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TO THE WOMEN OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Chairman of Woman's Liberty Loan Committee Issues Appeal for Red Cross Work.

It is with a feeling of gratefulness that I want to express my sincere thanks to the women of Houston county for the splendid work done on the Third Liberty Loan Drive just closed.

Your magnificent cooperation made the work easy, and allowed me to say what a pleasure it has been to have such a splendid spirit of mutual helpfulness displayed by our women.

The work you have done so generously and so freely is its own reward.

Now let us all pull together for the war fund campaign for the Red Cross, beginning May 20, and make old Houston county stand four square for freedom and humanity. Let the women realize that our recreation must be only a change of work until this old war-torn world is free from autocracy and safe for democracy.

Mrs. D. F. Arledge,
Chairman Woman's Liberty Loan Committee.

Golden Wedding Celebration.

Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Tenney celebrated their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary at the home of Judge and Mrs. A. A. Aldrich Tuesday evening. The celebration was in the form of a reception and there were many callers during the hours designated on the invitations. Numerous gifts in gold were brought by the callers and bestowed upon the celebrants. Rev. and Mrs. Tenney were also the recipients of many valuable gifts that came by mail, express and messenger. Appropriate refreshments, in keeping with the spirit of the times and the occasion, were served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Tenney has so long been the efficient pastor.

Many of the older citizens were present and from expressions gathered there has never

been a public celebration of a golden wedding anniversary in Crockett before. It is said that there are three other couples in Crockett who have recently passed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Those named are Col. and Mrs. Earle Adams, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bromberg and Judge and Mrs. W. B. Wall.

Something of the life and career of the celebrants may be of interest here. Rev. S. F. Tenney was born and reared in Athens, Ga., and was in the Confederate army under General Lee during the four years of the civil war. Mrs. Tenney was Miss Sallie Mills of Mayesville, S. C., and was a sister of Mr. Tenney's classmate in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Rev. and Mrs. Tenney were married May 14, 1868, and they came to Texas shortly after their marriage. They are the parents of seven children, five of whom are living—two of them Presbyterian ministers, one a physician and one son working with a mercantile firm. One unmarried daughter, Miss Emma Tenney, is living with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tenney have twenty-six grandchildren, twenty-five of them living. The total of their family—husband and wife and their children and children's children—is forty.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney have been citizens of Crockett 47 years and nearly 50 years citizens of Texas. Mr. Tenney has been preaching fifty years, and has in that time officiated at 195 marriages and preached more than five thousand times. The Presbytery in Georgia that licensed him to preach included Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., father of President Wilson, and Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., uncle of the president.

Congratulations are always for those couples who have acquired such habits of right-thinking and right-living that they are permitted to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary. A righteous life, both in thought and in deed, is conducive to long life and happiness. May Rev. and Mrs. Tenney, and all who live to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, continue long in the fruitful enjoyments that are so justly the desert of character and purpose.

POSITION CHANGES IN BITTER FIGHT

Twice the Allies and Twice the Enemy Hold Same Ground on French Battle Front.

With the British Army in France, May 12.—An important section of high ground near the Vyverbeek River north of Kemmel has been captured by the French in a strong attack. Both Hill 44 and Doddezone farm, which lie between La Clytte and Vierstraat, were stormed and occupied, thereby giving the French positions which had been a bone of contention for many days.

The Germans also received a knock on the southern battle front, where they made a drive in an attempt to capture defenses on the elevation south of Mailly-Raineval. Here the enemy succeeded after hard fighting in obtaining a footing in the French front line at one place, but their success was shortlived, for a prompt counter assault drove them out, and besides their dead they left more than one hundred prisoners.

The battle for Hill 44 was the outcome of the German attack of May 8. When the Germans assaulted the allies were holding the elevation. Bitter fighting ensued all day long, and the Germans in the course of time secured possession of the hill. The next day the Germans again drove forward. They made such a heavy assault that they again captured the hill, which they held until yesterday.

Chautauqua and Patriotism.

Russia seems to have failed in the great war because she lacked the social machinery and the sense of cooperation necessary to maintain public opinion in support of military efforts.

