbed in the fruitless enemy offensive around Mont Ortigara between June 16 and 23, according to War Office estimates today.

The battles for this dominating point set a new mark in ferocity. The Austrians attacked in successive waves, with every known device of killing—big guns, light guns, machine guns, liquid fire, flame projectors, asphyxiating gas mines and bayonets. The ground was literally churned into powder and soaked with the blood of the soldiers.

Today neither side held Ortigara. The barrage waves of both the Italian and Austrian forces converged upon the summit, making it impossible for any human being to live through the rain of shells.

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