

LIBERTY LOAN'S GREAT SUCCESS DUE TO PEOPLE

Washington Believes Over-subscription Will Reach Billion Figure

SEVENTEEN MILLION BUYERS

Minneapolis Federal Reserve District Makes Country's Finest Showing

HOT RACE IN CLOSING WEEK

German Born Americans in New York Hold Great Meeting to Boom Bond Sales

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[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

NEW YORK, May 9.—The common people have done it, and they did it up to the hilt. The official Washington estimate, when the campaign closed at midnight Saturday, was that there were at least 17 million individual subscribers to the Third Liberty Loan—

one sixth of the whole population of the United States. The first loan had only four and one-half million subscriptions, the second ten million. The whole country is cheering today, as this dispatch goes to you, because we went over the top with a whoop. But the biggest thing, to my mind, is that this has truly turned out to be a great popular loan, by the length and breadth of the nation. It was not primarily a huge financial operation, but the offering of willing hearts and hands.

These are your own people—not merely a big vague nation, but Tom, Bill, Mary and Jane standing behind every one of you individually with boundless affection and faith. This in itself is a far greater success than is the mere fact of oversubscription, and during the days to come it will bring to the whole country a deep realization of the strength of democracy.

May Be Billion Over The amount of the oversubscription is not definitely known at the moment this dispatch is filed. Washington thinks it will prove to be one billion over, but all we know positively is that there is an oversubscription of at least five hundred million without counting the last day.

Little old New York made a desperate spurt in the final two days of the campaign and wiped out its black eye on the very last day by going at least 27 millions over the 900 million quota set for this Federal Reserve district. The general hope is that New York's full returns will show a clean billion subscribers.

There are four million individual subscribers in this district, which is more than four times as many as the first loan had and twice as many as the second. New York City raised \$163,000,000 in the final dash and has surely exceeded the quota set for the city alone, of \$67,000,000.

The fact remains, however, that the West outran the East spectacularly in the whole campaign and stayed ahead to the end, both in the speed with which the quotas were exceeded and in the percentages of excess.

States Exceed Quotas We know already that every part of the Union exceeded its quota, with the possible exception of the Richmond, Cleveland and Atlanta districts, but these three claim that their first latest figures show they went over the top, too.

The majority of the States exceeded their quotas. Delaware doubled the amount assigned it, Maryland and New Jersey beat their mark 23 per cent. In many States every county went over the top without a single exception. Almost 600 honor flags were won in the Philadelphia district.

New England claims 23 per cent over, with every one of its six States ahead. Continued on Page 2

THREE-PLY GUNBOATS FOR A.E.F. TOOTSIES Soles of New Army Shoe Will Be Held Together by Nails

Little Goody New-Shoes will soon be shot into your company from the replacement division. Little Goody New-Shoes are quite some shoes, too. They're guaranteed, as far as shoes which have to do with what shoes do stand over here can be guaranteed, not to do what the Giants once did—crack under the strain.

They're going to have three soles, which, it is expected, will give them a good ride. But—and here is the essential difference—the ground floor and the second floor soles are going to be malle together, not sewn. It has been proved beyond a doubt that this past winter—yes, of course, have helped a lot in the proving—the thread rots in water and mud and slush and everything, causing the soles which are joined by it to be as wobbly and separable as Bolsheviks. Therefore, no more thread for those two necessary foundation soles. They will be united by nails.

The last will be the same as the present issue. So as not to scare the Army, the Little Goody New-Shoes will not be sent up all in a bunch, but will be fed into the various units by degrees, and thus they will be given a chance to get acquainted. They are going to be gone over with a fine tooth comb and microscope and a whitewash brush and over so many other things before you get them. And when you do, they ought to last a long time and to turn the cold shoulder to all the heavy going underfoot that tries to get too close to your socks.

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THE GIRL WE'RE ALL FIGHTING FOR



YANKEE AIRMEN GET FIVE HUNS, OUR LOSSES TWO

Four Other Enemy Planes Have Probably Been Brought Down

CAPTAIN J. N. HALL MISSING Quintet of German Flyers Put to Rout by American Formation

Five or two, or six to two—perhaps even nine to two, according to how you count, is the score registered in less than a month by American flyers against the German airmen in the Lorraine country.

