

U. S. NAVAL FORCE DOING GREAT WORK

OUR DESTROYERS IN EUROPEAN WATERS COVER MANY MILES IN THEIR PATROLING.

WILL CONSIDER INVENTIONS

War Department Creates New Section for Investigation of All Devices—Use of Sugar by Manufacturers Curtailed by Food Administration.

(From Committee on Public Information.) Washington.—Some indication of the ceaseless watch kept on the high seas, in the path of American troopships, by United States naval forces operating in European waters, may be gained from statistics just compiled at the naval headquarters in London.

It has been announced that Vice Admiral William S. Sims, commanding United States naval forces abroad, offered to send an auxiliary force composed of naval units to the French front at the beginning of the German offensive.

The French have had a naval division operating in the forces of the Lorraine sector for some time, and the naval units have made their part of the line as shipshape as possible, with everything from big naval guns down to sleeping hammocks and ships' cots.

The American soldiers billeted in England for temporary training or en route for France are more and more compelling the admiration and co-operation of the English people.

To secure prompt and thorough investigation of inventions submitted to the war department an "inventions section" has been created. All inventions of a mechanical, electrical, or chemical nature submitted for inspection, test, or sale are now considered by this section.

Any person desiring to have an invention considered should do so by letter, giving in order the following information: Name and object of the invention, any claim for superiority or novelty, any results obtained by actual experiment, whether the invention is patented, whether remuneration is expected, whether the invention has been before any other agency, whether the writer is owner or agent, the number of inclosures with the letter.

All newspapers have again been urged by the navy department, through the committee on public information, to discontinue the publication of news items and advertisements which may in any degree indicate the location or movement of vessels.

This notice has not been issued because of new circumstances endangering ocean shipping—none has arisen—but because it is felt that voluntary censorship has not yet achieved the fullest measure of essential secrecy in the protection of merchant shipping.

The London Economist for February places the total gross debt of Great Britain at 5,678,000,000 pounds (\$27,626,000,000).

The French minister of finance in presenting the budget for 1918 estimated the public debt of France on December 31, 1918, at 115,166,958,000 francs (\$22,227,000,000).

The public debt of Italy at the end of 1917 is estimated at about 35,000,000,000 lire (\$676,000,000).

The debts of the central powers are estimated as follows: Germany, \$25,408,000,000; Austria, \$13,314,000,000; and Hungary, \$5,704,000,000.

Our own public debt is now around \$8,000,000,000, but more than half of this amount has been loaned to the allies.

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THREE LOANS COMPARED

Richmond Eighth in Percentage—McAdoo Declares It America's Most Successful Loan Offer.

Washington.—The total of the Third Liberty Loan is \$4,170,019,650, an over-subscription of 39 per cent, above the three-billion minimum sought. The number of subscribers was about 17,000,000. Every Federal Reserve district oversubscribed, the Minneapolis district going to 172 per cent, the highest, and the New York district to 124 per cent, the lowest.

In announcing these figures, the Treasury explained that the total may be changed slightly by later reports from Federal Reserve banks, which have been at work for a week tabulating the great number of subscriptions which came in during the last days of the campaign.

"This is the most successful loan the United States has offered, both in number of subscribers and in the amount realized," said Secretary McAdoo in a statement. "Every subscription was made with the full knowledge that allotment in full was to be expected, unlike the first loan, when allotments were limited to \$2,000,000,000, and the second loan, when allotments were limited to one-half the oversubscriptions."

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Under the authority sought by President Wilson to organize as large an army as it is found possible to train, equip and transport, it is known that officials expect at least 3,000,000 men to be under arms during the next 12 months.

Publication of the first American "official communique" prepared at expeditionary headquarters in France, inaugurated what is expected to be a daily report to the American people on what their soldiers abroad are doing.

CANADA TO REGISTER ALL

Americans There June 22 Must Go On Draft List.

Toronto.—Americans and other foreigners more than 16 years old, residing or traveling in Canada on and after June 22, must register with the Canadian authorities, the Canadian registration board announced.

FOOD FOR SWISS SAFE

Three large Vessels Reach French Port, Says Bern Paper.

