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Ticks and Flashes Which Bulletin in Condensed Style the News of the World.

PARAGRAPHIC WAR HISTORY.

Events at Washington Which Loom Large as Crucial Happenings-Industrial Activities at Home and Abroad.

WAR BULLETINS

Turkey rejects Wilson peace plans, in New York city, Foreign minister says Dardanelles will be open under same conditions as in past and there can be no foreign interference in regulating the fate of nationalities in the Turkish empire.

Teutonic allies agree on peace offer to Roumania; surrender of Do-brudja for part of Bessarabia probably will be proposed.

Three days' orgy of looting and rioting reported from Petrograd.

The semi-official Wolff Bureau announces that the German imperial government will undertake to care for the interests of German holders of Russian securities. The government possesses full details concerning the securities through a law compelling the declaration of foreign securities held within the empire.

Thousands of war prisoners are starving in Russia as a result of distionary forces, is issued. organization of transportation, it is declared. Russian officials admit their aid to General Pershing, is recuperat * fear of an uprising.

General Kaledine has ordered former Premier Kerensky "exiled."

Further breaks in the ranks of the factions opposing the Bolsheviki were reported.

Generals Kaledine and Alexieff and former War Minsiter Savinkoff, although apparently uniting in organizing an army to oppose the Bolshevik bers. government, are said to be on the verge of a split.

Survivors of a small vessel narrate how the Huns of a U boat shelled and sank their little ship and one other, then set them adrift in an open boat without oars or rudder.

WASHINGTON

legates representing 16 farmers ions ask President Wilson to name commission of nine to act as intermediary between them and the government and to aid them in speeding up war production.

Senator Smoot urged an eatless day once a month.

Knitting bags have been excluded from the gallery of the senate.

A canvass of the senate indicated the Overman bill granting the President blanket powers to reform the war of Cuba by scoring 50 points to the government would not be accepted in its present form.

Increased prices of coal were allowed by the fuel administration at the bituminous mines in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. The new scale is run of mine \$2.40, as against the old price of \$2 prepared sizes \$2.65, as against \$2.25, and \$2.15 as against \$1.75.

Chairman Smith of the Senate Commerce Committee, reporting favorably to the senate the administration railroad bill, estimated that under the measure's provisions the government will guarantee annually to the railroads of the courtry \$945,000,000, which will represent a return of 5.2 per cent.

President Wilson answered congressional agitation for a war cabinet and forn munitions director by sending to the senate a bill which would give to him blanket authority to reorganize and co-ordinate all federal departments, bureaus, agencies, officials and personnel. It was introduced by Senator Overman. Mr. Baker demurred at revealing to the senate Military Affairs Committee certain information regarding the dispatch of American troops to

GENERAL

The Maryland House of Delegates ratified the national amendment for prohibition.

Central Falls, R. I., School Committee voted unanimously to paste together the pages of the school song books containing the German air "The Watch on the Rhine."

Ships delayed daily in Philadelphia

through lack of seamen. To facilitate the movement of grain for the allies Director McAdoo of the railroads, ordered preference be given to grain shipments throughout principal granger states.

Charleston, S. C., navy yard will be converted into a naval station of the

The Red Cross will open 10 stations In New York where free wool will be

J. H. Elliott, general manager of the Texas & Pacific railway, accepted the appointment as general manager of the railways of the American expedi- forms. The bonds are £5. tionary forces.

Netherlands, declared that Germany is France and getting ready for the going to send out big submarines, trenches. which can carry 10-inch guns, durin ;

Secretary McAdoo urges the passage of the War Finance Corporation bill telling the senate committee it will revent, instead of causing, inflation, West Springfield, Mass., authorities decided to close all schools.

Fifty-five members of the I. W. W. are indicted at Sacramento, Cal. cused of conspiracy with W. D. Hay-wood, secretary of the organization, to hinder the prosecution of the war by the United States.

Secretary McAdoo announced that all the soldiers lost on the Tuscania were insured by government insurance

Headway is being made in Pennsyl vania for enrollment of ship workers The state must furnish \$8,000 men. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt predicted that women in every state in the

Union would vote for President in 1920. More than \$1,000,000,000 in cash can be released by the retail dry goods merchants of America for the next Liberty loan, according to the proposed "trade acceptances" scheme outlined by George R. Baker before the merchants' seventh annual convention

The food administration orders the discontinuance of speculation in green

A loan of \$155,000,000 has been extended to France by the United States.