The more recent of our two losses in the one month's record is the loss of Captain James Norman Hall, who has been missing since last Monday evening. An artillery observer reports that Hall's craft righted itself before it struck the ground, and on this is based the hope that he is still alive.

Of the other three German planes in this engagement, one finally got tight and two others dropped, but whether they were destroyed in their fall the American witnesses cannot say, as visibility was poor.

Captain Peterson enlisted in the British Army when the outbreak of the war caught him in the midst of a lazy walking trip through England. He is widely known for his book, "Kitchener's Job" and for his verse. He was a member of the famous Lafayette Escadrille and he has won the D.S.C.

Captain Peterson's Victory

To Captain D. N. K. Peterson goes credit for the latest victory. It was one result of the encounter last Friday morning between a patrol of five Allied machines and five Huns.

All the members of the Allied patrol were Americans. They were scouting at dawn along the German lines when they saw five Germans coming toward them. The Americans immediately sallied out over the German held territory to get a battle.

Peterson engaged a biplane Albatross and after some maneuvering succeeded in puncturing the petrol tank and setting it on fire. It fell flaming and crashed behind the German lines.

Meantime, another biplane Albatross had been engaged by Chapman. Many rounds were exchanged from the machine guns before Chapman was charged from a bad quarter and the Boche bullet.

PARIS OFFICIALLY IN ZONE OF ADVANCE

Change Announced From G.H.Q. Takes City Out of Our L. of C.

Paris is now in the Zone of the Advance. Paris has always been in the Zone of the Advance-in-Price, but not in the Zone of the Advance militarily.

Long, long ago, while Paris was technically in the Line of Communications, it was really in the Zone of the Advance—of the hurrying shells lobbed over by Big Bertha. It got it in the neck or pants morning, noon and night. It hurt to be in the L. of C.—technically—in those days; almost as much as it hurt to get in front of the business end of a shell. You felt as though you'd played in the world's series and then hadn't got a cent of the pennant money.

But now, thank Heaven and G.H.Q.—two bodies which are very close akin—Paris is where it belongs, in the Zone of the Advance. So let 'em lob their darned old shells over, and skim across with their golden Gothas! We're ready for 'em!

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS FINDING READY SALE

Nebraska Leads Country, District of Columbia in Second Place

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—The Third Liberty Loan campaign is over, but that doesn't mean that folks have stopped lending money to the Government until the next. The War Savings stamp campaign is already on with a boom and a whoop.

The West is far ahead in the stamp campaign, just as it was in the loan drive. Nebraska leads the country with \$14,000,000, New York is next with \$12,000,000, Missouri is third with \$11,000,000, Ohio fourth with \$9,500,000, Illinois fifth with \$8,400,000, Pennsylvania sixth with \$8,000,000, and Texas seventh with \$7,000,000.

According to percentage, the States rank in this order: Nebraska, District of Columbia, Missouri, Kansas, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Indiana, Montana, Delaware, Iowa, Ohio, Arizona, South Dakota, Texas, California, Nevada, Connecticut, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Maine, New Hampshire, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Utah, West Virginia, New York, Arkansas, Idaho, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, New Mexico.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR ALL OFFICERS WITH DEPENDENTS

Commutation of Quarters, Heat and Light for Families

TEST CASE SEEMS LIKELY Act Has Been Presented to Controller of Treasury for Interpretation

Here is good news for all A.E.F. officers with dependents. A recent Act of Congress provides that they shall be furnished with commutation of quarters and of heat and light for the maintenance of their dependents in the United States. According to telegraphic information just received from the Adjutant General of the Army, this is to be the rule for every officer "without regard to personal quarters furnished him elsewhere."

The new commutation, however, is not being paid at present, as the Act has been presented to the Controller of the Treasury for interpretation. There will probably have to be a test case to decide the question. In the event of a favorable decision the likelihood is that the collection of commutation will be retroactive to April 16, 1918, the date on which the Act was approved. In the meantime, the decision of the Adjutant General of the Army is that no claims for payments under the Act should be presented or paid until further instructions.