In Germany to whatever extent public thought is unified and mobilized behind German armies, it is done by autocratic force.

That cannot be done in America. Yet a prime necessity to our winning the war is an unflinching support in millions of American homes, rendered without question to our armies in the field.

The miracle of the ages has been performed. A hundred millions of free people have reversed their thoughts and the training of their lives. They have turned from the ways of peace which they love, with courage to participate in a war that for more than three years

they have regarded with horror. America was able to do this great thing because by the training acquired in free intercourse with each other, her people, as individuals, have obtained sympathetic understanding of the rights and needs of the people as a whole.

The habit and desire of American people to meet together and frequently to be led thus—not forced—into common channels of thought, have been the most potent forces welded both by Democracy and Christianity.

Since last September I have been in Washington serving my government to the best of my ability.

I have seen the great need for economy in men, labor, materials, and efforts. I can say quite truthfully that I was willing to abandon Redpath-Horner Chautauquas—an institution to which I have given twelve years of my life, if by doing so the Big Cause would be bettered.

But I did not find one man in authority—one man of intelligence who thought Chautauquas should be given up. On the contrary, every one with whom I talked urged that they be maintained. It is a notable list of men who think that they should be continued, a list headed by the president of the United States.

Charles F. Horner.

For Road Superintendent.

W. A. Manning announces his candidacy for the office of county road superintendent. Mr. Manning asks the Courier to say that his platform will be to fill all promises made to the people or resign. His special purpose will be to cooperate with all county road overseers in the distribution of road hands in such a way that all hands will not be called out at once. He believes that the public roads can be better maintained by calling out a few hands at a time than by calling out all hands at once and perhaps at a time when they are not so badly needed as at some other time. His idea is to distribute the work of the road hands throughout the year. He will gladly explain his plan to the people whenever the occasion presents itself and he invites questions as to his plans and purposes. Mr. Manning is a Houston county boy, born and reared on a farm and believes in hard work, whether on the farm, in the factory or store or in public office. Therefore he is not looking for an easy place, but he hopes to be of service to the people. He will appreciate your support now and your vote on primary election day.

CAN WITHSTAND DRIVE UNAIDED

Americans Not to Be Used Until Forces Are Fully Organized.

Ottawa, May 12.—So confident is the entente of its ability to withstand any drive the Germans can launch, that it has been decided not to use the American army until it becomes a complete and powerful force, according to a cable summary of operations on the western front received here Sunday night from the war committee of the British cabinet.

"The position now is," said the summary, "that the Germans, determined to concentrate every available unit on one enormous offensive, are draining their country dry to force a decision before it is too late, while the entente are so confident that if they were given the choice of a small immediate American army for defense or waiting till they are reinforced by a complete, powerful, self-supporting American army, they have chosen the latter.

"To the sledge-hammer uses of masses of men by the enemy the allies are opposing the strategy of meeting the blow with the smallest force capable of standing up to the shock, while keeping the strongest reserve possible. Troops in the wings are permitted to give ground within limits whenever the enemy has been made to pay a greater price than the ground is worth, the whole aim being to reduce the enemy to such a state of exhaustion that our reserve, at the right moment, can restore the situation.

"In the present operation the British has withstood many times its own weight of enemy masses. It has retired slowly, exacting the fullest price. Meanwhile Foch holds the bulk of the French in reserve, sending units only to points hard pressed. This strategy has justified itself in that in three weeks it has seen the enemy brought to a standstill without a single objective being fulfilled and with losses so immense that his reserve is in danger of proving inadequate to his policy.

"The German commander, seeing how nearly he is delivering himself to the allied reserve, has been compelled to accept temporary failure and call a halt. His position is tactically exposed in two dangerous salients on waterlogged ground."

