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TWO AMERICAN NURSES ON WAY TO FRONT KILLED

Shell Fired by Naval Gun Crew Wounds a Third on Board Ship

VICTIMS FROM CHICAGO

Vessel Puts Back to Port With Flags at Half-Mast

By Associated Press. New York, May 21.—Two American nurses, members of an ambulance unit on its way for service in France, were killed yesterday on board an American steamship when a shell fired by a naval gun in practice ricocheted from the water's surface and scattered among a group of nurses and surgeons. A third nurse was seriously wounded. The steamship sailed on Saturday evening for Europe with her flag at half-mast she came into an American port this morning bringing the bodies of the dead nurses. These were brought ashore. The steamship will depart at an unnamed time. The accident happened about 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A gun at the stern was being used. An explanation made by one of the ship's officers was that when a shell struck the water about 175 feet from the vessel the centrifugal force caused bits of the steel to fly back on ship-board. One of the ship's officers was standing beside the nurses and was uninjured.

Accident to Naval Gun May Have Caused Nurses' Deaths

Washington, May 21.—The two Red Cross nurses killed on the American steamer, referred to in the foregoing dispatch, were Edith Ayres and Helen Burnett Woods, both of Chicago, and attached to base hospital No. 12. The Navy Department's official dispatch gave no details of the accident other than that the nurses were killed by fragments of brass from one of the ship's guns. This was taken to dispose of the first report that they had been struck by a shell ricocheted from the water and to indicate that they were killed as the result of some sort of a gun accident.

Motorists Up in Arms Against Condition of Pike

All motorists are up in arms over the condition of the Lebanon and Reading Pike. This highway has been in an almost intolerable condition for months and is now spotted with large areas of broken stones who are doing little more than tearing the life out of automobile tires. It was expected that this highway would be taken over by the State, but it is still a toll road with frequent gates where the luckless tourists are held up. When it is covered with mud it is a pillar of dust.

Chief Items of Food Measure in House

It provides against hoarding and monopoly of food. Arranges for the licensing of wholesale distributors of food and of storage houses. Provides against adulteration of food by being held back by agents. Forbids speculation in food or the organization of exchanges to control it. Regulates the use of grain, forbidding its use in the manufacture of alcohol. Proposes guaranteeing reasonable prices to farmers (a minimum as suggested by the President) for staple food products. Fixes reasonable prices to the food distributor so as to prevent extortion or the cornering of a market. Allows, in time of scarcity of food, for the relinquishing of food-stuffs. Authorizes confiscation of food supplies if emergency requires. Allows placing an emergency tax on foreign foodstuffs to protect American foodstuffs. Allows increasing the milling percentage of flour and mixing other cereals with wheat in the manufacture of flour. Provides for census of country's food resources.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably rain to-night and Tuesday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably rain to-night and Tuesday; moderate northeast and east winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably continue to fall slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night. General rains, indicated for the watershed to-night and Tuesday, will likely cause a rise in all streams of the system. General Conditions Local rains have fallen in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, California, and also in Maine, Northern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In the Rocky Mountains, over the greater part of the Plains States and from the Upper Mississippi Valley eastward to the Atlantic coast temperatures are from 2 to 22 degrees lower than on Saturday morning. Temperature: 8 a. m., 56 degrees. Sun: Rises, 4:38 a. m. Moon: New moon, May 25. River Stage: 4.4 feet. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 82. Lowest temperature, 56. Mean temperature, 70. Normal temperature, 63.

10,000 MEN IN DAUPHIN CO MUST SIGN DRAFT ROLL

County Officials Estimate That Number Will Register June 5

ALL IN READINESS

Nearly All Registrars Volunteer Services; to Make List in Day

County officials estimate that there will be approximately ten thousand men in Dauphin county who come within the age limit prescribed in the conscription bill and must register June 5, the day set by President Wilson for the enrollment of all males in the country between the ages of 21 and 31 years. This estimate is based partly on the military roll figures. Last year this comprised a total of more than 25,000 names of men between the ages of 21 and 45. No further preparations were made in the city or county to-day for the registration. As soon as instructions are received by Mayor Charles A. Miller and Sheriff W. W. Caldwell at the conference to-morrow afternoon, arrangements will be completed. More volunteers were received from city and county registrars and registry assessors. The list follows: County: Dauphin, Frank B. Putt; Hummel, Cyrus Miller; Lower Paxton, John E. Unger; Millinertown, John A. Harmon; Upper Paxton township, W. H. Lehman. City: First ward, First precinct, W. M. Kain; Second ward, Second precinct, J. F. Heiges; Fifth ward, George G. Swilky; Fifth ward, Second precinct, A. H. Taylor; Sixth ward, Second precinct, Walter Brownwell; Eighth ward, Fourth precinct, Charles Moeslein; Twelfth ward, Third precinct, John D. Record.