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INSIGNIA OF RANK ON OVERSEAS CAP

Enlisted Men Will Wear Button Showing Branch of Service

Off-again, on-again, gone-again, Pinnugin! You've got to wear your insignia on the top of your monk—beg pardon, half-seas-over cap, after all.

That's the dope. There's a part of a new general order entirely devoted to it. Too much confusion has resulted; hence the change.

The new regulations provide that officers shall wear the insignia of their rank on the cap placed five-eighths of an inch to the left of the center fold and five-eighths of an inch from the bottom edge.

For the various grades the instructions are: The bars which form the insignia of lieutenants and captains shall be worn perpendicular to the bottom edge of the cap. The majors' and lieutenant-colonels' leaves shall be worn stem down. Colonels must wear the old eagle facing forward—as is quite appropriate.

Brigadier-generals must wear their stars point upward, just as Mars appears in the heavens. Additional stars, marking the rank of general officers above the grade of brigadier general, are to extend to the left and to be placed five-eighths of an inch apart and five-eighths of an inch, also, from the bottom edge of the interesting piece of headgear.

LEAVE SUSPENSION HITS ALL A.E.F. MEN

No Exceptions to Rule Will Be Allowed, Says Statement

Leaves in the A.E.F. have been suspended indefinitely. The reason is, of course, the "present emergency," the term by which the war is known in official American state papers, but in this case narrowed down to apply to the German onslaught in the north.

HOME FOLKS WAITING FOR GREAT SHIPLOAD OF "MOTHER'S LETTERS"

ONE 'MOTHER'S LETTER'

Executive Mansion, Washington, November 21, 1864. Mrs. Dixby, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Madam—I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from your grief for a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully, ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Postmaster General Promises Speedy Delivery of May 12 Messages

WOUNDED TO WRITE, TOO Searchers Will Aid Men in Hospital in Sending Back Words of Cheer

JOAN OF ARC'S DAY AS WELL French Churches Will Unite in Observing Event With American Soldiers

The great news agencies have sent over the cables to America a full account of this newspaper's plan for the observance of Mother's Day, and today every mother of the A.E.F. knows that Sunday, May 12—the day after tomorrow—will see such a concentration of writing home as never an expeditionary force made since the war began.

America's lively interest in the celebration finds expression in this cable to the editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES from the big chief of all our postmasters:

"Post Office Department will make every effort to expedite delivery of Mothers' Letters upon arrival in this country. Proper instructions will be issued to all postmasters.

"BRIERSON, Postmaster-General."

All Is Ready Over Here On this side of the Atlantic all is in readiness for the day which, next to Christmas, is the gentlest anniversary in all the calendar.

G.H.Q. has sent word along the line to every army and corps commander to make it as easy for the men to write their mothers that day as the somewhat preoccupying business of war will permit. Company censors are expected to work double time if necessary to see that not a needless moment of delay is suffered by these Mothers' Letters when once they have started on their long journey home.

Furthermore, the main office of the postal service of the A.E.F. has sent out general orders to every Army post office in France, serving notice on them of a heavy May 12 mail and directing that special attention be given to every envelope which carries in its upper right-hand corner the countersign, "Mothers' Letter."

The Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross are doing their part. Every hut in France is guarded with reminders of Mother's Day—there will be Mother's Day services in all of them—and out of the 25,000,000 sheets of Y.M.C.A. writing paper now in process of delivery, there will be an abundance in every hut for the greatest letter-writing day of the year.

Even the men in the uttermost trenches of the A.E.F. will not fail to write their message home on May 12 for lack of paper for the Y.M.C.A. secretaries who make their stealthy rounds of the dugouts at night will see that their pouches, besides being stocked with smokes and similar necessities of existence, are stuffed to bursting with all the raw material of a Mother's Letter.

In Red Cross Cantens The walls of every Red Cross canteen will flaunt "Mother's Letter" posters and the writing of Mothers' Letters. Continued on Page 2

MEN IN DUGOUT SEND REQUEST FOR WAR WAIF

Signal Battalion Asks for "Any Little Girl" From Six to Eight

TOTAL IN THREE FIGURES One Hundred and Four French Orphans Find Parrains in American E.F.