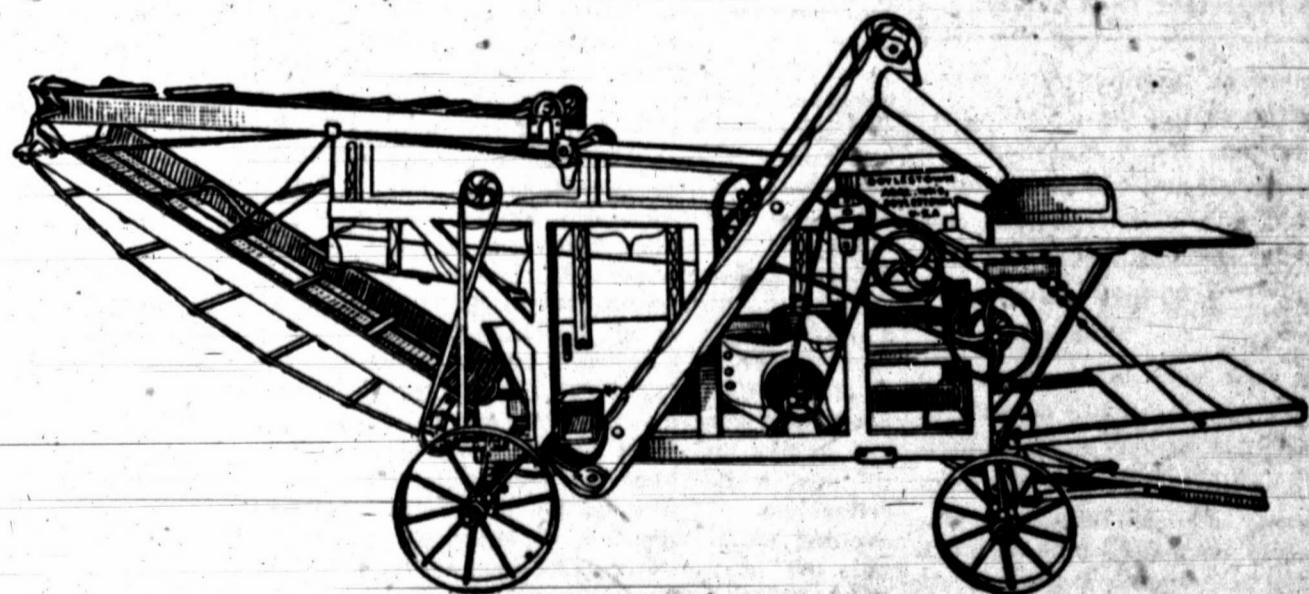
Caprielian Brothers.

It's a new business for us we are going to operate, located on the public square, in the Page building formerly occupied by W. A. Manning & Company.

As a new starter, of course we have to study the real and exact needs of the community, and we are sure we will be able in a short time to meet these needs and be able to give our patrons the comforts enjoyed by city consumers.

We have a strong determination to succeed in our new enterprise, and will devote all our energy to that end. This itself will be your assurance of getting the best service with quality and prices.

Caprielian Brothers.



Cason, Monk & Company

Nacogdoches, Texas

Factory Distributors of Peanut Pickers, Peanut Threshers, Oil and Gas Engines, Hay Presses, Mowers, Rakes, Cane Mills, Etc. Write for Catalogue, prices and terms.

Destroy All Insects That Invade Your House

At this season all forms of insects spring into being and will prove a menace to your health and comfort if permitted to remain in your home.

We have just what is needed in your fight against

Flies, Mosquitos, Ants, Moths, Roaches, Fleas, Bed Bugs, Water Bugs, Etc.

While you are doing your spring house-cleaning, use Insecticides and Germicides freely.

Phone 47 or 140—We Deliver.

BISHOP DRUG COMPANY
"PROMPT SERVICE STORE"

Local News Items

Twine for potato bags at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Amber cane seed \$4.50 bushel at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

A complete and up-to-date abstract. tf. Aldrich & Crook.

Miss Bettie Hall of Corsicana is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall.

Miss Gladys Walling of Oklahoma is visiting Mrs. George McLean.

Leroy Moore has some livestock for sale or trade. See him for particulars. It.

Mrs. J. H. Smith and children and Miss Wilma Shivers are visiting in Tyler.

Leave your kodak films with us to be developed. tf. The Rexall Store.

Dick Harkins of Camp Bowie was visiting here and at Kennard this and last week.

For Sale—Good Jersey cow with young calf. tf. A. A. Aldrich.