National Guard Units Will Be Held Home Two Weeks For Instructions

Organizations of the National Guard not now in Federal service will be held at home stations for two weeks for instruction in response to the call for mobilization on July 15, according to information received at the Adjutant General's department from the War Department. They will then be sent to concentration camps in the southeastern part of the State, which are being designated for Pennsylvania. It is likely that all organizations of the National Guard, in and out of Federal service, will be called into the United States service by July 15 under section III of the national defense act. From the orders received it is believed that it is now believed that none of the National Guard will go to Mt. Gretna, where the State has had men at work for weeks preparing the camp-site. The Secretary of War has directed that there shall be no further discharges of enlisted men of the National Guard or its reserve for enlistment into the army, navy or marine corps except in cases whereby they are to the interest of the Government to have them because of special qualifications. Commanding officers of organizations which have submitted the required lists of enlisted men required for the training camps are required to forward such lists to Adjutant General Stewart not later than May 27, as the men selected are to go to camp May 21.

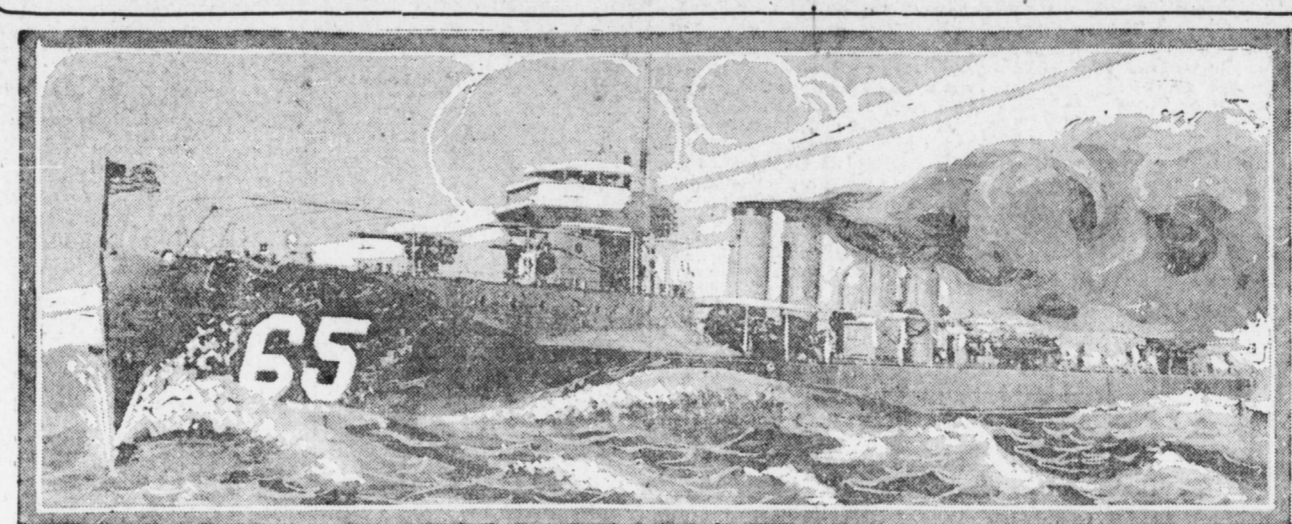
Prominent Irishmen to Draw Up Constitution For Island Home Rule

By Associated Press. London, May 21.—It was announced by Premier Lloyd George, in the House of Commons, to-day, that the Government proposed to summon immediately a convention of representative Irishmen in Ireland to submit to the British Parliament a constitution for the future government of Ireland. Premier Lloyd George stated to-day that the chairman of the proposed Irish convention will be nominated by the crown. The substantial agreement is reached regarding the character and scope of the constitution framed by the convention, said the premier, "the government will take the necessary steps to enable the legislative parliament to give legislative effect therein. The convention will be held with closed doors."

Administration Food Bill Reported to House

Washington, May 21.—Favorable report on the administration bill to give the President broad powers as to preferential shipments of food, munitions and other war traffic was made to-day to the House. The report says the bill is "germane to the earnest effort we are making to utilize the highest state of efficiency during the war the transportation facilities of the country and to promote the efforts of the administration to carry on the war by requiring preferential shipments of all freight which, in the judgment of the President, is essential to the public security and defense."

TYPE OF AMERICAN DESTROYERS CARRYING BATTLE FLAGS IN EUROPEAN WATERS



This is the type of destroyer now in the North Sea war zone in the constant hunt for the practical submarine. The federal government has carefully censored all news dealing with the names of the fast little boats engaged in the dangerous work, but it is known that the majority of the destroyers are built after the model shown.