One hundred and four. The total of child-mascots adopted by the A.E.F. went over the top and into three figures this week, five weeks after the announcement of THE STARS AND STRIPES plan to enable American Army units to adopt and support for one year French war orphans.

One hundred and four grateful little children who have lost their fathers or their homes through the war are assured of food, comfort and a home, and thousands of American soldiers have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done a generous deed and helped to convey, in a practical way, a suggestion of the friendship and gratitude of the United States toward France. The adoption of the first 100 children has barely skimmed the surface of the thousands of needful cases. But it is a beginning, and the quick response attests the willingness of the American soldiers to help.

The bulk of the first 100 requests are from aviators, organizations in training and the S.O.S. The men on the line have been too busy, and also, as one or two have pointed out, in the trenches the banking facilities for transmitting money are not of the best. There have been a few requests right from the front, however. One came this week. Lieut. John A. Hart, 3rd Platoon, Company C, Field Signal Battalion, wrote from a dugout:

Would Like One a Month "My platoon, now in the trenches, has decided to take an orphan and pay for it at once. I will forward the money as soon as I get to a post office for a money order. My hopes are that we will take one each month for awhile. Will you please send me a girl and send me her picture so I can send it around to the boys, as they are spread over a big area."

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JERSEY RIVETER SHIPYARD CHAMP

One Edward Gibson Drives 2,919 Hot Ones in Eight Hours

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—The Great American Ear hears with pleasing frequency some pretty big splashes from the direction of both Atlantic and Pacific coasts these warm spring days, as new ships take to water just as if they were real ingrained prohibitions.

They've just launched a 5,600-ton freighter within 28 days of the laying of its keel. That cuts in half the previous record of 55 days, which was the length of time it took the Seattle yards to put an 8,900-ton ship into the briny deep.

Aside from these team contests between shipyards, to see which can launch ships in the shortest possible time, there are being held individual contests, notably between riveters. Up to the hour of going to press, Edward Gibson of the Federal Shipyard at Kearney, N. J., was the national rivet champ, having driven in 2,919 rivets in eight hours' work. By so doing he scratched the title rich out of the jaws of Charles Amos of the Fore River Yards at Quincy, Mass., who drove 2,896 rivets in nine hours.

It is hot work, as the rivets are white hot at the time they are driven into the ships' plates. But the boys seem to like it, and are bounding "em in with a vim, rip and bang in every yard.

A.E.F. BOOSTERS MAKE HIT

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—The fifty boosters from the A.E.F. have received a tremendous reception in New York and confirm the growing suspicion that our forces in France are composed of "regular gus."

They share the honors with the "Blue Devils," the Alpine chasseur who came over to boost the loan, and with the 500 Austrians who have just arrived from Adelaide via Panama. The presence of these representatives of three fighting races has been warmly appreciated by the metropolis, as it has given the people a close-up view of who's who and what in the war.

PATRIOTIC TALKER GETS BADLY PEEVED

Wisconsin Students Show Impatience as Speech Drags On

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—The country is delighted over the story of how a certain famous Princeton professor returned indignantly from a patriotic lecture to University of Wisconsin students and announced loudly that the University was a hotbed of sedition because the students showed impatience at his remarks.

The Governor of Wisconsin, the university faculty and prominent citizens are now proclaiming aloud that the lecturer cast a horrible bloom over the entire audience by appearing with notes two inches thick and insisting on talking until deep, settled pain pervaded all his hearers.

The university faculty's resolution, repudiating the professor's charge, says subtly that two men in the audience from exposure, though it does not really assert that death was due to exposure to the professor's remarks.

BIGGEST ARMY POSSIBLE

[BY CABLE TO THE STARS AND STRIPES.] NEW YORK, May 9.—Secretary Baker's proposal to Congress to raise the biggest Army possible is backed everywhere without dissent.

The need for the augmented forces is seen on every side, and the feeling is that the secretary, in the light of his recent extended tour of the European battle front and the training area of the A.E.F. in France, is the man who should properly be "in the know."