Mrs. Nugent Beazley of Port Sullivan is visiting relatives and friends in this city.

We develop your kodak films and prints. Satisfaction guaranteed. tf. The Rexall Store.

Money to lend on farms. Terms reasonable, money quick. See J. S. French, Crockett, Texas. tf.

Mrs. J. S. Arrington and Mrs. James Porter left last Thursday to visit relatives in San Antonio.

Miss Corinne Patterson, who has been teaching at Augusta, has returned to her home here.

Sam H. Kyle of Bisbee, Arizona, is spending the week with friends and relatives in Crockett and Augusta.

Amber cane seed \$4.50 bushel at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

For genuine Ford service, see or phone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service.

W. V. Berry, I. A. Daniel and J. M. Locky attended the ginners' convention in Dallas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cook and John Cook visited Sergeant Loch Cook at Fort Sam Houston last week.

Dr. P. W. Horn of Houston will deliver an address at the First Methodist church Sunday night.

For genuine Ford service, see or phone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service. tf.

Miss Otice McConnell has returned from Port Arthur, having closed for the season her class in expression.

Mrs. M. A. Thomas, Miss Sue Smith and Milton Thomas were recent visitors to Austin and San Antonio.

We have received another car of Studebaker Wagons and Buggies this week. tf. Jas. S. Shivers.

Hon. Tom Ball of Houston delivered a patriotic address to a large audience at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Amber cane seed \$4.50 bushel at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

Mrs. M. M. Stuart, Mrs. Dudley Nelson and Oscar Goolsbee arrived by automobile from Oklahoma City Sunday and will remain for a brief visit.

Lee Irvin Shaw of Camp Travis was called to Ratcliff this week by the death of a relative. He is a member of the 343 Regiment of Field Artillery.

For Sale.
Stock peas (Whippoorwill) in any quantity at \$3.00 per bushel f. o. b. Grapeland.
J. W. Howard,
3t. Grapeland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McLemore have moved from Kennard to Crockett. Mrs. McLemore has been elected as one of the teachers for the next term of the Crockett city schools.

Canning
will be popular this year of thrift. The question will be getting the cans. We have a few left. Come early if you are thrifty. tf.
Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

Amber cane seed \$4.50 bushel at Jas. S. Shivers'. tf.

For genuine Ford service, see or phone Towery Motor Co., authorized Ford Sales and Service. tf.

For Sale.
One pair good horses, wagon and harness. Will work anywhere. Cash or part cash, balance this fall. tf. Edmiston Bros.

Notice.
One brown mare mule, 6 years old, 14 hands high, not branded, lost. Finder will be paid \$5.00 reward for delivering to Jas. S. Shivers or J. A. Terry. tf.

For Sale.
Stock peas (Whippoorwill) in any quantity at \$3.00 per bushel f. o. b. Grapeland.
J. W. Howard,
3t. Grapeland, Texas.

For Sale.
My property consisting of two houses and one acre of land one block from the public square. Will sell one or both. 2t. John D. Friend.

Mrs. James M. Tenney of Fort Smith, Ark., is in Crockett on a visit to her brother-in-law, Rev. S. F. Tenney, and to attend the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. Tenney's marriage.

Watch and Wait
for G. Ward Shelfer, who comes to our drug store regularly, to have your eyes examined and glasses fitted. He will be with us again in a few days. Beware of incompetent, unworthy peddlers, and phone us for his next date and appointment.
Bishop Drug Co.,
tf. Crockett, Texas.

Money to Loan

We buy vendor lien notes—Loan Money on long time. Have been doing it for fourteen years with Houston county farmers. We can refer you to a host of farmers we have helped and they now own their farms clear. See us before placing a loan with anybody.

The Firm that Gives Personal Service to Farmers.

WARFIELD BROTHERS

Office North Side Public Square. CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Phosphate.
For those who need more phosphate, we have a small car unloaded. So get yours while it lasts.

Houston County Oil Mill & Manufacturing Co. 2t.