THIEVES TRY TO BLOW SAFE OF DR. KALBFUS

Enter Office in Franklin Building and Drill Holes For Charge?

Thieves last night broke into the office of Game Commissioner Kalbfus on the fourth floor of the Franklin Building and made an unsuccessful attempt to blow open the safe. They were evidently frightened away before they succeeded. At night the Franklin Building has been without a watchman and the first evidence of the robbery was noticed this morning when employees entered the offices. The transom above the door had been removed and then lowered to the floor, evidently very carefully that the glass might not be broken or any noise made to arouse anyone in the vicinity.

Body of Former Resident Is Found Floating in Juniata Near Mt. Union

The body of Cecil Lewhd, believed to be formerly from Harrisburg, and recently employed by the Aetna Explosive company at Mount Union was found last night in the Juniata river near the Mount Union railroad bridge. His overcoat pockets held two bricks and his head was badly cut. The coroner gave the verdict "death by suicide." It is believed that the bricks were meant to weight down the body and the cut was sustained in the leap from the bridge. He was a roomer at the home of the Rev. C. W. Todd, Mt. Union, who identified the body. When Lewhd was last seen he was in the best of health and no reason is known for his having committed suicide. The body was found by National Guardsmen on the duty near there.

French Torpedo Boats Defeat a German Fleet

Berlin, May 21.—An engagement between German and French torpedo boats off the coast of Flanders is reported in an official announcement from the admiralty. The announcement says: "On the morning of the 20th off the coast of Flanders, a short outpost engagement took place between German and French torpedo boats. The enemy boats were repeatedly hit by our artillery and our vessels returned without loss or damage." The French official statement issued yesterday reported that a flotilla of German destroyers had been driven back to its base by a patrol of four French torpedo boats. The statement said that one of the French vessels had suffered some damage.

Commissioner Gross Will Be Able to Attend Council

Commissioner E. Z. Gross, who was injured last week in an auto accident, has recovered and it is expected will be able to attend Council to-morrow. This will be the first time since the death of the late Commissioner Harry F. Bowman that there has been five members in Council. Mayor Charles A. Miller will preside. Contracts for fire hose for the city department and for riprapping the river slopes, from Calder to Macley streets, will probably be presented for approval.

NATIONAL FLAG PATRIOTICALLY SHOWN BY CIRCUS

American Colors Exhibited to Exclusion of Every Other by Barnum and Bailey

American colors, red, white and blue, made to-day's circus parade one big patriotic demonstration. Barnum and Bailey passengers are usually of an elaborate character but that of to-day surpassed anything ever seen in Harrisburg. Flags of other nations were not in evidence this year. Old Glory was the only flag that was displayed. There were many big wagons depicting features of countries now at war. Banners on the wagons were in forms of large shields in American colors. The bands worn by the United States division, which brought up the rear of the big parade, there was an outburst of applause. Thousands of people viewed the gorgeous cavalcade, representing all classes and races of people. There were many visitors from outside of the city and the sidewalks were banked ten deep. Windows along the route were at a premium, too. The parade this year included new features in addition to the old program. The open cages afforded a chance to see many rare wild animals. Camels were in the largest herd in the United States to-day. The parade left the grounds on time and covered a big route. Many Inspect Tented City The circus arrived from York early yesterday morning. The six sections bringing the big show to this city were delayed and it was late in the afternoon before the tented city was in shape for a real inspection. Yesterday many thousands of people visited the show grounds and watched with interest the raising of the tents, the preparations for dinner.

HURT IN FALL FROM CAR

William DeSilvey, aged 22, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was badly injured about the back last night when he fell from a moving car in the Marysville yards. He narrowly escaped being ground to death by the wheels of the train.

LIBERTY LOAN BONDS ARE SAFEST INVESTMENT IN WORLD

LIBERTY LOAN APPLICATION form with fields for name, address, city, county, state, and application details. Includes a note about the application process and a section for the applicant's signature and date.

WIDELY SCATTERED HARRISBURG BOYS IN NIAGARA CAMP

This City and Vicinity Represented in Every Company Now in Training

Fort Niagara, N. Y., May 21.—Plans have been completed for the arrival of 466 recruits from National Guard organizations of Pennsylvania in camp here. The men will arrive before May 21 and will begin training with the different companies the following day. The call will be issued on May 27 by the War Department, the notifications going to the men by mail. A complete roster of the men at camp has been completed with the organization of the United States army student officers. Harrisburgers are widely scattered. They have been placed in every company. The arrival of the guardsmen will bring the camp roster up to 2,000. 45 Men From Each Company Colonel Miller said that only forty-five men from each of the fifteen companies would be selected as officers in the selective army to be called to the colors on September 1. Others in the camp will be placed in the reserve corps, while those not included in these two dispositions will be otherwise disposed of by the War Department. This means that the reserve officers in camp for study, an dthe recruits, are on the same footing. All are on their merits, and men with previous military experience have no more chance of obtaining commissions than have the recruits without any previous experience. All must pass the specific examination at the conclusion of their tour of duty, which will end about the middle of August. Y. M. C. A. Reading Room The Y. M. C. A. has established a reading room and writing tables in the post chapel. Books and magazines are available.

