

CONGRESS SPEEDS BILL FOR GREAT AIR FLEET

\$640,000,000 Appropriation, Now in House, Will Be Passed Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, July 12. Victory for American arms through defeat of Germany in the air has become the war slogan of Congress. Thus, sentiment crystallized in the House today when Chairman Dent, of the Military Affairs Committee, reported the \$640,000,000 aviation bill. The bill came out of the committee with a unanimous vote that it be passed. So aroused are members to the necessity of immediate domination of the air by the United States and her allies that the bill will be passed tomorrow almost without opposition. It could be passed today but for parliamentary requirements.

The House, which throughout the war has been particularly generous with appropriations, will again buy participation in the aviation program. The bill is supported by the aviation forces, and it is emphasized that the importance of immediate passage of the bill and all possible secrecy in preparation to wrest control of the air from the enemy. "I believe it is essential that we pass the bill for the expansion of our aviation section of the signal corps should be passed without delay. I am also of the opinion that there should be no publicity whatever of the details of the expenditure of the proposed proposition of many hundreds of millions of dollars for aviation purposes, or such information being given out, in all likelihood it would be communicated to the Central Powers. They would then build up their own aviation section, so as to meet any aerial force for which we might provide. The sooner we pass the bill the more we will be able to keep the Central Powers in the dark as to the enormous extent of the aviation forces we will create for employment in this war.

The sooner Congress passes the law the sooner our country will be able to construct airplanes, the munitions and all necessary implements required for such an aviation force. The sooner we pass the law the quicker we will be able to train the many thousands of men required as pilots, observers and mechanics. "Control of the air is as essential in modern warfare as control of the sea. Our country must begin immediately to gain control in order that we may bring the war to a speedy termination.

The Military Committee has provided authorization of a flying corps limited in material and personnel only by the discretion of the President. German spies who study the bill will not be able to get any correct estimate of the size of the aerial fleet about to be launched against them.

Estimates of the capacity of American airplane plants have, however, been freely made. Experts said it would be possible to construct 3500 machines in six months and 10,000 machines within a year. Experts have been at work night and day on specifications for a standardized American motor. Comparison of this motor with one just perfected in France shows that the American machine approximates the work of the French wizard in all essentials. The motor will be available in endless supply within three months.

Reichstag Sits on Lid to Win Reform

Continued from Page One. In political circles, although being away with the three-class system, had introduced as a concession to the Conservative and National Liberal parties the principle of plural voting.

HOLLWEG OR WHO NOT, JUST THE SAME TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, July 12. The reported resignation of Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and his associates meant to officials here today merely a shift of men—not principles. Germany is throwing out a sop to world opinion, it is believed, while in fact she remains a great military autocracy.

reached shows that the advocates of parliamentary reform mean business. The Berlin correspondent of this paper telegraphs that it is impossible for him to send any reports.

The Het Vaderland quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as warning the nation against any half-way measures and urges a clean slate and a Government resting on the confidence of the Reichstag and the people. The paper thinks that the participation of the Crown Prince in the conference is significant, as the Junkers (war party) always had hoped to be supported by him.

GERMANS RENEW LURE OF PEACE TO RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, July 12. Germany is desperately pouring a new flood of propaganda into Russia in a superlative effort to dampen the popular war ardor. The directing point seems to be Stockholm.

Some of the evidences of this tide of argument as gathered today were German arguments against further Russian advances, on the ground that German military officials had agreed to every point of the Russian peace aims, even including Alsace-Lorraine. Agitators whose previous activities have given indication of their connection with the German propaganda system are spreading these arguments.