Lots of Rain.
Means lots of hay. Why buy hay when you can cut grass and save the expense? We have field mowers and rakes. Come to see us. tf. Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Flatt are away on a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., for health. They lately came from Fort Worth and have become citizens of Crockett, Mr. Flatt having bought the Goodwin farm in the Wesley Chapel neighborhood.

Flies Are Filthy.
Protect yourself early against them. We have screen wire in 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 38 and 40 inches wide, and lots of screen doors, all sizes. Come in and let's figure your requirements. tf. Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

Those squeaks in your car are expensive. Squeaks in the working parts of your car mean wear on those parts. Your car should be as quiet as your neighbor's car. His car was as squeaky as yours and the Day & Night Garage "took 'em out." Ask him.

The name of Mrs. A. J. McLemore was omitted by error from the list of teachers for the Crockett city schools as published in the Courier last week. Mrs. McLemore was elected some time ago and therefore was not among those recently elected.

Fine Oats.
Sorghum, peas—that is what these rains are doing for us. That means the farmer has a chance to make his hay. We have field mowers and rakes, and when the sun does shine make hay and buy your mowers of us. tf. Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

Red Cross Entertainment.
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Porter, nine miles west of town, will be given an ice cream supper on Saturday, May 18, hours 4 to 11, Red Cross benefit. Tables and dominoes will be provided for those who care to play 42. You are invited.

Confederate Veterans.
The chapter of the Confederate Daughters will entertain the old Confederate soldiers of Crockett Camp and their wives, and to include Col. D. A. Nunn's company of old soldiers, at Crockett on Wednesday, June 5, 1918. Let all come.
E. Winfree, Commander.

The Greatest Mother in the World

☞ Stretching forth her hands to all in need; to Jew or Gentile, black or white; knowing no favorite, yet favoring all.

☞ Ready and eager to comfort at a time when comfort is most needed. Helping the little home that's crushed beneath an iron hand, by showing mercy in a healthy, human way; re-building it, in fact, with stone on stone; replenishing empty bins and empty cupboards; bringing warmth to hearts and hearths too long neglected.

☞ Seeing all things with a mother's seventh sense that's blind to jealousy and meanness; seeing men in their true light as naughty children—snatching, biting, bitter—but with a hidden side that's quickest touched by mercy.

☞ Reaching out her hands across the sea to No Man's Land to cheer with warmer comforts thousands who must stand and wait in stench and crawling holes and water-soaked entrenchments where cold and wet bite deeper, so they write, than Boche steel or lead.

☞ She's warming thousands, feeding thousands, healing thousands from her store; the Greatest Mother in the World—the Red Cross.

☞ Your help is needed—give till the heart says stop.

Contributed to the Red Cross by
Arthur E. Owens.

THE RED CROSS

"A great net of mercy drawn thru
an ocean of unspeakable pain."

How Was the Last War Fund Spent?

It is a fair question—and it is fairly answered in the detailed and itemized reports that have been published in the newspapers of every town and city of the land.

You never saw it? Then ask at the nearest Red Cross Chapter, or write, for the Red Cross wants you to know where your money went.

They say that Red Cross supplies have a way of coming through on time.

Italy surely has found us not wanting in promptness when her great trial came.

And Roumania—they said no allied nation could get through to help her dire need.

But the Red Cross FOUND A WAY.

It's not always a cheap way—"Needs must" costs money. But did you give that money **TO BE SAVED**—or **TO SAVE** lives? Are you not willing to pay five dollars or **FIFTY** to bring something of comfort to a war racked, tortured mortal who but for you would surely die?

And of one thing you may be sure. **NOT ONE PENNY OF THAT HUNDRED MILLION HAS GONE FOR ANYTHING but WAR RELIEF.**

In the Red Cross there is no high salaried bureaucracy, no extravagant administration expense. All of the higher officials and nine-tenths of the workers are unpaid volunteers.

The cost of raising and collecting the last War Fund was about one-half of one per cent., more than covered by the banking interest on the money.

YOUR Red Cross needs another hundred million to lighten just a little of the awful load of misery "over there." Your share is all that you can give—and then a little more.

WILL YOU HOLD UP YOUR END?