"We are winning the fight," de clared the secretary of the navy, Mr Daniels, in speaking of the U boat

Judge Thomas F. Fennell of Elmira, a member of the state court of claims. was nominated a public service commissioner for the Second district.

German-American War

First number of Stars and Stripes official organ of United States expedi-

Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, an

ing from pneumonia in France. Announcement was made by Adju tant General McCain that a new sys tem of identification tags had been adopted by the war department, to go into effect February 28, as the result of reports that many of the Tuscania victims could not be identified because their tags bore neither names nor num

The death list of the troop ship Tus cania was 166, according to the lates: figures. Of these 147 were American soldiers. The bodies of 126 Americans have been recovered.

The Tuscania, carrying 2,179 American soldiers to Europe, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine Nineteen hundred survivors were land ed in north Ireland. The identity of units on board has not been revealed. This was the first American transport sunk while on the way to Europe. She was manned by Pritish seamen, carried a British naval guard and was convoyed by British warships

SPORTING

Augie Kleckhefer of Chicago won the world's championship at three cushion billiards from Alfredo de Oro former chapion's 31, giving him a total of 150 to De Oro's 126 for the entire match.

Grover Cleveland Alexander will play with the Chicago National League tean lext season, and any grievance he ma have against the club will be adjusted to the pitcher's satisfaction, President Weeghman declared in reply to Alexan der's statement that he must have \$10,000 bonus and a salary of \$12,000 a year.

John L. Sullivan left behind an es tate of only \$5,000, all that remains of a fortune made in the prize ring two small fortunes donated to him in his prime by admiring friends and his in come from the stage and lecture plan

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, national ten nis champion, decisively defeated Mrs Johann Rogge, Norwegian title holder. n New York city.

Ferdinand A. Unger won the national class C 18.2 balkline billiard tournament by defeating A. Gardn and winning the sixth straight victory Frank Allen, the Braves pitcher, La baseball, Percy D. Haughton, president, announced.

FOREIGN

Names of Trotzky and Lenine mentioned in documents obtained French scientists as recipients of Ger

Premier von Seydler presents resig ations of entire Austrian cabinet to Emperor Charles

Looting was resumed in Petrograd nd armored motor cars were called out to stop some of the crowds.

Two I. W. W. men, said to be Americans, were arrested in London on a charge of spreading hostile literature Roberto Ardigo, one of the most re owned philosophers of Italy, commit ted suicide at Padua,

From the beginning of the war to the end of 1916 there were a million more deaths in Germany than normal.

The Japanese Emperor thanked Vis count Ishii, head of the Japanese mission to the United States, for his work National war bonds will soon be or sale at all banks in England, without investors having to fill up application

The Polish army in France is now a Poctor Van Loon, back from the real army. The men are training in

The Marquess of Dufferin and Avecut died in London of pneumonia.

LIMITS PROFITS ON STORAGE EGGS

Conference of Food Administration and Dealers Agrees on Distribution of 1918 Pack.

BUTTER AND CHEESE NEXT.

Plan on Foot to Stop Killing of Fowl for Three Months From March 1 to Increase the Egg Production.

Washington. — Dealers in storage eggs will be limited to a profit of 5 * per cent in 1918. This is the result of the conference just finished here between the food administration and 75 representatives of organizations of egg merchants from the Atlantic to the * like." Pacific. "Reasonable profits" was the theme during the conferences.

Limitation of profits on butter and Limitation of profits on butter and cheese to 5 per cent, will be the next regulation by the food administration. There will be a meeting during the present month between the food administration and the butter and cheese trade looking toward the adjustment of "reasonable profits" on dairy prod- "The Star Spangled Banner" and uets. It is said that dealers need not saticipate over 5 per cent. gross.

A plan is on foot, backed by the department of agriculture, to stop the killing of fowls for three months, beginning March 1. It is claimed that if this is done the production of eggs will show an enormous incréase over 1917. Hebrews will also be requested to abstain from eating fowls on their holidays, and the request will be backed up on the ground of patriotic duty.