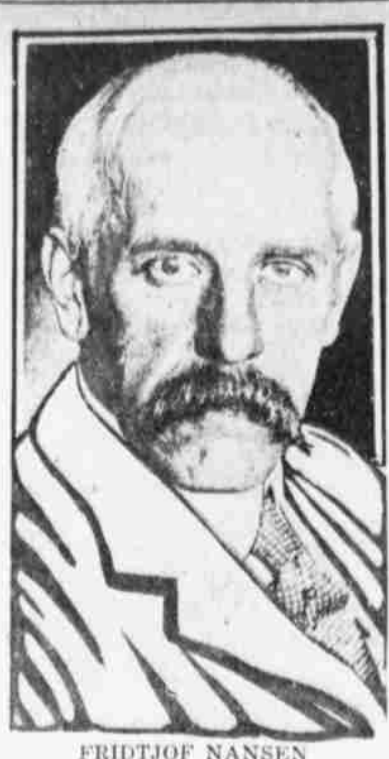
BRITAIN TO DEBATE WAR PLANS WITH RUSSIA

COPENHAGEN, July 12. Only second in importance to the great political upheaval in Germany, the news from London that England as the leader of the Allies, has consented to enter into negotiations with Russia with a view to revising the war aims of the Entente.

Already negotiations are in progress between England, France and Italy as to the best method by which the discussion with Russia can take place.

THE ARISTOCRAT of SUMMER SUITINGS

Advertisement for Priestley's 'AERPORE' fabric, featuring a man in a suit and a list of prices for various items.



FRIDTJOF NANSEN Arctic explorer, who has sailed from Christiania for the United States as a member of the Norwegian Commission, which will take up the matter of provisioning Norway.

Home Draft Lists Completed Today

Continued from Page One. Regulations prescribed pursuant thereto, shall apportion the quotas so apportioned to each State, Territory or district established in such State, Territory or district notice of the net quota to be furnished by such board, and such net quotas shall thereupon be furnished by the respective local boards as required by said act of Congress and rules and regulations prescribed pursuant thereto.

In the announcement by the War Department allowances were made for men in each State in the National Guard and volunteers in the regular army and militia since April 1. The credits were subtracted from the gross quota. In this way States that have answered the President's call for volunteers will carry a lighter burden than the "slacker" States.

CITY WILL COMPLETE DRAFT LISTS TODAY

Philadelphia's draft lists of the 191,000 men in this city eligible for conscription will be completed today.

Advertisement for I-PRESS & SONS, featuring diamonds and jewelry. Includes a list of diamond prices and contact information.

men in this city eligible for conscription will be completed today. With the exception of one district, the Twenty-second, the lists were finished throughout the city late last night.

Philadelphia will be called upon to give 13,731 men to the new army. Following instructions from Washington that every man who registered should make himself familiar with the new number assigned to him, hundreds of men daily are visiting police stations and scanning the lists that have been prepared.

The station houses are the only places where the individual serial number may be obtained. Notwithstanding the stress laid upon this fact, hundreds of letters are being received daily at the registration commission in City Hall.

Work also was hastened in the Twenty-second District when appointments were made to replace two members of the district registration board who resigned. Walter B. Barcus was chosen to take the place of Hugh C. Moore, and Dr. John P. Mureman, 1228 South Broad street, succeeds Dr. William P. Morrison, who became ineligible after resigning as officers' registrar.

Joseph W. Gardiner, 2328 South Broad street, one of the members of the two new members as soon as the appointments had been announced.

Arrangements have been made to take up the work at the earliest moment today. Mayor Smith was blamed for holding up the work of the draft board of the Twenty-second District by Mr. Gardiner because the Mayor had failed to fill the vacancies caused by resignations of two of the men, after he had been notified to do so, he said.

"The delay was caused entirely by the Mayor," he said. "The two members of the board, Hugh C. Moore and Dr. William P. Morrison—sent in their resignations two weeks ago, yet the Mayor did nothing. Last Monday I telegraphed to Provost Marshall General Crowder asking whether any one had been appointed in their places. I wanted to know so that we could go ahead with the work. In the meantime I had been working all the time on the cards."

General Crowder then telegraphed to Harrisburg and Harrisburg in turn wired to the Mayor's office. However, the Mayor declines to know anything about all this. I also telegraphed to Harrisburg and wrote to the Mayor, but the only reply I received was from the Provost Marshall General Crowder told me that he would name two men just as soon as he possibly could. In the meantime he told me to go ahead with the work as best I could.

Men in close touch with the Mayor said that they doubted if he had authority to accept the resignations, which would explain the delay.

board, which includes the Twentieth Ward, has resigned. His place will be taken by Philip E. Wright, of 1825 North Broad street.