Contributed to the Red Cross

by

Jas. S. Shivers
Crockett State Bank
Crockett Grocery & Baking
Company

THE RED CROSS

"A great net of mercy drawn thru an ocean of unspeakable pain."

"I'm afraid that's all I can spare"

You're a regular, red-blooded, true-blue American. You love your country. You love that flapping, snapping old flag. Your heart thumps hard when the troops tramp by. You're LOYAL—100 per cent!

You intend to—you WANT to—help win the war in a hurry. "Sacrifice? Sure," you've been thinking. "Just you wait till they really need it." And you've honestly thought you MEANT that too.

But—look yourself in the eye, now, and search up and down inside of your heart—DID you mean it? DID you really mean "sacrifice"?

Listen: You feel poor. This third Liberty Loan, the high prices, the Income Tax—you've DONE your bit. You feel that you've given all you can spare.

WHAT? Then what DID you mean? What's that you said about loving your country? What did you think the word "sacrifice" means?

Surely you didn't mean, did you, to give only what you can SPARE?

What about our boys who are giving their lives in the trenches? Are THEY giving only what they can "spare"?

How about those mothers and little "kiddies" in the shell-wrecked towns of that war-swept hell:—hungry—ragged—sobbing—alone? Giving up their homes, their husbands, their fathers.

While WE—over here with our fun and our comforts—we hold up our heads and feel PATRIOTIC because we have given—What? Some loose bills off the top of our roll. "WE'VE given all we can spare!"

Come, come! Let's quit fooling ourselves. Let us learn what "sacrifice" MEANS. Let us give MORE than we can spare—let us "give till the heart says stop."

EVERY CENT OF EVERY DOLLAR RECEIVED FOR THE RED CROSS WAR FUND GOES FOR WAR RELIEF.

The American Red Cross is the largest and most efficient organization for the relief of suffering that the World has ever seen.

It is made up almost entirely of volunteer workers, the higher executives being without exception men accustomed to large affairs, who are in almost all cases giving their services without pay.

It is supported entirely by its membership fees and by voluntary contributions.

It is today bringing relief to suffering humanity, both military and civil, in every War torn allied country.

It plans tomorrow to help in the work of restoration throughout the world.

It feeds and clothes entire populations in times of great calamity.

It is there to help your soldier boy in his time of need.

With its thousands of workers, its tremendous stores and smooth running transportation facilities, it is serving as America's advance guard—and thus helping to win the war.

Congress authorizes it.
President Wilson heads it.
The War Department audits its accounts.

Your Army, your Navy and your Allies enthusiastically endorse it.
Twenty-two million Americans have joined it.

Contributed to the Red Cross
by

First National Bank
Edmiston Brothers
Crockett Dry Goods Com'y.

BORGLUM SOUGHT TO FORM PRIVATE AIRPLANE COMPANY

Sculptor Accused of Trying to Capitalize Friendship With President Wilson.

Washington, May 10.—Sworn statements, letters and telegrams from the files of the army intelligence service were read into the senate record Friday to show that Gutzon Borglum, holding a personal commission from President Wilson to inquire into the government's aviation program, was negotiating secretly for the formation of a private airplane company to take war contracts and capitalize his friendship with the president.

The sculptor, who has been the chief critic of aircraft production officials, is represented as seeking a position as silent partner in the proposed corporation, his sole asset in the transaction to be "his personal friendship with President Wilson, who he stated he could do anything with."

With Borglum was associated, according to the documents, Hugo C. Gibson, an employe of the British ministry of munitions of war in the United States, located in New York, who was to share in the deal.

A formal statement by Kenyon W. Mix of the Dodge Manufacturing company of Indiana setting forth a detailed account of his negotiations with the two men is among the papers put into the Congressional Record. They were presented by Senator Thomas of Colorado, a member of the senate military committee, who has been particularly active in connection with the aircraft agitation.

The Mix statement shows that government officials, including Vice President Marshall and Howard E. Coffin, former head of the aircraft board, have had most of the information disclosed Friday since last January.

There is no indication, however, that it reached President Wilson himself, at that time, or that the president knew of its existence until several weeks ago when he called a halt upon the sculptor's investigations in his name.