During the first session of the egg, conference a plan was submitted nam-Ing 60 cents a case as the maximum profit to the original store: and 40 delegate would agree to it. It was any one of the 15 outlooks. finally the consensus that a percentage basis was fairest. After prolonged disper cent. was proposed for, but it was argued that this figure would stimulate speculative purchases.

GAINS MANY NEW MEMBERS.

Red Cross Adds Approximately 17,500,-000 in the Big Drive.

Washington.-Figures now available on the Red Cross Christmas membership drive show a total enrollment of the sea after hours on wave washed 23,175,000, or 22 per cent. of the popularits, some even swimming supported lation of the United States.

Of this total the Red Cross had about 6,000,000 members before the ing taken aboard the rescue boats, Christmas drive started, so that the gain from the drive was approximately 17,500,000 new members. The central division, of which Chicago is the headquarters, leads the other twelve divisions of the country in the num- pedo had struck they broke out into ber of new members enrolled Christ-

mas week. By divisions, the gains were as folows: Atlantic, 2,800,000; Central, 3,-600,000; Gulf, 384,000; Lake, 2,300,000; Mountain, 276,000; New England, 670,-Northern, 658,000; Northwestern, 693,000; Pacific, 327,000; Pennsylvania, 1,600,000; Potomac, 250,000. South-

ern, 370,000; Southwestern, 3,250,000. From the fourteenth division, com prising all of the territorial, insular nd foreign possessions of the United States, the new members added num

Unprecedentedly unfavorable weathr prevailed during the drive so that the showing is considered exception ally good. Final figures are not ex pected to change the foregoing estimates to any considerable extent.

One of the chief benefits anticipated from the enlarged membership is th addition of thousands of active work ers to Red Cross chapters where sup plies are being prepared for cur army and navy and the military forces and civilian populations of the allies.

PITH OF THE WAR NEWS

That the American battleship fleet is now co-operating with the British fleet in active moves against Cerman submarines is revealed in an announcement by Mr. Daniels, secretary of the navy, and in a speech by Representative Miller, who recently returned from Europe,

British soldiers just freed from German prison camps revealed systematic brutality recently practiced by the Hun guards on Italian prisoners, Men reach camps after long trips in famished condition and are beater and stabbed when they try to obtain

The International Committee of the Geneva Red Cross unanimously decided to make an appeal to the belligarent countries not to use gas.

General Mannerheim, commander of forces supporting the Finnish provisional government, has defeated the Red Guards. The Red Guards are said to have suffered great loss. Bewildering internecine strife in southern and southeastern Russia apparhas produced dissensions that they no longer are the homogenous body that many observers believed them to be.

* JELLICOE SEES U BOAT KILLED BY MIDSUMMER.

London.—Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, formerly chief of naval staff, speaking at Hull, * said he was afraid "we are in for a bad time for a few months, but by late summer-about Au-* gust-I believe we will be able to say the submarine menace is to say

Admiral Jellicoe then con-

"I won't say before August, because I always notice when we have an optimistic speech * from the premier or any high * official it results in a disaster * about the next day. I have told * * the premier often enough not to * make optimistic speeches about * submarines, because I have * found the next morning I had to * go over to the war cabinet with * a very long list of losses.

"I would ask them not to * make any more optimistic * speeches until August, when * they can make as many as they *

Tuscania Officers Comment on Behavior of Our Young Troops.

"America" Sung on Sinking Boat.

An Irish Port .- A mass of swirling wreckage on the calm neck of the sea along the Irish coast marks the grave of the Tuscania, American troop transport sunk by a German submarine.

The survivors are mostly quartered in hotels, homes and hospitals along the north Irish coast. Two groups left, clad in misfit clothing, for Belfast by rail and thence by boat to England.

The survivors are agreed that no one saw the wake of foam as the torcents a case to the wholesaler. This pedo came toward the vessel. It was plan was vigorously opposed. Not a black night, and no alarm came from

If the attack had occurred in daylight the whole ship's company might cussion 5 per cent, was agreed to. Ten have escaped. But in the darkness of a moonless night, with the vessel rapidly listing, so that some of the boats could not be launched, while some were smashed by the explosion and with many men aboard who had never been on the ocean before, there were all the possibilities of a general panic and wholsale drownings.