T. R. ADVISES HIS SUPPORTERS TO ENTER THE ARMY

Only Course Open Since Administration Refuses to Accept Volunteers

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 21.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt announced to-night that all men who had volunteered to serve with him under the American flag had been absolved from all further connection with the movement and that the only course open to them now is to enter the military service in some other way if they are able to do so, and if not so, to serve the country in civil life. "As good American citizens," said Colonel Roosevelt in a former statement, "we loyally obey the direction of the commander-in-chief of the American army and navy. The men who have volunteered will now consider themselves absolved from further consideration with this movement. The only course open to them is to enter the military service in some other way if they are able to do so, and if not so, to serve the country in civil life." Colonel Roosevelt said that after conference personally with the various states who have been raising troops. Colonel Roosevelt said that after conference personally with the various states who have been raising troops. Colonel Roosevelt said that after conference personally with the various states who have been raising troops.

ALLIES PUSH FORWARD FOR FRESH GAINS

Haig and Petain Smash Hindenburg Line on a Mile Front and Take Support Trench in the Rear; Germans Forced Bit by Bit to Give Up Ground in Northern France; Counterattack Fails

Generals Haig and Petain are again pushing ahead with their offensive in northern France and to-day both report new gains. After driving into the Hindenburg line along a mile front yesterday morning in the sector northwest of Bullecourt the British resumed their attack last evening and captured a support trench behind the position just taken. The firmness of the British hold on this section of the Hindenburg line seriously threatening the Queant-Drocourt switch protecting Douai is attested by the failure of the German reactions. General Haig is well maintaining his initiative and bit by bit forcing the Germans to give ground. Not only did the British prove themselves able to hold their gains of the morning against heavy counterattacks but to resume their offensive the same day and push further ahead, maintaining their second advance also against renewed counterattacks.

The French for their part in the great battle have resumed their advance in the Champagne. Having foiled the crown prince's desperate and costly effort to regain control of the Chemin-des-Dames plateau on the Aisne front, General Petain turned to the Champagne sector and struck northward on the Moronvilliers heights. Several lines of German trenches were captured in these operations and some 800 prisoners taken. All the important observation posts in this section of the front are now in French hands, facilitating their further advance in the drive calculated to flank the Germans out of the salient to the northwest projecting towards Rheims. Berlin Admits Reverses Berlin's official statement to-day admits that gains were effected by both the British and French. The British aimed at much more than they accomplished, the German war office asserts, having attacked on a front of several miles along which the Germans maintained their positions with the exception that a demolished trench was abandoned. The French are conceded footholds on Mont Carnillot and Mont Gell on the Champagne front. There has been no let-up in the promising offensive launched by General Cadorna against the Austrians. He reports a new success by the Italians in the capture of a hill between Paillova and Britovo and also the extension of the Italian positions in the Udine area.

FIGHT FOR PROHIBITION

Washington, May 21.—Efforts to add a prohibition amendment to the food bill were forecast by several amendments introduced in the Senate to-day proposing various plans to curtail manufacture of intoxicating beverages during the war.

ARRESTS MADE ON MEXICAN BORDER

Washington, May 21.—Reports of renewed activity on the Mexican border have their foundation in the firing of a shot across the border by a Mexican at Nogales and the arrest of a party, including Americans, bearing arms and suspected of violating American neutrality.

PROCLAIM JUNE 3 A HOLIDAY

Trenton, N. J., May 21.—Governor Edge to-day proclaimed June 3, conscription registration day, as a legal holiday. He suggests that the municipalities observe the day with patriotic demonstrations.

BRITISH HONOR LATE AMBASSADOR

London, May 21.—Several hundred persons attended a service to-day in memory of Joseph H. Choate, of New York, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster. The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke of Mr. Choate's services for the American and British nations.

WAR REVENUE BILL HANGS FIRE

Washington, May 21.—Hope of passing the war revenue bill within the next two days was not strong among House leaders to-day, particularly because the ways and means committee was still toiling over the question of higher second-class rates.

ITALIANS CROSS OCEAN SAFELY

Washington, May 21.—The Italian commission to the United States, headed by Prince Udine and including William Marconi and several other distinguished Italians, has safely crossed the Atlantic and soon will be in Washington to begin conferences with American officials and the Italian Ambassador.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph David Brightbill and Mary Elizabeth Smith, Millerstown.