All of the documents submitted by Senator Thomas, as well as much other data from the war department, have been placed in the hands of Assistant Attorney General Frierson, who has just started the inquiry ordered by the president into

charges of graft, disloyalty, and incompetence in the government aircraft. These charges, referred to first in capitol cloak room gossip and finally on the floor of the senate, have been attributed largely to assertions of Borglum.

With the Mix statement there was filed Friday a copy of a formal statement accusing Borglum, made to the military intelligence section late in January, by Henry Harrison Suplee, Mix's consulting engineer. Suplee participated in many of the conferences with Borglum and Gibson, described by his chief. The latter says he became suspicious when he visited Borglum in Washington during January, and was shown President Wilson's letter authorizing the investigation and decided then to report the whole matter to government authorities.

There are intimations that a great deal of information bearing on Borglum's activities and motives has been assembled by the army intelligence service. There is an unconfirmed report in official circles that evidence of German influences in some form will be brought to light when the full story is revealed.

SUNKEN SHIP BLOCKS CHANNEL AT OSTEND

Old Cruiser Vindictive Is Used By British to Bottle Up Submarine Base.

German submarine operations from the harbor of Ostend, Belgium, have been seriously hampered for a time if not rendered impossible by a daring raid made on the harbor by the British Friday morning. An official statement issued by the British Admiralty says the channel leading out of the inner harbor has been completely blocked by the hulk of the old cruiser Vindictive, which was maneuvered into position under heavy fire and then sunk by bombs. It appears, however, that there is some doubt that the entire channel is blocked, one report saying that the vessel lies at an angle and does not absolutely interrupt the use of the fairway.

The German official statement concerning the raid says the attempt was a failure and that the hulk of the old cruiser lies outside of the navigation channel. This report may be compared to the one issued on April 24, the day following the raid on Zeebrugge, which claimed that no damage was done to the mole or the harbor there. Subsequent events have proved that the damage done by the raid on April 23 was of a serious nature. It is pointed out that the obstruction in the channel at Ostend will tend to eventually close the harbor through the action of the tides and the rapid silting up of the harbor.

If Ostend and Zeebrugge are removed as ports from which U-boats may be operated the Germans apparently will be compelled to withdraw to their home ports. In this connection it is interesting to note that a week ago it was announced that the greatest mining field known to naval operations had been planted in the North seas to combat the submarines. It was officially stated that the area of this mine field would be 121,782 square miles and that it would be completed by May 15.

While the naval arm of the entente nations was busy on the Belgium coast the military forces were engaged in local fighting in the Ypres and Somme sectors. The French made a notable advance at Grivenes, where they took the part of the town which had been in German hands for three weeks. Along the front to the north there were scattering engagements, notably at Aveluy wood, north of Albert. There were also small operations in the Kemmel Hill front, southwest of Ypres. Pope Benedict has set aside June 29 as a day to be observed in the Catholic churches of the world as a day for prayers that peace may be restored to the world.

MEMORIAL DAY FOR PRAYER AND FASTING IS DESIGNATED

Washington, May 11.—National Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, is designated by President Wilson in a proclamation issued today as a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting. The people of the nation are asked to gather that day in their places of worship and pray for the victory of the American armies which will bring peace founded upon mercy, justice and good will.

By the President of the United States.

A PROCLAMATION.
Whereas, The congress of the United States on the second day of April last passed the following resolution:

Resolved by the senate (the house of representatives concurring). That it being a duty peculiarly incumbent in time of war, humbly and devotedly to acknowledge our dependence on Almighty God and implore His aid and protection, the president of the United States be and is hereby respectfully requested to recommend a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting to be observed by the people of the United States with a religious solemnity and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of our cause, His blessings on our arms and a speedy restoration of an honorable and lasting peace to the nations of the earth; and

Whereas, It has always been the reverent habit of the people of the United States to turn in humble appeal to Almighty God, for His guidance in the affairs of their common life;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the thirtieth day of May, a day already fraught with sacred and stimulating memories, a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting and do exhort my fellow citizens of all faiths and creeds to assemble on that day in their several places of worship and there as well as in their homes to pray to Almighty God that He may forgive our sins and shortcomings as a people and purify our hearts to see and love the truth; to accept and defend all things that are just and right, and to purpose only those righteous acts and judgments which are in conformity with His will; beseeching Him that He will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in these days of dark struggle and perplexity and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice and good will.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia, this, the eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

Woodrow Wilson.
By the President, Robert Lansing, Secretary of State.