As it was, many were rescued from by timbers, and their sufferings were intense. Several succumbed after peothers after they had been brought ashore.

When all the men were assembled on the Tuscania's deck after the torsong. "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" was their anthem

That spectacle of the 2,156 American officers and men thus lined up on deck at attention for a moment and then singing will ever live.

They kept on singing all throug the battle for life that followed. The "Star Spangled Banner" came next, and then, with the growing tension and grimness, airs of a lighter strain went "There'll Be a Hot Time" and They've Got to Cut That Out" were favorites.

Also there was considerable "plain

When they heard the Americans singing the British themselves began o sing. The Tuscania's crew already and spontaneously burst into "God Save the King."

The survivors are proud of the behavior of the only two women on the Tuscania. They went down a rope in ine style laughing.

Every American soldier lost on the Tuscania having dependents was protected by government insurance. Many had applied for voluntary insurance which is issued in amounts up to \$10,-000, and all are covered by government compensation, payable to a widow child or widowed mother. This automatic insurance aggregates about \$4,-300 and is paid at the rate of about \$25 mont' for 20 years.

"KAISER LOST IF FRENCH HOLD"

Pershing Quoted as Predicting Victory After April or May.

New York .- Dr. Allan MacRossie of the American Red Cross, who recentreturned from the French front, eaking at a social function, said: "In a conversation I had with Gen eral Pershing he said: 'If the French line holds the Germans back until April or May my prediction is that nothing can stop the allies from breaking through the German lines and oringing the Kaiser to his knees,'

BARS ACIENS FROM VOTING.

Amendment Would Affect Seven or More States.

Washington.—Introducing a constitutional amendment requiring all persons 45 persons charged with conspiring who vote for members of Congress and citizens, Senator Kenyon (Icwa) called the senate's attention to sever. states Arkansas, Kansas, South Dakota, Neamong the Cossacks and it is feared braska, Missouri, Indiana and Texas - man in the military service would revote. This condition, he said, is tification system and that it never will "rather shocking."

BAKER SEVERS ARMY RED TAPE

Completely Reorganizes the General Staff Into Five Separate Divisions.

EACH ONE HAS AUTHORITY.

Bureaus Act Directly-Effect of the New Order on Chamberlair Bills Still a Matter of Doubt-Stettinius Has Free Hand.

Washington .- Reorganization of the general staff of the army was announced by Secretary of War Baker through a general order by the adjutant general. It transforms the general staff from a small advisory body to a comprenhensive organization having to do with all war activities. It gives it the authority to carry out the secretary of war's policy without referring such matters for approval and it per mits this authority to be delegated to the heads of the five divisions created v these heads to the heads of sections operating under the divisions.

Secretary Baker's reorganization may have the effect of eliminating much of the red tape in the war department's activities in that it will give heads of divisions and heads of sections in the divisions a chance to exercise authority in putting their own organizations on a practical business

The effect which the reorganization will have on the Chamberlain bills or whether the advocates of a minister of munitions measure will regard the re organization as an acceptable substi ute cannot yet be ascertained. Much will depend on how the division of sapplies and purchases under Colone Pierce is ultimately organized. In the In Superior Force, Cry "Kammeantime it is expected that the minister of munitions measure will not be dropped, though admittedly it now has

little prospect of becoming a reality. Edward Stettinius in his role of surreyor general of supplies under Colonel Pierce, head of the purchase and supply division, will have authority now to go ahead in his own vay and carry out the policies of Secretary Baker. He will therefore have more real authority than was at first apparent.

The generatorder divides the work of the general staff into the following five divisions:

An executive division having chiefly to do with co-ordinating the work mapped out for the others and incidentally having the military intelligence, service promotions and assignments and the militia bureau under its control. A war plans division.

A purchase and supply division. Storage and traffic division. An army operations division. The personnel of these divisions has

not been announced, excepting in the case of the purchase and supply division under Colonel Pierce and the storage and traffic division under Mafor General Goethals.

LIEBERT SEES END IN 1918.

German General Says Latest Classes Are on West Front.