The resignation of Horace V. Seidel, of 2509 North Nineteenth street, as secretary of the Twenty-fourth Division, was accepted and Andrew C. Keeley, of 2445 North Broad street, the former chairman of the board, was made secretary. Mr. Keeley's position will be filled by Albert E. Kohler, of 2129 North Twelfth street. Governor Brumbaugh's new appointees for the district.

Draft board developments included one other change in the Twenty-seventh District where Dr. John W. Dick, of 1945 Christian street, was appointed to succeed Dr. James E. Scheele, of 1504 Christian street, who resigned.

Legislative, judicial or executive officers, 428. Totally disabled, 8084. Dependent relatives indicated, 348,041. Occupational exemptions indicated, 25,834. Totals of those indicating exemptions, 382,287. Cards indicating no exemptions, 229,809. Grand total of cards of white citizens, 612,196.

Legislative, judicial or executive officers, 22. Persons totally disabled, 313. Dependent relatives indicated, 20,944. Occupational exemptions indicated, 941. Totals of those indicating exemptions, 22,266. Cards indicating no exemptions, 12,744. Grand total of cards of colored citizens, 15,984.

ALIENS. Alien enemies (Germans), 8455. Alien and alien enemies, 186,295. Aliens and alien enemies also contain the numbers of men of draft age divided according to years. Men of all classes are divided, as follows:

Table with columns for age groups (21-25, 26-30, etc.) and corresponding counts for white and colored citizens.

The totals were made up from the complete summarization blanks filed officially by the 282 registration boards. There are still fifty of these boards that have not sent in their registration cards. Some of those already here are in bad shape, being illegible and incomplete or not certified to as being original copies.

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MAY NOT SELL HOMES OF DANBURY HATTERS

Negotiations Now on Expected to Halt Auction Monday of 140 Workers' Property

NEW YORK, July 12. By an eleven-hour agreement between representatives of the Danbury hatters and the D. E. Lowe Company, foreclosure sale of 140 workers' homes in Danbury, New York, and Bethel, Conn., may be averted.

Although details of the deal are kept secret today, it is definitely known that negotiations are in progress whereby the Lowe firm will not insist on the auction sales, provided that heavy payment in cash is made before next Monday. The American Federation of Labor will probably furnish the money if the negotiations succeed.

From those in close touch with the situation it was learned today there is considerable doubt about the sales starting in Danbury Monday as scheduled. High officials of the hatters' union are in Danbury today.

ALLEGED SLEUTH ARRESTED

Flanagan Taken in Charge by Cop, Who Doubts His Government Credentials

With an air of mystery, Thomas Flanagan, of no special address, told a number of persons in the Tenderloin today that he was a Government inspector.

He seemed content when this information caused general uneasiness and finally whispered the news to Policemen Burns. The latter knows that Government agents do not go about advertising their identity and took Flanagan to the Eleventh and Winter streets station.

PROBE FIRE IN NEGRO SECTION IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Incidendiism Suspected by Authorities With Purpose of Destroying Neighborhood

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 13.—Police and military authorities today are investigating the origin of a fire which early today burned three buildings on the edge of the negro district where last week's rioting occurred.

From the rapidity with which the flames spread they believe the fire was started by persons seeking to burn the remainder of the negro section.

Advertisement for 'STRIKINGLY ORIGINAL SUPERFINE BUNGALOW AT GLENSIDE' near train and trolley, with inspection invited from Wm. T. B. Roberts & Son.

Large advertisement for 'The Earle Store' featuring a list of goods and prices, and a note about Saturday shopping.

Advertisement for 'THE WORLD'S BEST PLAYER-PIANOS' by Ludwig, featuring an illustration of a piano and a list of prices.

Large advertisement for 'SERVICE FOR THE ACTIVE GENTLEMAN' featuring 'PARIS GARTERS' and 'MOUNTAIN VALLEY WATER'.

Advertisement for 'DIABETES' treatment featuring 'MOUNTAIN VALLEY WATER' and contact information for a pharmacy.

Advertisement for 'WANTED: CARPENTERS, PIPE FITTERS, BRICKLAYERS, SHEET IRON WORKERS, BLACKSMITHS, BOILERMAKERS' and other services, including contact information for Col. Herbert Deakney.