United States Guard Units to Relieve Forces for Overseas.

Washington, May 11.—Organization of the United States guards was resumed today by the war department's militia bureau. The department has placed at the disposal of Major General Jesse McL. Carter, chief of the militia bureau, 12,000 drafted men who, after training with the national guard of the national army divisions, have been found physically disqualified for general military service.

It is intended to recruit twenty-five battalions of four companies each, a total of 15,000

men. When the project was first approved some weeks ago, twelve companies were organized and are now in service. Volunteer enlistments will be accepted to a limited degree through the regular army recruiting offices, but only men who have had prior military service and who can produce the best discharges will be eligible.

The twenty-five battalions will be distributed among the military departments as follows:

Northwestern departments, 3; Eastern department, 9; Southeastern, 2; central, 2; Southern, 5; Western, 4. There will be required in all 775 officers and these will be commissioned upon recommendation by General Carter, who will base his action on the result of the examinations conducted by the boards convened by department commanders.

The services of the organization will be utilized to release an equal number of federal troops now engaged in guard duty at munition plants and shipyards. The men in the force will not be used on the battlefields of Europe "for the present," officials of the war department said.

The United States guards will be armed with the Russian rifles and ammunition and will carry the old model of infantry equipment.

U. S. TROOPS PASS IN REVIEW BEFORE KING

London Cheers Regiment of Americans in Parade Through Streets of City.

London, May 11.—Troops of the national army of the United States arrived in London this morning for a parade through the principal streets of the city.

There was a regiment of three battalions in line. The men were brought in from a nearby camp. Large crowds cheered them in the streets and they were reviewed by King George and Ambassador Page.

Bright sunshine and groups of cheering people greeted the Americans when they arrived early this morning at the Waterloo station. Although the presence of American troops in London has long been a familiar sight, this was only the second time Americans had ever been seen in marching order and it was London's first opportunity to view a part of the national army.

There have been only the usual local engagements between patrols on the Italian and Macedonian fronts.

U-BOAT BASE IS BLOCKED IN DARING NAVAL EXPLOIT

London, May 10.—Entrance to the German submarine base at Ostend has been blocked by the sinking of the obsolete cruiser Vindictive, according to an official announcement from the admiralty.

The statement follows: "Operations designed to close the ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge were successfully completed last night when the obsolete cruiser Vindictive was sunk between the piers and across the entrance to Ostend harbor. Since the attack on Zeebrugge April 23 the Vindictive had been filled with concrete as a blockship for this purpose.

"Our light forces have returned to their base with the loss of one motor launch which had been damaged and was sunk by orders of the vice admiral to prevent it falling into the hands of the enemy.


"Our casualties were light." The decision to send the Vindictive to Ostend was made a few days after her return from the Zeebrugge raid, and the task of filling her with concrete was begun immediately.

As in the joint raid on Zeebrugge and Ostend, this latest British naval exploit was kept a well guarded secret. As an evidence of this it is recalled that after the battle-scared cruiser returned from Zeebrugge an urgent request was made that she be sent up the Thames to London for public view. The authorities did not encourage the proposal, however, and the agitation subsided. All the time the old vessel was being overhauled for her last voyage.

As on the former occasion, the operation to block Ostend harbor was under the direction of Admiral Keyes.

The fire which covered the sinking of the Vindictive began about 1 o'clock this morning and lasted until 3 o'clock. The bombardment was very heavy and could be heard at Dover.

The Vindictive lies at an angle not effectively blockading the channel at Ostend but serving a very useful purpose, according to the Press Association. A partial and very serious blockade has been achieved. The Vindictive came under a fierce fire from the German shore batteries. She was navigated close into the pier in fine style and sunk by an internal charge. The crew escaped in fast motor boats.



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