Amsterdam. - In the Taeglische survivor, who crawled back to Rundschau of Berlin, General von Lie- American lines with a bullet in his bert praises the achievements of German arms and accomplishments of German battle line in the west is occupied by the latest classes. He concludes by saying:

"Every German soldier now is certain that an end must be made in cording to information tricking in

1918."

Air Raid Insurance in Paris. Paris.—A popular form of insurance was begun by a French company, which offers a policy for 10,000 francs (about \$2,000) for a premium of 20 francs (\$4) against death resulting from an airplane raid on Paris. Men, women and children are insured without distinction.

WORLD'S NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

BERLIN .- The Ukraine peace is regarded by the Zuricher Zeitung as equivalent to a declaration of war by the central powers against the Bolsheviki. German newspapers show little enthusiasm over the agreement, the Berlin Vessiche Zeitung saying it creates a breach in the ring of British American calumny.

PETROGRAD. - Polish troops, reolting against the Bolshevik rule, have captured Smolensk pushing for-

ward 85 miles from Mohileff. WASHINGTON .- The daylight saving bill was favorably reported to the

WASHINGTON.-Monthly fast days to instil patriotic abstinence into the American public were advocated by Senator Smoot of Utah. SACRAMENTO, Cal.-Federal in-

dictments were returned here against

with "Big Bill" Haywood, secretary of presidential electors to be American the I. W. W., in hindering the prosecution of the war WASHINGTON .- The war department announced that every enlisted which, he said, permitted aliens to ceive a number under the new iden-

be changed.

ANDRE TARDIEU

French High Commiss er in the United States.



Capt. Andre Tardieu, French high commissioner, in an address says France will be able to manutacture enough artillery before July 1 to equip 20 American divisions and that the United States is surmounting early war mistakes and is proving efficiency.

GERMANS TRAP PATROL

erad!" and Open Fire.

Five Gunners Wounded by Shell Fire After Barrage Is Eet Loose on Enemy.

With the American Army in France. One American artilleryman was killed and five artillerymen were wounded by shell fire.

The Americans sprinkled the enemy trenches with shrapnel. There was considerable patrol activity, but no further clashes were reported. Early reports of the encounter between the Americans and Germans in front of the American wire entangle-

ments have been confirmed. The ene-

my patrol cried "Kamerad!" as they opened fire and continued to fight. Yells from the enemy as the American barrage fell verified the accuracy

of the aim of the Americans. With the American Army in France. -Five American soldiers are believed to have been killed, four are missing and one was wounded when an American patrol was ambushed in No Man's

Land by a superior force of Germans. The spot where the encounter occurred is an isolated one, and reports concerning the casualties inflicted by both sides are meager. Only one American is known to have escaped the trap of the Germans, which was laid in front of our wires. The one chest, is unable to talk.

Our artillery immediately laid a har-German generals, and then says the rage around the ambushing Germans, and some are believed to have been accounted for. The infantry accounted for others, as it is certain the attacked patrol fought to a finish, acfrom the front line.

Our patrolling soldiers were walking in front of our wire entanglements when a big enemy patrol which had been divided into parties and took up concealed positions opened fire at close range. The night was clear, and the forms of the Americans made the best possible targets for the hidden Germans. There is no doubt but that the Americans battled gallantly until completely overpowered.

A wireless report via Copenhagen says the Red Guard have slaughtered great masses of Finnish people.

The theater and a large number of public buildings in Helsingfors have been destroyed. Anarchy is increasing.

ROOSEVELT OUT OF DANGER. Complete Recovery Looked for by His

Physicians. New York .- Col. Theodore Roosevelt is resting quietly at Roosevelt Hospital. His condition showed marked improvement, according to a state-

ment issued by his physicians. The danger of another operation is past. The colonel will probably suffer intensely for several days, but his omplete recovery is looked for by his physicians. The essential thing that

is necessary now is absolute quiet. SIMPLIFYING RAILROAD PLANS.

Standard Specifications for Cars and Equipment in Sixty Days. Washington.-Director General Mc

Adoo announced plans for the standardization of railroad equipment or all transportation systems in contro! of the government. The specifications for the adoption of cars and locomotives of a uniform type are expected to be completed in 60 das. Railroad equipment experts "ave been invited to co-operate with John Skelton Williams director of division of purchase.