Geneva.—Three large vessels loaded with cereals destined for Switzerland and escorted by an American warship have arrived safely at a French Atlantic port, according to the Tagblatt of Bern.

BRITISH DOWN 37 HUN PLANES

Marked Increase in Aerial Operations on Western Front.

London.—Thirty-seven German airplanes, 25 of which were destroyed, were accounted for by British airmen Wednesday. The official statement on aerial operations reports a marked increase in the activities of both aerial forces on the western front.

GEN. PERSHING MAY LEAD AN ARMY

Likely to Command British and French Troops.

NEW POLICY OF ALLIES

Any Division in Which American Troops Predominate Will Be Turned Over to "Black Jack."

Washington.—General Pershing probably soon will be commanding French and British troops as the process of brigading American units with their allies on the western front goes forward.

As if exemplifying the unity of command and action into which the United States and its co-belligerents have entered, it became known here that whenever American troops predominate in the brigaded divisions as the process goes on, these divisions, under present plans, will be turned over to General Pershing's command.

This plan would accomplish several things which the military authorities consulting upon it regard as very desirable. It would rapidly increase the size of the American fighting command on the battle line; it would contribute tremendously to the spirit of unity and concerted effort, and at the same time, instead of holding large numbers of American troops behind the lines while training, would surround them with seasoned veterans and under actual battle conditions school them to be rebrigaded later with fresh American troops coming to France.

In addition to this, as illustrative of the unity of command under which Foch directs all the allied armies, it was stated officially here that Foch commands the Italian troops in Italy as fully as he does the American, British and French troops in France and Belgium.

It was stated also that Italy, besides now sending troops to France in numbers equal to those being sent from the United States, now has on her fighting line a larger army, more perfectly equipped than she had before the great Austrian drive.

STEP UP ON JUNE 5

Draft Registration of Youths Who Have Reached 21 This Year.

Washington.—June 5 has been fixed as the date of registration of youths who have attained 21 years since the first army draft registration June 5 last year. The resolution authorizing the new registration is awaiting the President's signature, but the Provost Marshal General's office virtually has completed preparations for carrying it into effect.

RESNATI KILLED BY FALL

Aviator's Machine Side-Slipped And Wing Tip Hit Ground.

New York.—In a fall of only 50 feet, Captain Antonio Resnati, famous Italian Army aviator, was killed beneath the wreckage of a new Italian-made Caproni biplane at the Hazelhurst aviation field, Mineola. Resnati's machine, brought into this country a few days ago and assembled by Italian mechanics, "sideslipped" when the pilot attempted to make a turn too soon after leaving the ground.

SENDS FLOWER FROM FRONT

Ambulance Corps Man Plucked It While On Duty in Trench.

Hagerstown.—Sergt. W. C. Plummer, with the Ambulance Corps in France, while on duty at the battle front picked a flower blooming in the trench and later sent it to his mother at Bridgeport, near Hagerstown. It was three weeks coming over, but got here just in time for Mother's Day.

DR. CARREL PROMOTED

Made Commander Of The Legion Of Honor.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 26

JESUS SILENCES HIS ADVERSARIES.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 12:1-44. GOLDEN TEXT—Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's—Mark 12:17.

1. The vineyard (v. 1) represented Israel (see Psalms 80 and Isaiah 5).

2. The husbandman (v. 1) represented the rulers who were charged with responsibility of the spiritual interests of the people.

3. The messengers (vv. 2-5) represented the prophets whom God sent to Israel, even including John the Baptist.

4. The Son (vv. 6-8) represented Jesus himself.

5. The judgment of the lord of the vineyard (v. 9). This represented the time when the Jews shall be brought to account for their treatment of the servants of God and Jesus himself.

6. The Tribute Money (vv. 13-17). They already would gladly tax him by violence and killed him, but they feared the people. In order to destroy him, they seek to discredit him among the people.

7. The Resurrection of the Dead (vv. 18-27). The Pharisees and Herodians being silenced, the Sadducees came with a question which involved not only the immortality but the resurrection of the body.

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